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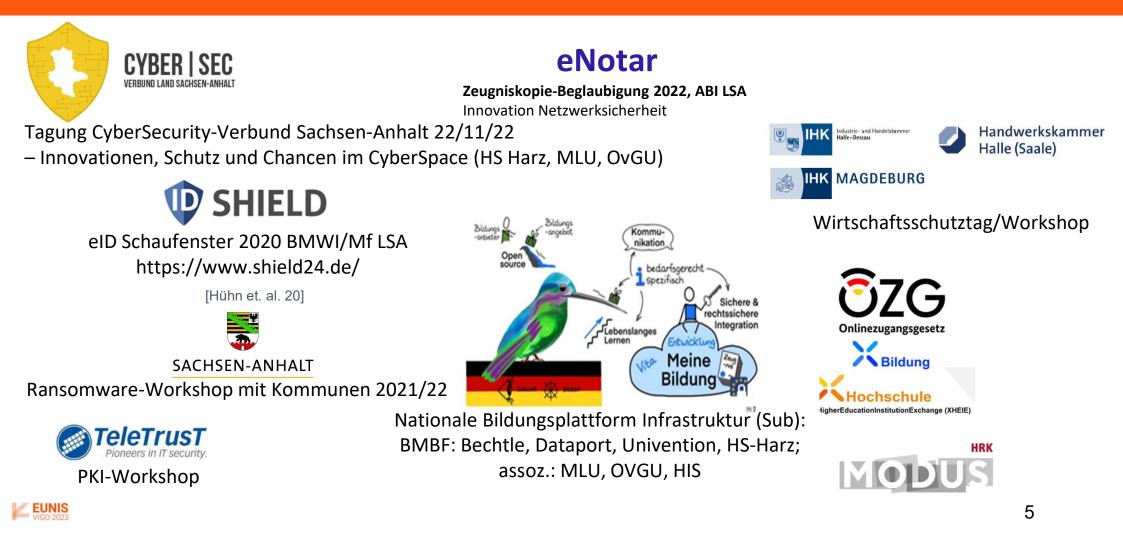
## Agenda

- Challenges CrossBorder/eIDAS (Crob) & OOP (EU/DE), espc. Security
- Learned from EU- and DE-Projects (TOOP, NBP...) and Convergences
- Security and Privacy PreServing with/for Standards
- Outlook
- eIDAS related Projects with HS Harz (since 2017):
- TREATS (EU CEF)
- StudIES+ (EU CEF)
- SHIELD (BMWi, LŠA)
- NBP Infra. KOLIBRI (BMBF)
- CyberSec-LSA/Booster (EFRE, LSA)

