

CSC Connections 2023: global trust representatives gather in Aruba Auditorium

London, 23rd November 2023 – [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 signatures - hosted CSC Connections 2023, the international meeting of the Cloud Signature Consortium, held on 22nd and 23rd November. Held at the Aruba Auditorium, the innovative event venue is located within the framework of the Global Cloud Data Centre campus in Ponte San Pietro (BG).

The **Cloud Signature Consortium** is an organisation that brings together industry, government and academic representatives at a global level, committed to promoting the standardisation of secure and compliant digital signature solutions located on cloud infrastructure. **CSC Connections 2023 - Networking for Impact** was designed to strengthen relationships and facilitate knowledge exchange between all Consortium members, aiming to expand the network and explore the latest developments in cloud-based digital signature solutions and trust services.

The **keynote speech** was given by Apostolos Tolis Apladas, DIGIT Programme Manager at the European Commission, who shed light on the new TCTL (Third Countries Trust List) programme. With the implementation of the eIDAS Regulation EU Member States are now obliged to establish, maintain and publish trust lists of Qualified Trust Service Providers and the services they provide. The success of this EU initiative has aroused the interest of many non-EU countries that would like to replicate the European trust system. The aim of this initiative is to enable mutual recognition of trust services between the EU and third countries.

The subsequent **executive panel** facilitated a discussion between the main leaders in the field of digital signature and trust innovation, including Andrea Valle (Adobe), Guillaume Forget, (Cryptomathic), Andrea Sassetti (Aruba PEC), Marcel Wendt (Digidentity) and Viky Manaila (CSC President and Trust Services Director Intesi Group), moderated by Carmine Auletta (InfoCert). This was an opportunity to share experiences and challenges on the developments shaping the future of the trust industry, including emerging opportunities and threats, and strategies to address them.

Participants also had the opportunity to visit the data centres of the technology campus, to discover Italian innovation in this area. This included tours of the 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 data centre campus covers an area of over 200,000 metres squared and today holds three data centres (DC-A, DC-B and DC-C) out of the five that will complete the area, also holding a hydroelectric power station inside.

The event was the ideal setting to take stock of the recent green light given by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union on the EU Digital Identity Wallet, the European Commission's ambitious project to provide a unified and reliable digital identity system for all European citizens.

"The importance of the CSC Connections 2023 event is made more important in this historical context as the trust services sector is going through a crucial phase. The recent approval of the eIDAS 2.0 Regulation, which introduces the EU Digital Identity Wallet, is proof of this and represents a significant step towards the objectives of the European digital decade," commented Andrea Sassetti, CEO of Aruba PEC and Trust Services Governance and General Affairs Director of Aruba. *"Events such as these are essential as they offer the opportunity for qualified trust service providers, such as Aruba PEC, to compare themselves with other players in the sector, and continue to provide significant contributions to the digitisation processes of businesses, professionals, institutions and public administrations."*

"Interoperability is the bedrock of any digital service of the modern world, and Cloud Signature Consortium has embarked on this mission at global level. Our members understood that collaboration is the key to delivering standards available to anyone with an open source license; the recent adoption and implementation of CSC API specifications by the European Commission within its digital signature service is an additional confirmation of our vision," commented Viky Manaila, CSC Presidente and Trust Services Director, Intesi Group. *"We are taking CSC to the next level this year, by*

adding a liaison collaboration framework with universities and governments. This will contribute to building and shaping the next generation of experts, keeping pace with consumer demand for seamless services anytime, anywhere and from whatever device.”

[Agenda of the event](#)

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Aruba S.p.A., founded in 1994, is 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. The company, with wholly Italian capital, caters for private individuals, professionals, businesses and Public Administration.

Aruba manages a vast infrastructure that includes 2.6 million registered domains, 9.4 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 almost 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 being designed to minimise environmental impact. 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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