

SMS authentication phase-out In EU Login

Strengthen your digital security

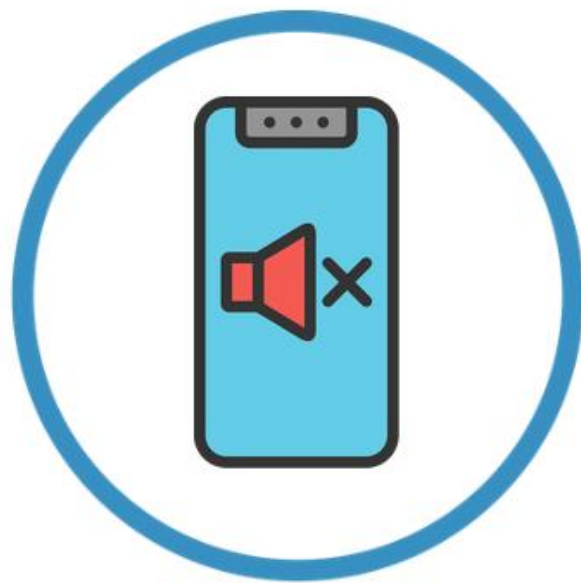


START TIME

11:00



Participation rules



Put your mobile
devices
in **silent mode**




For online sessions :
mute your microphone



There will be time for
questions and interaction
after the session.

Agenda

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- 1. Introduction
 - 2. General presentation of the different alternatives
 - 3. Step-by-step instructions
 - 4. Additional resources
 - 5. Support in small groups

1. Introduction

Context

- **On 1 July 2025, the European Commission will stop sending SMS** messages for authentication to EU Login for security reasons (risk of fraudulent SMS messages, interception of messages or exchange of SIM cards).
- **You will need to find a new way of authenticating yourself** in order to continue accessing the European Commission's digital services.
- **We understand that this can be a big change**, but we're here to support you and make the transition easier.

2. General presentation of the various alternatives

Alternative solutions

EU Login mobile app

Application available
on Android et iOS

Passkey

Software version of the secure
platform
in the cloud



eID

Card reader or national app on
mobile device, depending on
the country

Trusted platform

Integrated chip enabling
biometric recognition (TPM/T2)

USB key

Physical device containing
a recognition file

EU Login mobile application



- **A high level of safety** and a practical, user-friendly experience
- **Ideal for users who are comfortable with technology** and the use of smartphones
- **Continuous authentication to EU applications** from your mobile device

How does it work on Android and iOS?

- **Download the application** onto your smartphone and link it to your EU Login account from the My Account page.
- **Authenticate yourself** using a PIN code, fingerprint, facial recognition or by scanning a QR code when you're offline.

Electronic identification (eID)

Countries

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Electronic identification (eID)

- **Electronic identity card** with card reader and eID programme or **mobile** national **electronic identity** application
- **Enables identity verification** and provides user details, simplifying lengthy processes while improving accuracy
- **Minimises the risk of identity theft** and unauthorised access

How does it work?

- **Connect your eID to your computer** using a card reader and link it to your EU Login account. (be aware the driver must be installed on your computer)
- For some countries, **you can also use a national mobile eID application**, such as **Itsme** for the Belgian eID.



Trusted platform (TPM)

- **A small chip inside your computer** that helps keep it secure.
- **Available in almost all computers** produced after 2010 and running Windows 10 or higher. For Apple computers, this chip is called T1 or T2
- [More information online about compatible devices](#)
- **Quick and easy access to services**, using a PIN code, fingerprint or facial recognition.

How does it work?

- **Configure your TPM** on your computer and add it as a method in My EU Login Account.
- **Log in using a compatible browser**, select the TPM and use your PIN code, fingerprint or facial recognition.



Security key

- **An easy-to-configure removable device** that you can use on multiple devices
- A **highly secure** authentication method
- **Can be used for other accounts** from other service providers



How does it work?

- **Plug the security key into your device** via a USB port and link it to your EU Login account. (make sure to choose the connector of the key that correspond to the port of your computer)
- Once the installation is complete, **touch the key to verify your identity** and that's it.
- **Check that your device is compatible** with FIDO2.