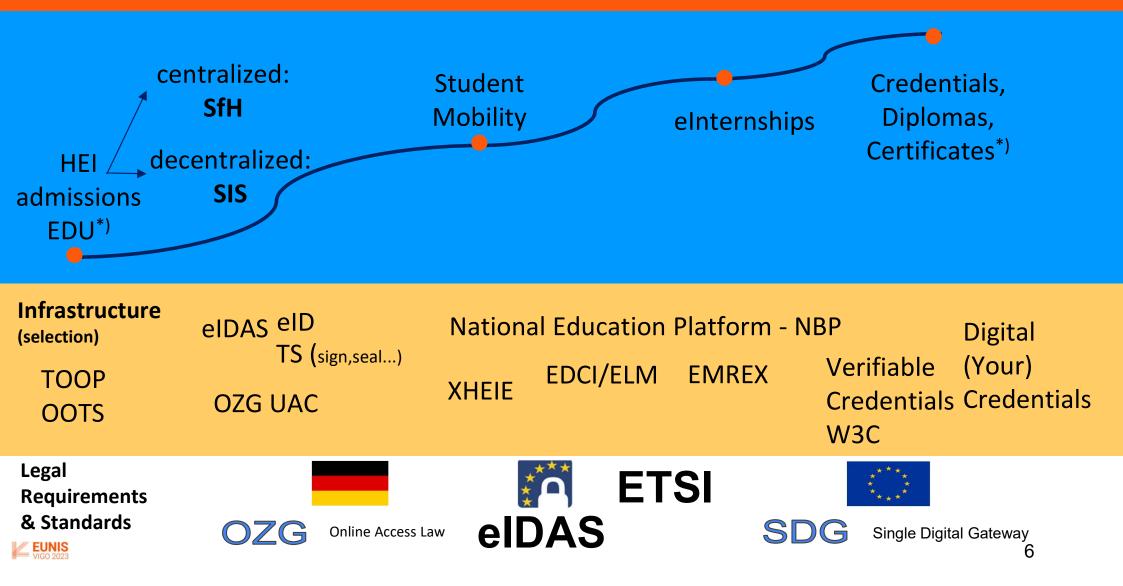




# Digitisations, Infrastructures and Security - Projects, Innovations, Transfer (DE)



## **Student Journey**

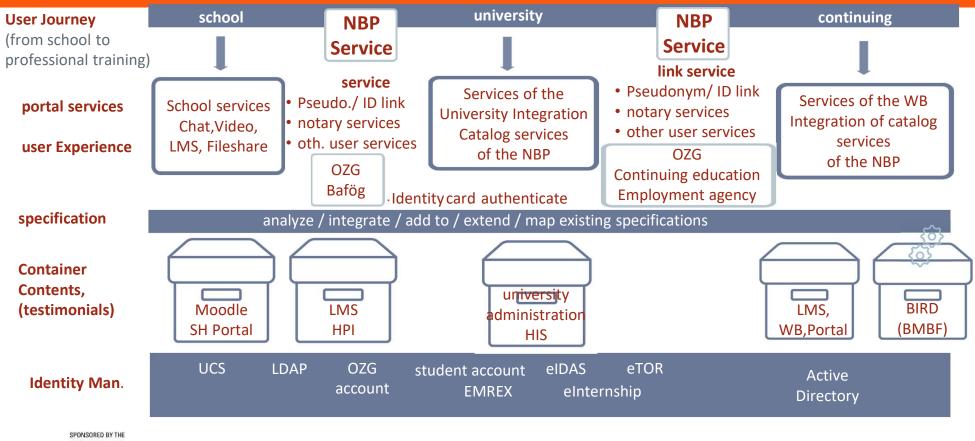


## Motivation: CROB/OOP – OOTS/SDG, eIDAS 2.0, NBP

- CROB: user solely @ Host EU MS Admin. Appl. Portals: collecting doc./evidences from other admin. (by self service), authent. (eIDAS), up-/downloads (get admin trust on doc: via eIDAS eID and TS if)
- OOP/SDG: user @ OOTS hub with connected EU MS admin services & exchanges
  - relieving the user: engages Gov. Admin. & Evidences builtin service with MS2MS/A2A admin. connections by system default (user doesn't care),
  - relieving admins.: for trust, security/authent., up-to-dateness
- Security required Preserving higher Security Levels/LoA with (EU) Standards (eIDAS)
- integrating eIDAS 2.0 für OOP (user wallet, sovereignty/privacy):
  - how to combine / prioritize in case of different data sources (wallet, OOTS) or security levels ?
  - similiar questions at National (federated) Educational Platform (NBP, DE)



### National Education (connective) Platform (NBP) **KOLIBRI Infrastructure - Big Picture: User Journey**





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Crossover, Access, and Exchange for all EDU/HEI stakeholder

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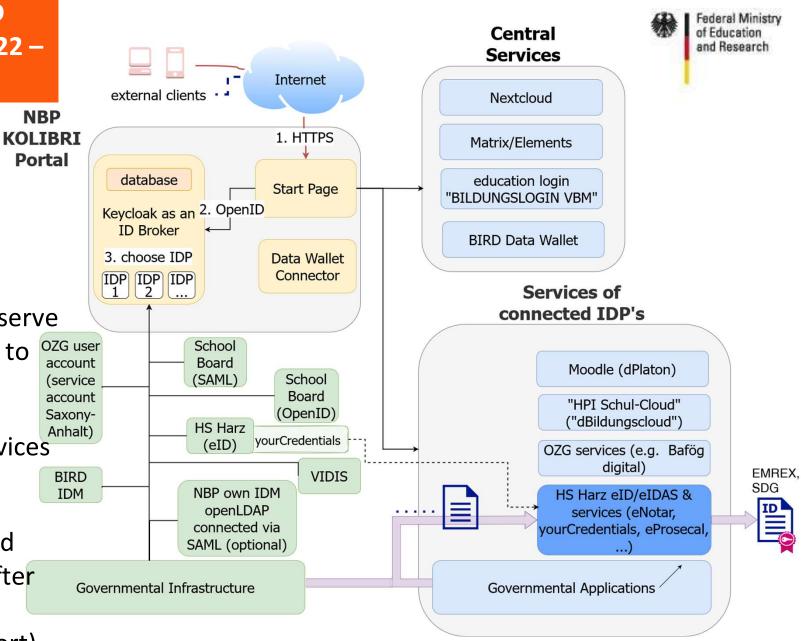
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Security, Privacy, and Standards (adaptable, interoperable)

### National Educational R&D Platform KOLIBRI NBP 2022 – Architecture Overview

- Privacy by Design
- ID-Broker inside, IDPs external
- LoA "High" feature/preserve for eID/OZG-Login, SSO to external HEI/EDU
- QeS by eIDAS Trust Services
- Ongoing 2023 real world development started after R&D prototyping (BIRD Project: Scientific Support)



