

KYC Portability

Distant dream or near future?

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If 'identity is the challenge of our time'...

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Start here...(paper-based processes)

Go and aim higher...
(interoperability, user control,
data minimisation, etc..)

...KYC portability is more like an ascent
And we are not yet there...

KYC portability is highly desirable... ... but not a reality in most EU countries



Reasons

- KYC still mostly viewed as a paper-based process
- Lack of multi-sectorial digital identities
- Liability framework not consistent with a distribution of KYC roles (KYC provider and KYC relying party)
- No common approach for KYC requirements across EU members : additional factor limiting the cross-border deployment of onboarding processes

However :

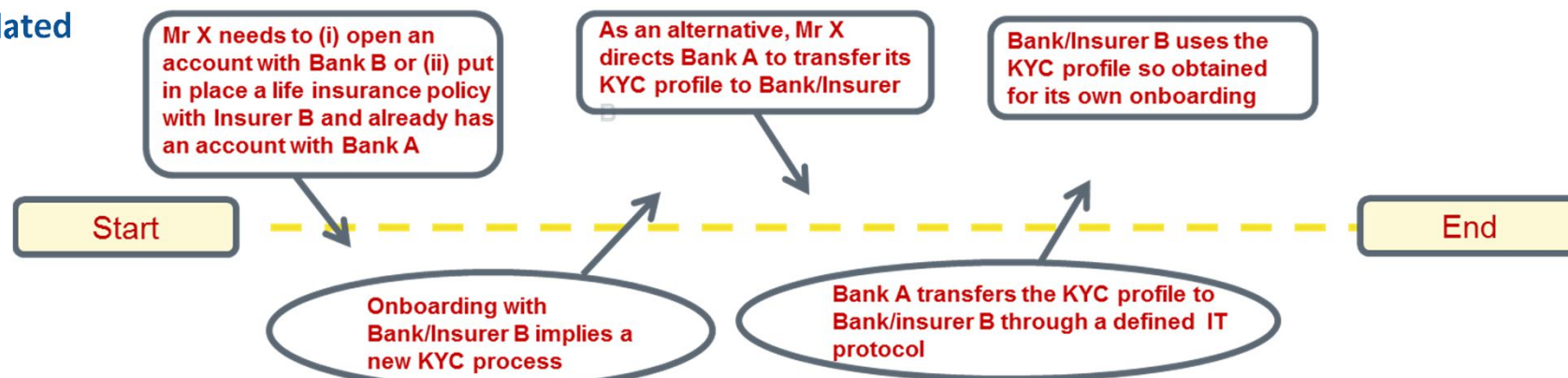
- GDPR – Portability right (art. 20)

“The data subject shall have the right to receive the personal data concerning him or her, which he or she has provided to a controller, in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and have the right to transmit those data to another controller without hindrance [...] where (a) the processing is based on consent or contract [...] and (b) the processing is carried out by automated means”

- The current system is fraught with problems and costly for the financial industry

Huge pain point for customers and banks alike

Use case contemplated



When 5AMLD meets eIDAS

KYC Regulatory Impact



eIDAS Regulation (EU 910/2014)

Digital Single Market

**Interoperability framework for
electronic Identification
Schemes**

Quality levels (LoAs)

Trust Services

Customer due diligence measures shall comprise:

- a) identifying the customer and verifying the customer's identity on the basis of documents, data or information obtained from a reliable and independent source, **including, where available, electronic identification means, relevant trust services as set out in Regulation EU 910/2014 or any other secure, remote or electronic identification process regulated, recognised, approved or accepted by the relevant national authorities**

(art. 13.1 5AMLD)

5AML Directive (EU 843/2018)

Interconnected Central
Registers

**Recognition of eIDs for
AML purposes**

Integration of virtual-
currencies and custodian
wallet providers

Outstanding issue
Impact on digital single market

Considering cross-border use

A fragmented approach is problematic



A growing dilemma...