Virtual lock (Passkey)



- **Robust security** using cryptographic keys, reducing vulnerabilities.
- **A secure way to identify yourself on all devices** (smartphones, tablets, computers).
- **Direct and effective authentication**, easy to set up and use.
- **Note:** on Apple devices, this works between all Apple devices.

How does it work?

- **Use the same method you used to unlock your device** (e.g., PIN code, fingerprint, facial recognition or template)
- Link it to your EU Login account from the My account page.

3. Step-by-step instructions

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Methods / Devices

Method Device	EU Login app 	eID  	Trusted platform   		Passkey 	USB key 
			TMP	T2		
Mobile phone / Tablet	✓	✗ ✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
Computer	✗	✓ ✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

Instructions EU Login mobile application



Make sure to have the following elements at your disposal:

- 1. Your **smartphone or tablet** and another **computing device** (computer, second smartphone or tablet), both sufficiently **charged and with internet access**.**
- 2. Your smartphone or tablet (which you will use to access EU Login services over the long term) **must be protected by a lock code** (PIN code, fingerprint, facial recognition, etc.).**
- 3. Your **EU Login account details** (e-mail address and password).**
- 4. Your **private e-mail address and password**.**



Download the EU Login mobile application

On your mobile phone:

Open Play Store
(for Android devices)



Open App Store
(for Apple devices)



Find the EU Login application

In the Play Store or App Store :



