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# Digital trust in complex ecosystems

The example of the European C-ITS services

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# Evolution of traditional corporate cybersecurity

Because it's all about communication



Perimetral security

Clear frontiers with clearly identified and separated assets



Need for digital IDs

Interlinked assets with constant need for communication



Zero Trust

No frontiers anymore, multiplication of interconnexions, management of data based on roles and privileges



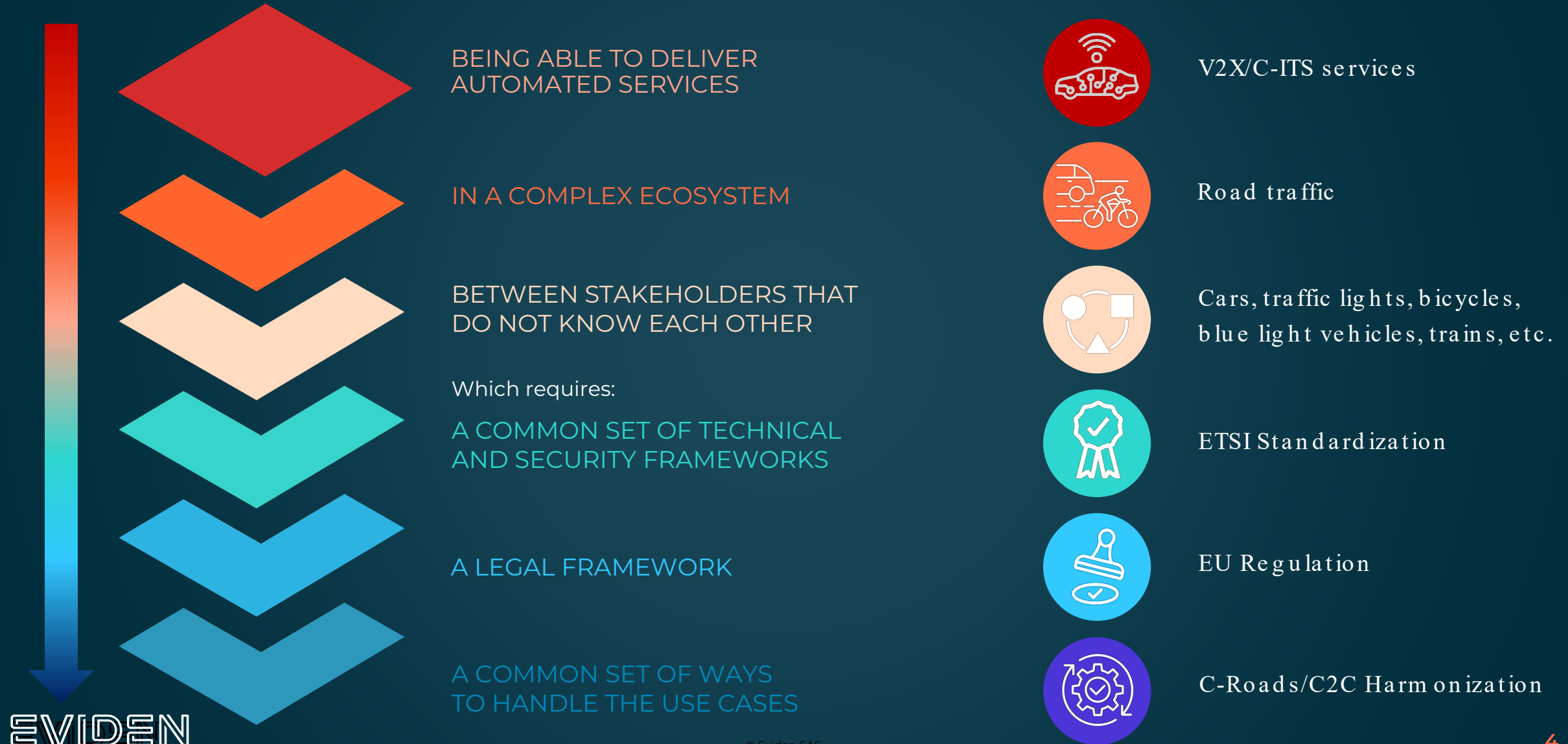
But what if we have to manage this level of complexity?  
Could we ensure a global, secure and native interoperability?