On the one hand....The growing availability of digital identities and remote on-boarding techniques greatly facilitate the cross-border deployment of financial services within EU Member States (which is a good thing)

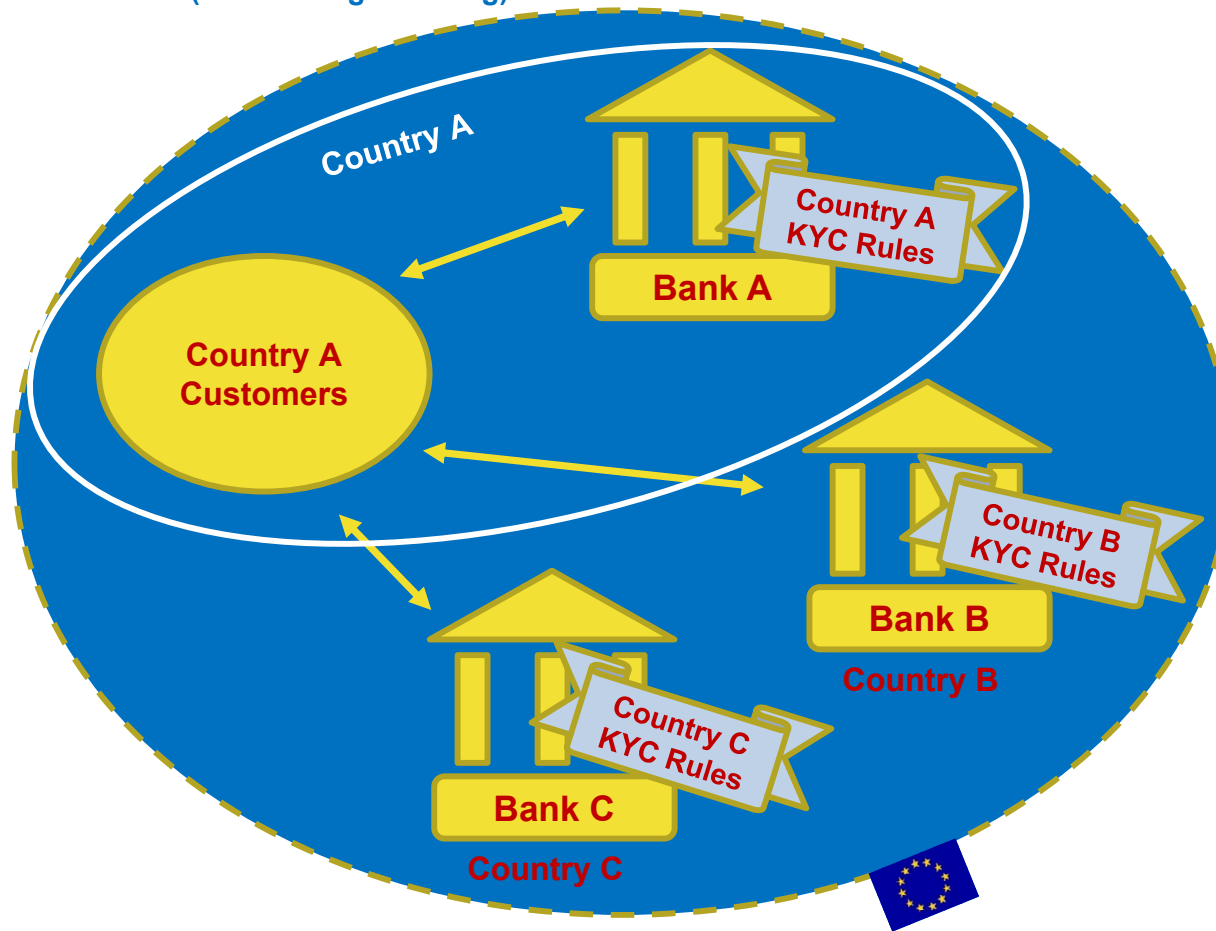
5AMLD leaves considerable discretion to Member States to define KYC processes

No minimum quality requirements are set at EU level, leaving each Member State to set its own approach for customer identification

More broadly, KYC rules apply to the service provider, not the customer, leading customers in a given country having their financial transactions subject to different KYC rules

- Some countries recognise digital identities for financial on-boarding processes, others not;
- Some countries recognise video identification, others not;
- KYC attributes vary significantly from institution to institution.