Use the "Search" function

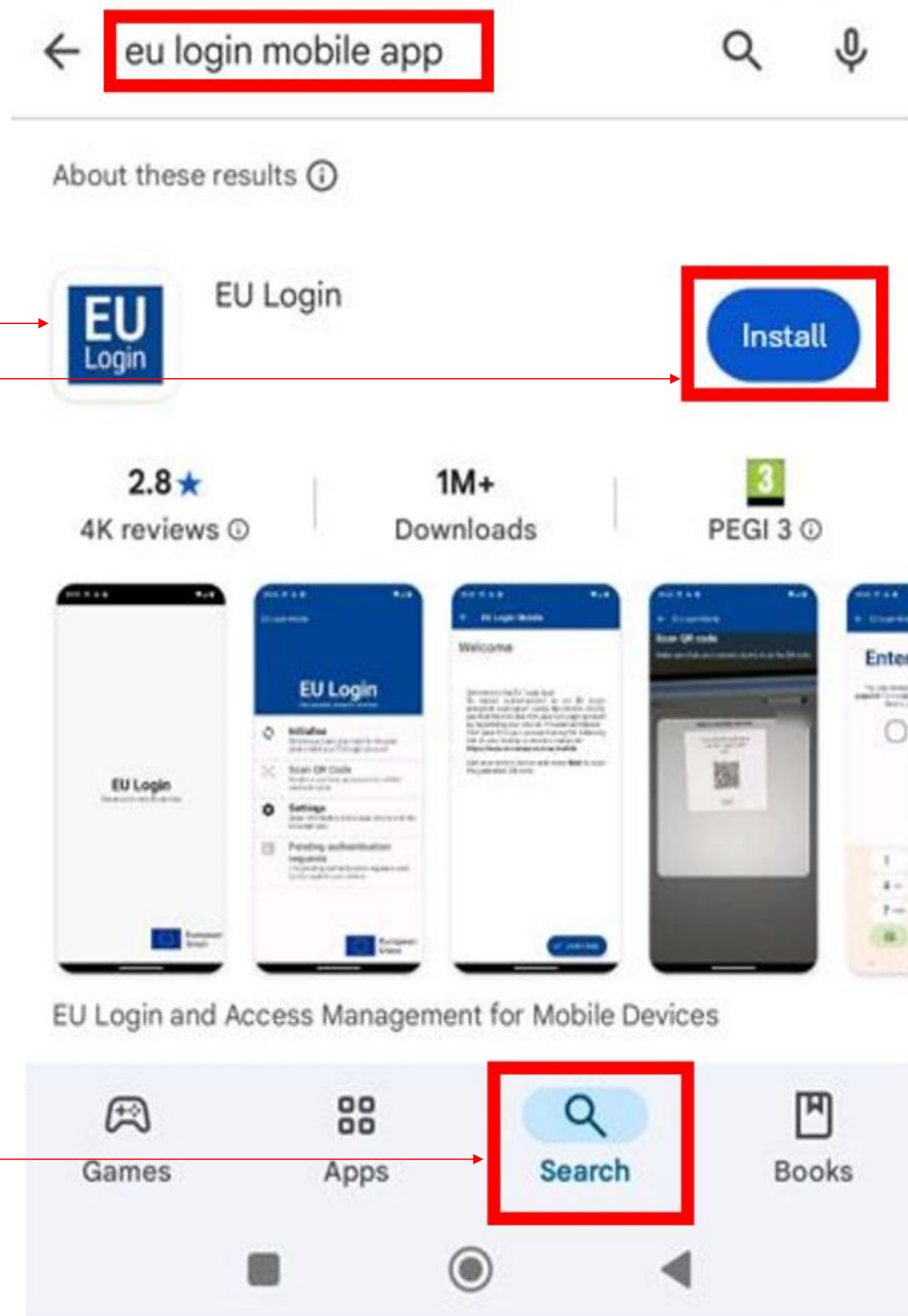
Type EU LOGIN mobile App

Locate the application

Find the official EU Login application in the results

Install

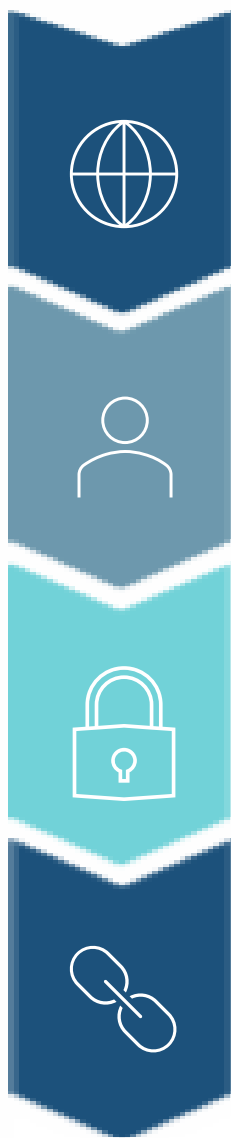
Click and install the application on your device





Access EU Login

On your computer:



Open your web browser

Type in the URL: ecas.ec.europa.eu/cas

Check your e-mail address

(Your address must be visible)

Enter your login details

Enter your password **(1)** and choose the authentication method **Password (2)** (click on the **white arrow (3)**)

Finalise the connection

Click on Sign in **(4)**

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Access your account settings

On your computer, EU Login account :