# What do we mean by “global, secure and native interoperability”?

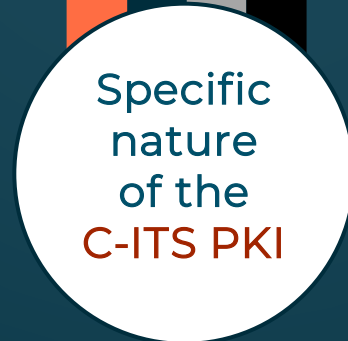
## The example of the EU C-ITS ecosystem



# How to guarantee TRUST?

**PKI is needed but**  
X.509 certificates formats are  
not adapted to C-ITS needs:  
high computation power, long delays

**Specific constraints**  
C-ITS messages must allow almost  
**instantaneous reactions** when  
facing **unexpected road events**



**A new kind of PKI is required**

ETSI TS 103 097  
Security requirements + C-ITS certificates format  
ETSI TS 102 940/941  
Architecture + related information exchange protocol

**A PKI conceived as**

Foundation of security and trust  
Cornerstone of interoperability

# C-ITS PKI key functions

ACCESS CONTROL  
to C-ITS applications

AUTHENTICATION & INTEGRITY of  
V2X communications

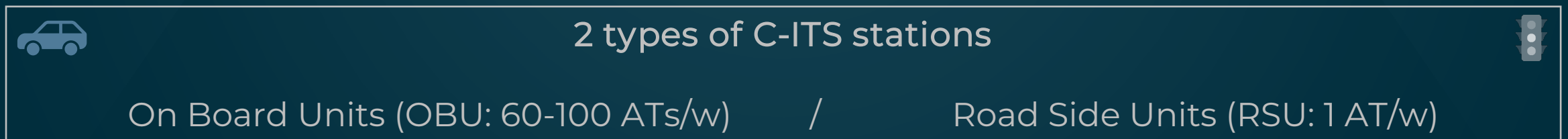
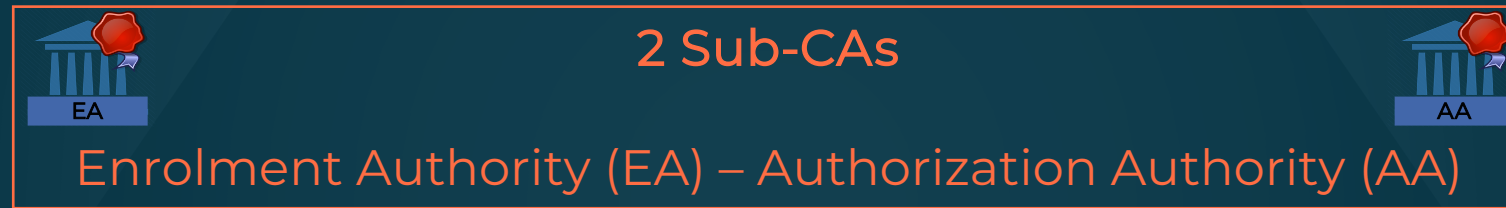
REVOCAION  
of misbehaving entities

PRIVACY  
No user's tracking



Complex ecosystems require interoperability & security  
The PKI is the cornerstone of mutual trust

# C-ITS PKI architecture



## The EU global approach

Security and trust are then ensured at technical level  
but new questions and challenges arise:



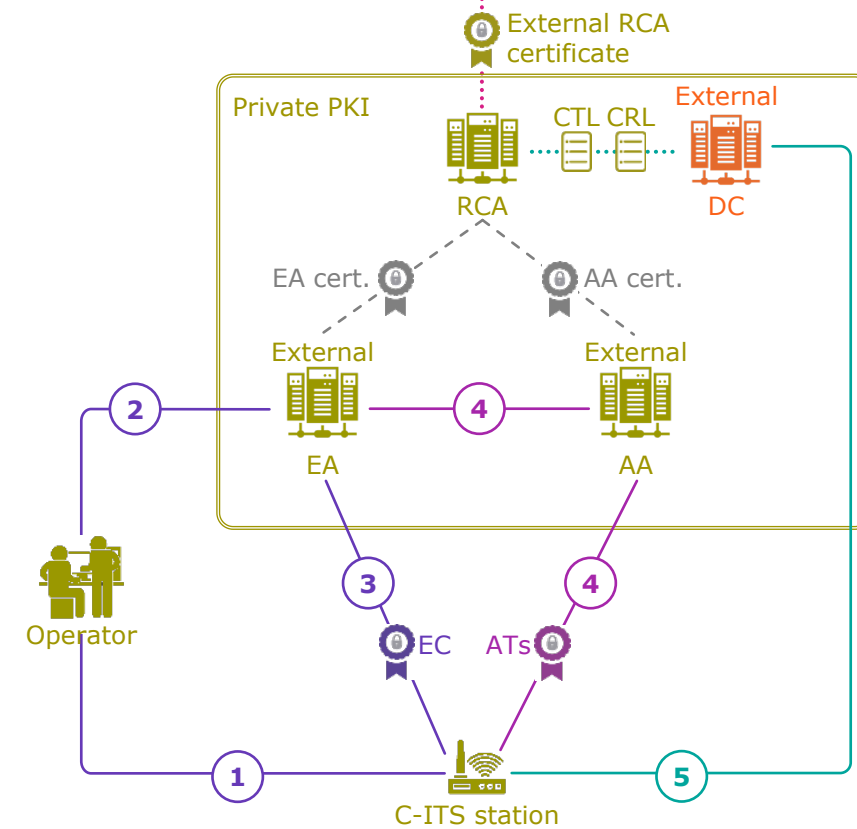
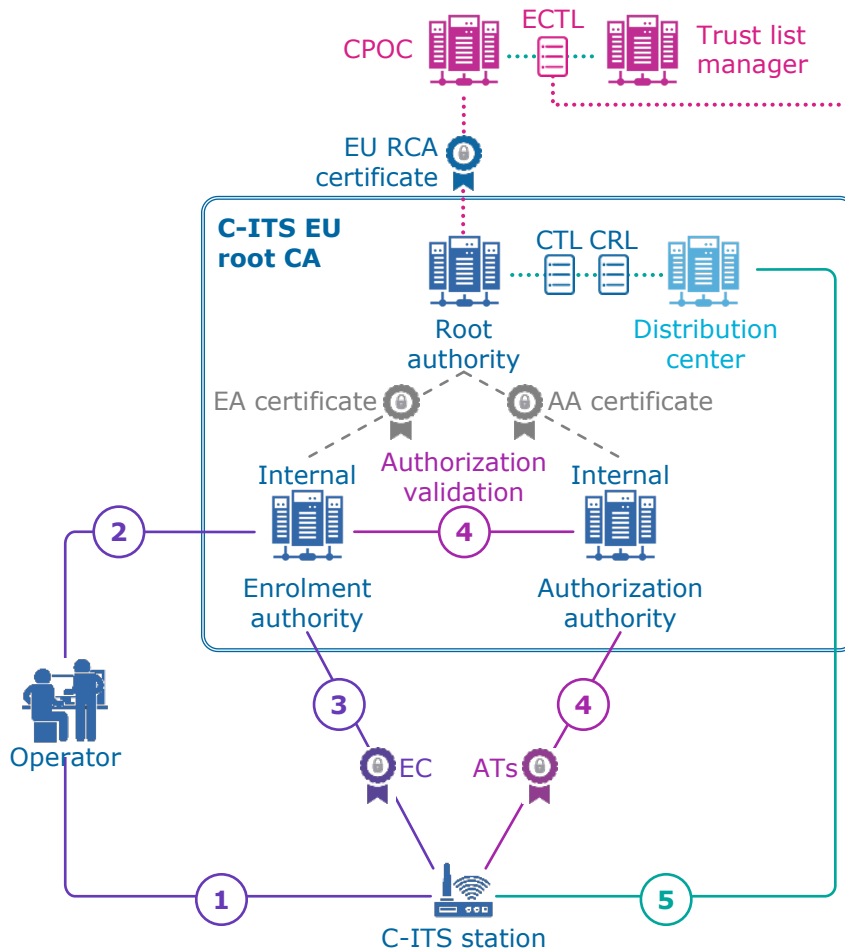
- Is there only one or several PKIs?
- If there are several PKIs, how to enable extension of trust?
- Is a native interoperability possible for the whole EU?
- Can an appropriate level of security be guaranteed by the market?
- Who does what and how?



# What do we want to achieve in such a complex ecosystem ?

## Global architecture scheme

- Enrolment of C-ITS stations
- Authorization tickets acquisition process
- Trust lists acquisition process
- ⋯ RCA registration process
- ⋯ Signature and publication of trust list
- - - CA certificates generation





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# EU Central Security Elements

**CPOC**  
C-ITS Point Of Contact

Hosted and  
operated by the  
European Commission

Central interface for the  
ecosystem

Publication of all EU C-ITS  
relevant docs  
& objects

Hosted and  
operated by the  
European Commission

Management of:  
TLM certificates  
ECTLs (European  
Certificate Trust Lists)

**TLM**  
Trust List Manager

**EU Root CA**  
Central C-ITS PKI

Developed and  
operated by **Eviden**  
on behalf of the  
European Commission

Fully funded by the EC,  
in charge of delivering  
certificates to all  
authorized stations



# Main EU C-ITS reference documents

## CPOC Protocol

Establishes requirements and rules to request RCA registration in an ECTL

Defines the compliance framework applicable to the C-ITS PKI deployment and operation (based on ISO 2700x)

## Security Policy

Defines the compliance framework applicable to the C-ITS stations at hardware and software level

## Certificate Policy

# EU ecosystem organization

## Expert Group Editing Team

Member states  
representatives  
+  
All involved C-ITS experts

Make evolve and  
guarantee coherency of  
reference document  
(CP, SP, CPOC protocol)

Initiative of  
EU Member States  
and road operators  
for testing C-ITS services  
and harmonizing  
infrastructure  
use cases

C-Roads Platform  
Road operators

## Car2Car CC Automotive industry

Organization of  
automotive industry  
stakeholders that aims  
to achieve  
accident-free traffic.

Fosters deployments,  
specifications and  
harmonization of  
automotive use cases