Smart Ticketing Alliance certification has started!
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In July 2016, Smart Ticketing Alliance (STA), the body that aims to lead the way towards European e-ticketing interoperability standards for the public transport sector, announced a new certification proposal that ensures compliance of transportation contactless fare media and readers (such as ticket machines, gates and validators) with the CEN technical specification TS 16794 in contactless communication.

In its announcement, the STA outlined the two certification bodies authorized to certify compliance with the CEN European standard: Calypso Networks Association (CNA), associated with PayCert, a COFRAC ISO 17065 accredited certification body, and VDV eTicket Service (VDV-ETS) associated to the Federal Office for Security in Information Technology (BSI). CNA is now operating, and VDV-ETS are in preparation to begin operating by the end of 2017.

STA considers it essential to establish a recognised standard in e-ticketing systems across Europe to instill confidence in public authorities and users in the quality of contactless communication between contactless readers and fare media. That's why STA is happy today to announce further developments in the certification proposal. KEOLABS, one of the two laboratories that have already been accredited after it has run successfully the tests for fare media, is now also accredited for Public Transport readers.

Thus, CNA-PayCert is now able to issue certificates of compliance with CEN/TS 16794:2015 for both fare media **and** Public Transport readers.

If you want to know more,
You'll find an overview of *the certification program* and a set of documents defining rules and methodology of the certification program on the *STA website.*

The Smart Ticketing Alliance (STA) is established to support the development of interoperable Smart Ticketing. The Founder Members are the smart ticketing organisations in Germany (VdV ETS), UK (ITSO), France (AFIMB) and the Calypso Networks Association, together with UITP (International Association of Public Transport).
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