This situation contrasts with the one applied in the physical world for passports (ICAO 9303 standard)



But.... The near complete freedom left to Member States to define KYC requirements raises level playing field concerns and opens up regulatory arbitrage opportunities



Decision

- Commission decision of 14 December 2017
- 3 DGs involved : FISMA, JUSTICE & CONNECT

Mandate

- Address digital onboarding processes for the financial industry
- Focus on cross-border transactions and identify applicable constraints and obstacles
- Propose interoperability solutions for remote onboarding and portable KYC processes

Composition

- 35 members – o/w banking experts, regulatory authority representatives, IT experts and consumer organisation representatives

Where we are so far : 2 streams

- Mapping of existing remote on-boarding solutions
- Creation of an attribute-based LoA-rated eKYC framework

Proposal currently discussed – a ‘Minimum Viable’ eKYC framework

Further work still needed

The rationale for a common eKYC framework (1/2)

Where do we start – where do we go?



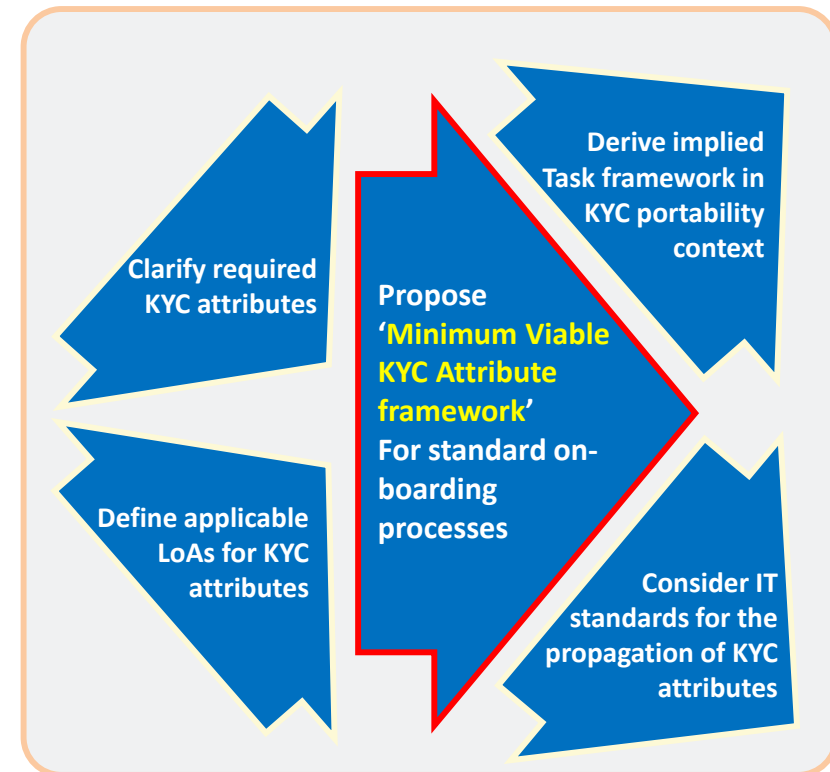
Key considerations

- We are far from a digital single market : How do we deal with a fragmented landscape?
- How should innovative on-boarding solutions be recognised?
- How do we provide a level playing field for service providers?
- How do we facilitate KYC transfers & KYC mutualisation?

Early consensus on the following

- A common standard is needed
- Focus on individuals rather than corporates
- Identify KYC attributes and related LoAs
- Propose a 'minimum viable' framework
- Address liability implications upfront

Where to start in practice?



First assessment : the major hurdle does not appear to be on the technology side – solutions are available

The rationale for a common eKYC framework (2/2)

Where do we start – where do we go?



Applied approach : aiming for a concrete proposal with an operational end-result in mind

Start small – with a single use case applying to individuals

Focus on standard situations – complex or higher risk situations (enhanced due diligence) to be considered later

Cross-border use in mind – Key element towards lowering intra-EU barriers and ensuring a level playing field in retail banking

Addressing the fragmentation of the EU onboarding landscape is a priority

Focus on 'Minimum Viable' specifications

'Minimum-Viable' means

- A common standard applies with minimum requirements set for regulatory purposes
- The standard does not aim to cover all on-boarding aspects
- But financial institutions are always in a position to require more attributes and/or higher LoAs, especially for credit-related and fraud-prevention processes

