

Innovative partnership for the building trade

Fit for the future – with SuisseID

At the Fédération vaudoise des entrepreneurs, the word «constructive» has several meanings: the entrepreneurs' association works for the benefit of the cooperation partners in the building trade, is socially committed and highly innovative – including with its decision for SuisseID.

An alliance which shows the way

The most important entrepreneurs' association in the Canton of Vaud was always one step ahead. Back in 1904 the employers in the cantonal building trade entered a trendsetting alliance: they founded the Fédération vaudoise des entrepreneurs (FVE). The building trade association is now looking back on a history of more than 100 years, and in this time economic crises have been overcome, social developments anticipated and technical innovations integrated with foresight. Today the FVE, which combines all professions of the building trade and metal construction, represents approximately 2800 companies with more than 21 000 employees, which corresponds with around six percent of the entire jobs in the Canton of Vaud.

Security for the portal of the FVE

To meet current and also future requirements, innovative solutions are essential – including in IT. The data in the FVE portal – extranet and intranet – are confidential company and personnel data. Correspondingly high are also the requirements of the FVE management in terms of the security of access. On the one hand they wanted personal identification of the association members. On the other hand two-factor authentication, like with cash machines, for example, where only the combination of a bank card and a PIN enables a transaction to be made. Here the FVE asked itself the question of which of these two services can be dealt with in-house and which can be obtained externally. It decided on SuisseID, with which it can outsource both services – personal identification and also two-factor authentication – to Swiss Post.

High-quality identification and authentication

When opening an account at a bank, identification by appearing personally is common practice. An equivalent identification based on a passport or identity card is offered by Swiss Post as a service at any chosen post office: the «Yellow Identification». The FVE members and partners can obtain this service from Swiss Post or alternatively also from the employees trained by Swiss Post at the FVE headquarters in Tolochenaz.

With the authentication management the FVE also relies on Swiss Post and SuisseID which, apart from delivery of the means of authentication, also comprise the corresponding infrastructure, logistics and hotline. An FVE member receives SuisseID after a successful identity check in the form of a USB stick or a chip card.

Optimised business processes

With SuisseID, association members are uniquely authenticated in the FVE portal in combination with a personal PIN and can access the desired FVE services. With SuisseID they can also provide documents with a legally valid digital signature, which ensures lean, paper-free processes. Not only are business processes therefore optimised – the more efficient work also leads to huge cost and time savings.

Audited quality

With the personal identification of the members and partners and the authentication management, the FVE is outsourcing sensitive processes to Swiss Post. It is all the more important that these processes meet strict requirements. With SuisseID, the quality of the processes is ensured by regular external audits according to the Swiss Federal Act on Electronic Signatures (ZertES) and is comparable with the security level of the identification of new bank customers according to the Money Laundering Act (GwG).



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High acceptance externally and also internally

Data security is highly valued: 700 FVE members and partners already use SuisseID and another 300 are going to follow. The IT team at the FVE also praises SuisseID: it is fast, secure, standardised, can be used on different platforms and is easy to install. They do not have to deal with logistics and support. This is because Swiss Post takes on all the processes connected with the identification and delivery or replacement of SuisseID.

Secure in the FVE Enterprise Network

- Protected and highly mobile: Association members can access FVE applications critical for business, such as wage accounting, at any time, from anywhere and via all terminal devices without problem.
- Multiple benefits: Login via SuisseID opens up secure access to other online services.
- Digital signature: With SuisseID, digital documents can be provided with a legally valid signature, which speeds up the transformation of different processes from paper to digital at the FVE.

Simply one step ahead

- Doubly secure: The combination of user name and password is not secure enough for the FVE. The association members can therefore access the FVE portal only via SuisseID. With the combination of token and password, this provides two-factor authentication.
- Simply concentrated: The FVE outsources the identification of the association members and also the authentication management including token, infrastructure, logistics and hotline to Swiss Post and concentrates on its core business.
- Well integrated: SuisseID can be integrated smoothly in existing IT infrastructures and optimises business processes – without any expense for logistics and support at the FVE.
- Future-proof: SuisseID is based on a standard solution and therefore provides high investment security.

«With SuisseID we can outsource two sensitive processes to Swiss Post. In the physical world it takes on the personal identification of our members, in the virtual world – thanks to the high-quality security technology of Swiss Post – we know who our counterpart is.»

Laurent Devaud,
Head of Personnel Services



FVE – Fédération vaudoise des entrepreneurs

In the biggest Vaud entrepreneurs' association, all trades of the building industry are combined from structural work onto extension and metal construction. The institution with equal representation founded in 1904 provides its members with many more services than are necessary for preserving collective labour agreements. As well as collective insurance such as health, pension and loss of earnings insurance, these also include trust services, legal advice, training and further training offers and also a regular information service.

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SuisseID

SuisseID is the Swiss standard for digital identity. It allows people to prove their identity without any doubt online and to sign legally valid contracts electronically. It is therefore a digital passport and signature.

In your online services you use SuisseID to reliably identify customers, partners and employees. And processes which require a handwritten signature are handled entirely electronically – not only in your online services but also internally in your company.

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