Proposals eID@diploma: NBP++/ for Emrex

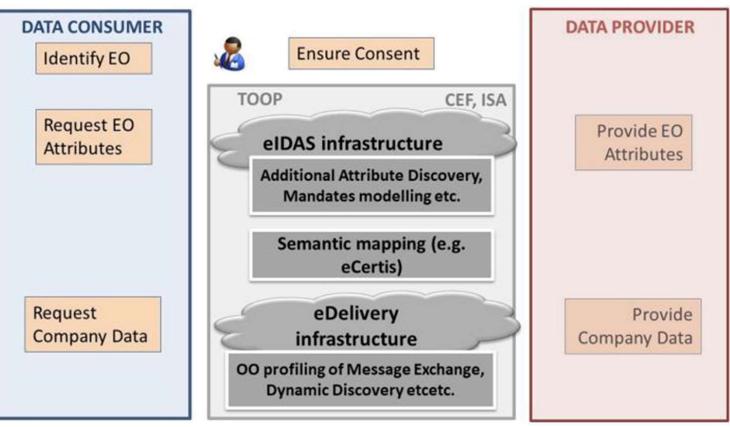
## National Education Plattform (NBP) KOLIBRI - View





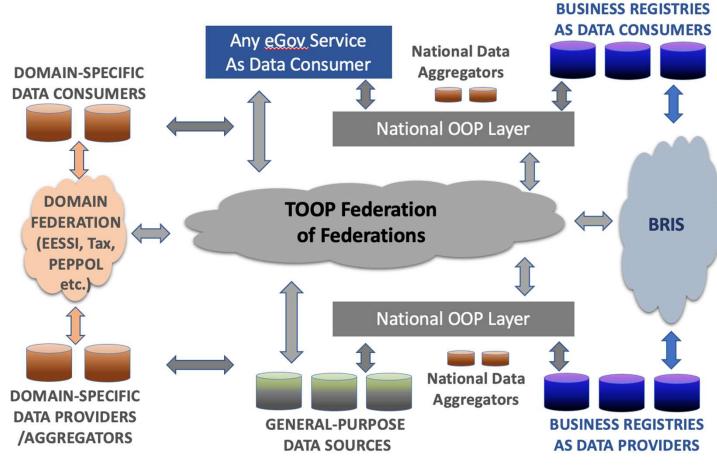
## **TOOP Infrastructure for SDG**

- TOOP infrastructure blueprint for OOTS
- Uptake by EC
- Extensibility and reusability
- Content agnostic
- Engages connected host admin/registers



#### EO = Economic Operator

## **TOOP Architecture (federated)**



BRIS = Business Register Interconnection System

## **Security for OOTS Services**

- OOTS Common Services is using
  - Network layer security and (NLS)
  - Transport layer security (TLS)
- NLS uses Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC)
- TLS versions and cipher suites following international and national minimum standard requirements and best practices such as [ECRYPT CSA], [NIST 800-52r2] and [BSI TR-02102-2]
- elDAS elD & TS

\*https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/wikis/x/aAQrJQ



## 2018 – 2023 Single Digital Gateway



- The regulation entered into force 11 Dec 2018
- 21 Procedures are listed in the Annex of the SDGR
- **Phased implementation:**
- Starting end of 2020 (online information and assistance)
- For municipal authorities end of 2022 (online information)



OOP will be applicable from Dec 2023 Procedures fully online + the 'once-only' system



## Challenges SDG vs. elDAS 2.0

- Challenges privacy and eIDAS 2.0 wallet sovereignty vs. SDG portals and connected adminstrations from different EU MS A2A
- If user gives consent, the adminstrations are allowed to share users data e.g. from different EU MS registers
- This could improve services, trust, authenticities, up-to-dateness
- But:
  - how to solve / prioritize double data spendings (user/host admin.) ?
  - how to integrate existing/proven services like EMREX @ HEI/EDU ?
  - preserving security level on process & infrastructure layers ?