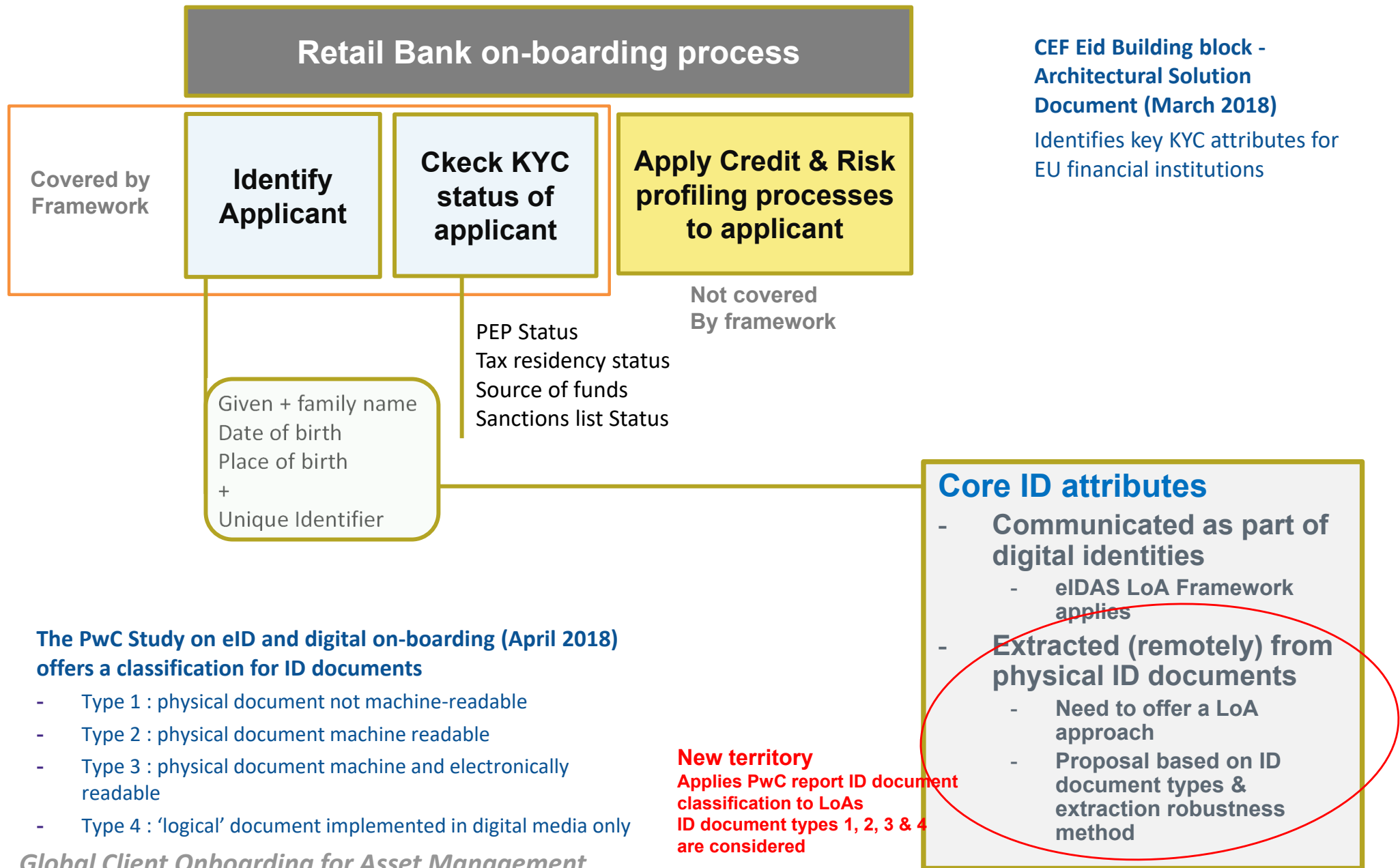
Key benefits

- Standard approach offering consistency, visibility and predictability
- Greatly facilitates the transferability of KYC attributes – key step towards KYC portability and the emergence of industry-wide KYC providers
- Can be easily packaged into existing IT protocols

'Re-use' approach : Minimum Viable Framework builds upon existing contributions

eKYC framework proposal explained (1/5)

Identify key attributes and establish LoAs



eKYC framework proposal explained (2/5)

