

CA/B Forum Face-To-Face Meeting #62: Certification Authorities and Global Browser Providers gather in Aruba Auditorium

London, 28th May 2024 – Today, [Aruba S.p.A.](#), the main Italian provider of cloud services and the leader in Italy for data centre services, cloud, hosting, trust services, e-mail, PEC (certified emails), domain registration and digital signature, hosts the 62nd face-to-face meeting of the Certification Authority/Browser (CA/B) Forum, a quarterly meeting of a voluntary group made up of the world's leading certification authorities (CAs) and internet browser software vendors. The event will be held on 28th to 30th May at the Aruba Auditorium, the state-of-the-art event hub located in the Global Cloud Data Centre campus in Ponte San Pietro (BG).

Since its inception in 2005 the forum, attended by 50 CAs and 9 browser providers, has developed standards and guidelines to improve the security of internet communications. Through collaboration and consensus among stakeholders, the CA/B Forum has worked to establish requirements for the creation, management and validation of digital certificates, critical to ensuring secure connections (SSL/TLS) between users and websites. The importance of the CA/B Forum lies in its ability to promote uniform and reliable security practices, helping to protect sensitive user information and maintain trust in the global web communications system.

Topics on the agenda include updates from browser vendors (including Google, Mozilla, Apple and Microsoft), the CCADB, ETSI, WebTrust and other standardisation bodies. Innovative proposals from Google (“TLS Trust Expressions”) and Entrust (“BR of BRs”) will also be presented, as well as a discussion on “revocation timelines.” The forum will then take stock of the progress of activities assigned to the various CABF working groups on network security, server certificates, S/MIME certificates and code signing certificates and validation.

After the chairman of the CA/B Forum, Dimitris Zacharopoulos, welcomed the delegates today, a speech was made by Giorgio Girelli, General Manager of Actalis, the Aruba group’s certification authority and the only Italian CA to attend the Forum.

“We are proud that our data centre campus, which makes innovation and security its hallmarks, is the setting for an event like the CA/B Forum, representing key players in website security,” commented Giorgio Girelli, General Manager of Actalis. *“Meetings such as this are essential as they facilitate dialogue between certification authorities, like Actalis, and the world’s leading browser providers. This collaboration is essential in continuing to make a significant contribution to the security of internet networks, both in Italy and abroad.”*

All participants will have the opportunity to attend a tour of Aruba's technology campus and data centres, discovering Italian innovation such as data rooms, cage and colocation solutions, state-of-the-art facilities and green-by-design architecture. The Aruba Auditorium is also an integral part of the Global Cloud Data Centre. The campus, that is spread over an area of more than 200,000 m², today sees 3 data centres (DC-A, DC-B and DC-C) in operation out of 5 that will complete the area and also contains a hydroelectric power plant.

“We are particularly happy to hold the 62nd CA/B Forum in Italy at the Aruba Auditorium, and look forward to three days of discussion and sharing of ideas to create a more secure and reliable digital future,” commented Dimitris Zacharopoulos, Chairman of CA/B Forum. *“This event is an important opportunity for key players in the certification authority and browser provider industry to collaborate and innovate, continuing to set security standards for the entire industry and ensuring greater protection for internet users worldwide.”*

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Aruba manages a vast infrastructure that includes 2.7 million registered domains, 9.8 million e-mail accounts, 9 million PEC accounts and 130,000 managed servers, offering services to a total of 16 million users. Aruba PEC and Actalis are Aruba's two Certification Authorities, both accredited with AgID (Agency for Digital Italy), and provide qualified services in the field of IT security, including digital signatures. In March 2021, Aruba expanded its offer by entering the telecommunications market with ultra-broadband connectivity services throughout the country. These services are based on Open Fiber's fully fibre-optic network (FTTH - Fiber To The Home).

In 30 years of activity, Aruba has developed extensive experience in the design and management of high-tech data centres, owned and distributed throughout Italy. The largest one is located in Ponte San Pietro, in the province of Bergamo (near Milan), and is characterised by "green by design" infrastructures and facilities that comply with the highest security standards in the industry (Rating 4 ANSI/TIA-942 and ISO 22237), as well as designed to achieve high levels of efficiency and energy savings. It also produces clean energy through photovoltaic systems, groundwater cooling systems and hydroelectric power plants. Aruba is also committed to implementing energy-efficient solutions in its data centres, demonstrating its commitment to sustainability. The infrastructure network also extends across Europe, with a proprietary data centre in the Czech Republic and partner facilities located in France, Germany, Poland and the UK. This international presence allows Aruba to offer integrated services and solutions at a European level.

Aruba is actively involved in the community, supporting social projects and cultural initiatives. The company promotes digital inclusion, technology training and support for innovation through programmes and partnerships with entities, institutions and third sector organisations. Furthermore, Aruba has established strategic partnerships with important technological and institutional companies that allow it to offer integrated and high-quality solutions to customers, guaranteeing complete and reliable services in the field of digital technology. With a strong presence on the Italian market and a growing relevance at international level, Aruba stands out for its leadership in the sector of cloud services, data centres and connectivity solutions.

Aruba is committed to technological innovation, sustainability and the development of cutting-edge solutions. The company continues to invest in research and development in order to offer its customers advanced services and products and to meet the increasingly complex and diverse needs of customers, adapting to the constantly evolving digital market.

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