

Mozilla cautiously welcomes the ITRE Committee vote on QWACs in the eIDAS but key steps remain

While a deletion of Article 45 would have been the ideal outcome, this compromise represents a positive step for cybersecurity by protecting the independence and integrity of browser root store programs. The cybersecurity exemption will help ensure that QWACs and certificate authorities will need to meet rigorous security standards prior to being supported, providing a key avenue to mitigate cybersecurity risks.

We realise the eIDAS proposal has only reached its midway point in the legislative process, and the final law will need to ensure that the implementation of QWACs is based on cybersecurity best practices rather than political or financial considerations.

Recognising the improvements in the ITRE position over the initial proposal by the Commission and the General Approach adopted by the Council, Mozilla looks forward to further constructive engagement with the European Institutions over the coming months so that we can fix Article 45 and ensure that cybersecurity becomes a central pillar in eIDAS.

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