Determining Core ID LoAs



REQUIREMENTS	DOCUMENT IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS		
	LOW	SUBSTANTIAL	HIGH
	Type 1, 2, 3 or 4 ID document	Type 2, 3 or 4 ID document	Type 3 or 4 ID document
	Capture of full ID Data	Capture of full ID Data	Full electronic extraction of ID data (including photo)
	Capture of ID Photo	Quality capture of ID Photo	
	ID Data within validity period	ID Data within validity period	ID data within validity period
		MRZ data checks	
		Verification of loss/stolen document database (when available)	Verification of loss/stolen document database (when available)

DOCUMENT IDENTIFICATION			
	LOW	SUBSTANTIAL	HIGH
LIVELINESS DETECTION	CORE ID LOW LoA	CORE ID LOW LoA	CORE ID LOW LoA
	CORE ID LOW LoA	CORE ID SUBSTANTIAL LoA	CORE ID SUBSTANTIAL LoA
	CORE ID LOW LoA	CORE ID SUBSTANTIAL LoA	CORE ID HIGH LoA

LIVELINESS DETECTION REQUIREMENTS	
LOW	No liveliness detection implemented
SUBSTANTIAL	Liveliness detection implemented but NOT meeting low false-negative score threshold
HIGH	Automated liveliness detection implemented meeting or exceeding low false-negative score threshold

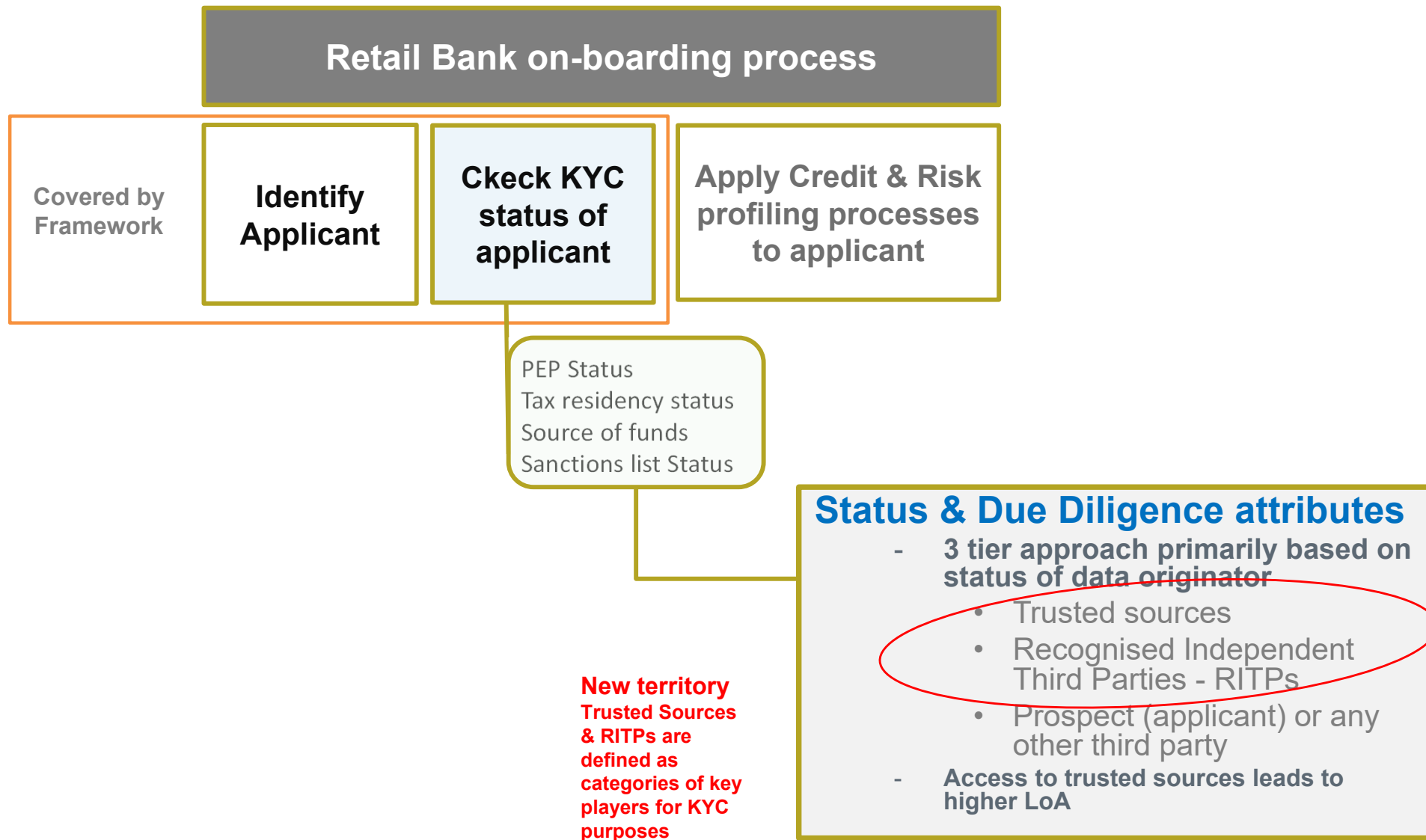
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Proposal for consideration (draft)