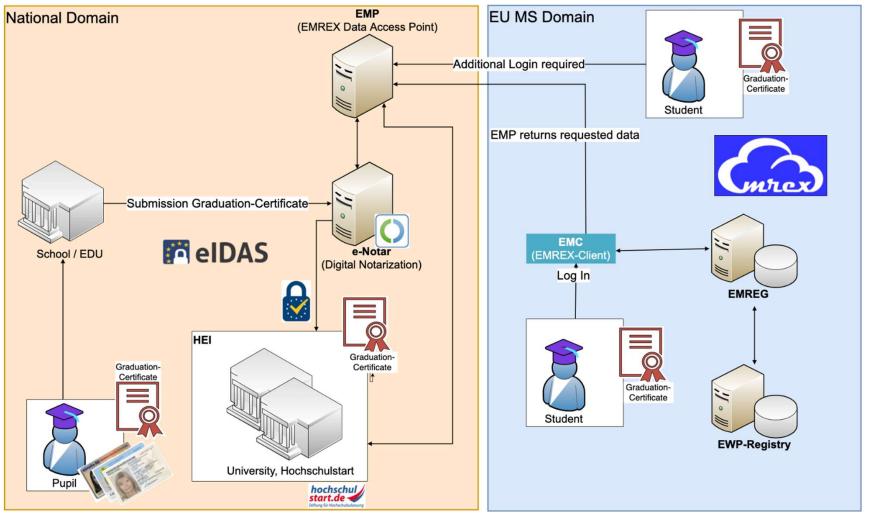


## **Proposals**

- eID service integrations on doc level (eID markups, sign by YourCredentials: Projects NBP / CyberSec-LSA)
- Prioritize double spendings (OOTS/wallets): prio OOTS, trusted linkings / signed hybrid data containers – re-uploadings by user
- Emrex Sec.Proposals: pure XML signature field, multiple attachments, qualified signatures, integrations of eID, time-dependent validities
- Security level preserving: checking/preserving Security/LOA levels at access/transactions/infrastructures (s. BLP) – stopps at level mismatches
- EMREX integrations: NDN AG, DiBiHO



### EMREX, eIDAS & eNotar – Security for Student Mobility



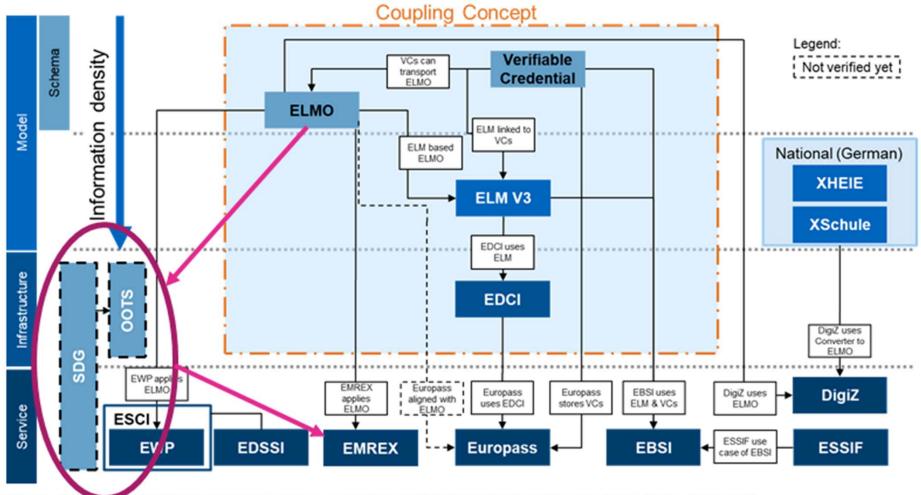
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# Interoperable Ecosystems in EU – with OOTS/EMREX bridge (ongoing)

- Results of the DiBiHo project (BMBF) and German Network of Digital Records (NDN):
  - First steps towards a European, technically interoperable ecosystem in the education sector have been taken
  - Most important data standards ELMO and ELM are semantically 100% equivalent
  - This means that education data can be transmitted across the most important transport systems (EMREX, Europass, EWP, ...)
  - Exceptions so far: SDG/OOTS and some national standards (such as German XBildung)
- The next evolutionary step is just around the corner:
  - Bridge between EMREX and SDG/OOTS systems (with semantic bridge between SDG Evidences and ELMO standard) is under development (DG DIGIT and EMREX, e.g DC4EU)
  - Converter between ELM and German data standard XBildung is planned



# Interoperable Ecosystem in EU – with OOTS/EMREX bridge



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Gottlieb, M., Bacharach, G.: Cleaning Up: Interplay Between European Standards and Verifiable Credentials for Higher Education Institutions, Springer 2023

## **Conclusion and Outlook**

- Aiming for convergences in HEI/EDU cross border workflows from EU/DE projects - based on standards espec. in Security & Privacy
- eID/authentication (wallet): eIDAS 2.0 mandatory EU-wide
- Relieving users/admins: SDG/OOTS withA2A admin services
- Collaborations/douple spendings by wallets & SDG/OOTS: prio., trusted linking and signed hybrid containers
- Preserving eIDAS LoA / Security Levels: s. classification/flow models
- Integrating existing/proved services/infrastr. like EMREX:
  - connectors/converters, add. security features e.g. by eIDAS (EUNIS-workshop)





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