Low LoA – Not acceptable
 Substantial LoA – Acceptable
 High LoA - Excellent

eKYC framework proposal explained (3/5)

Identify key attributes and establish LoAs



eKYC framework proposal explained (4/5)

LoAs for Status & Due diligence attributes



KYC ATTRIBUTE LOA FRAMEWORK	DATA AUTHENTICITY & INTEGRITY		
	UNPROTECTED during extraction and communication phase		PROTECTED during extraction and communication phase
Data originator	Attribute directly received from the Data originator	Attribute received via the Prospect	All communication channels (including when transmitted via the Prospect or any third party)
TRUSTED SOURCE	HIGH LoA	LOW LoA	HIGH LoA
RECOGNISED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY – RITP	SUBSTANTIAL LoA	LOW LoA	SUBSTANTIAL LoA
PROSPECT AND OTHER THIRD PARTIES (other than RITPs)	LOW LoA	LOW LoA	LOW LoA

eKYC framework proposal explained (5/5)

LoAs for Status & Due diligence attributes



Applying the framework to attributes

Current address LoA

Important for tax purposes (key determinant of tax residency status)

- Low : self-declaration or presentation of unprotected document showing the address
- Substantial : the address is directly confirmed by a public utility (e.g. electricity provider) or appears in a protected document issued by a public utility
- High : the address is directly confirmed by a local authority or appears in a protected document issued by a local authority



Example of protected document

eKYC framework proposal explained

The Minimum Viable approach – Onboarding use case



Attributes & LoAs
can be presented
in a table for a
given on-boarding
journey

ON-BOARDING JOURNEY CURRENT ACCOUNT OPENING BY INDIVIDUAL			
	LoA - Low	LoA – Substantial	LoA – High
Core ID attributes	NO	OK	OK
Status & Due diligence attributes	NO/OK	OK	OK

KEY BENEFITS

- Standard approach offering predictability and facilitating the deployment of industry-based solutions
- Level playing-field for financial services providers
- Defragmentation of EU onboarding landscape
- Can easily be packaged into existing IT protocols (including OpenID Connect)
- Greatly facilitates the transferability of KYC attributes – key step towards KYC portability

Propagating KYC attributes

The role of IT Standards



Two main alternatives

- Use the eIDAS nodes framework
- Use an existing IT protocol – OpenID Connect

OpenID Connect is the identity layer on top of OAuth.
OAuth is primarily an authorization protocol



It protects valuable resource (called Protected Resource) from unauthorized access using “access tokens”.

It is the protocol of choice for federated authentication and identity federation

It is supported by mobile carriers (Mobile Connect)

It is supported by many governments

UK Open Banking’s security profile is based on OpenID Financial-grade API Security Profile

Many vendors and open source products support it

It defines

ID Token (Signed JSON Web Token with identity claims)
Protocols to request specific claims/attributes at a specific assurance level

Higher security mechanism

JWT = JSON Web Token. RFC7519. The standard Token Format.

JWT has three variants: JWS, JWE, JWS+JWE.

JWS:= JSON Web Signature. JWT that is signed by the issuer’s key.

JWS is useful to store information as a signed token.

OIDC = OAuth + JWS+E(Identity)

A group of mountaineers are silhouetted against a bright sun on a snowy mountain peak. The sun is low in the sky, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene. The mountaineers are wearing helmets and carrying large backpacks. They are standing on a snowy slope, and some are using ice axes. The background shows a vast, snow-covered mountain range under a blue sky with wispy clouds.

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Thank you for your attention