Access the settings

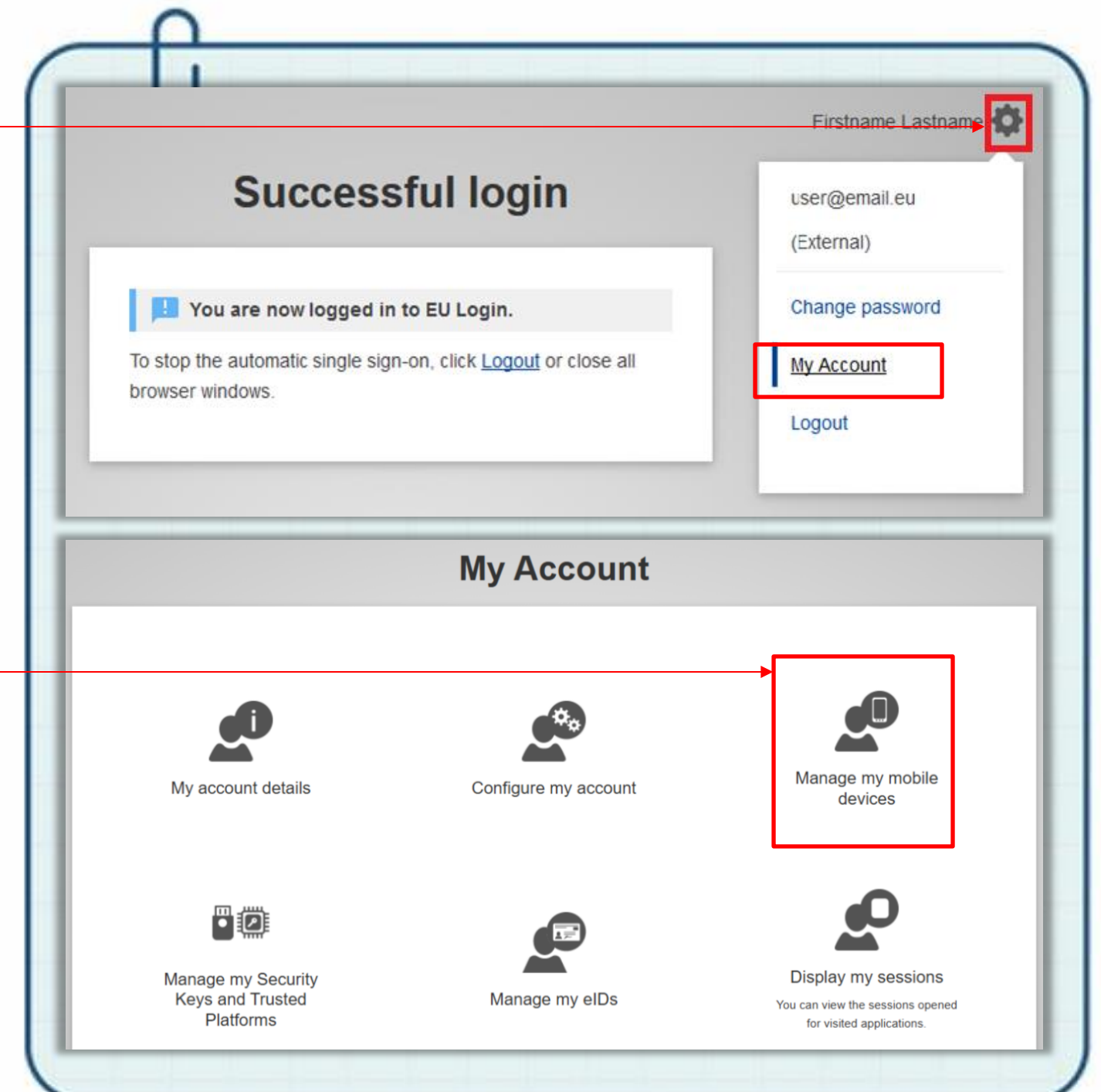
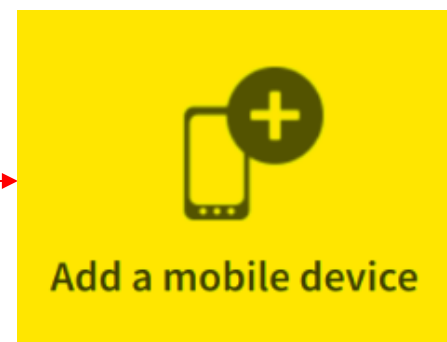
In the top right-hand corner, click on the cogwheel, and **My Account**

Device management

Choose **Manage my mobile devices**

Add a device

Choose **Add a mobile device**





Setting up the device security system

On your computer, EU Login account :

1

Name your device

Enter a name for your device
(whatever you want)

2

Create a security code

Choose a 4-digit code and confirm it

3

4

Remember your code

PS: This code will be used for you
authenticate. **Don't forget it!**

Please give a name to identify your mobile device and a PIN code to use for it.

Your device name

1 →

Your 4 digit PIN code

2 →

You will be required to enter this PIN code on your mobile device to use the EU Login mobile app.

Confirm your PIN code

3 →

4 →



Installing the mobile application

On your mobile phone:

Open the application

Click on the application on your phone

Start configuration

Click on Continue

Give authorisations

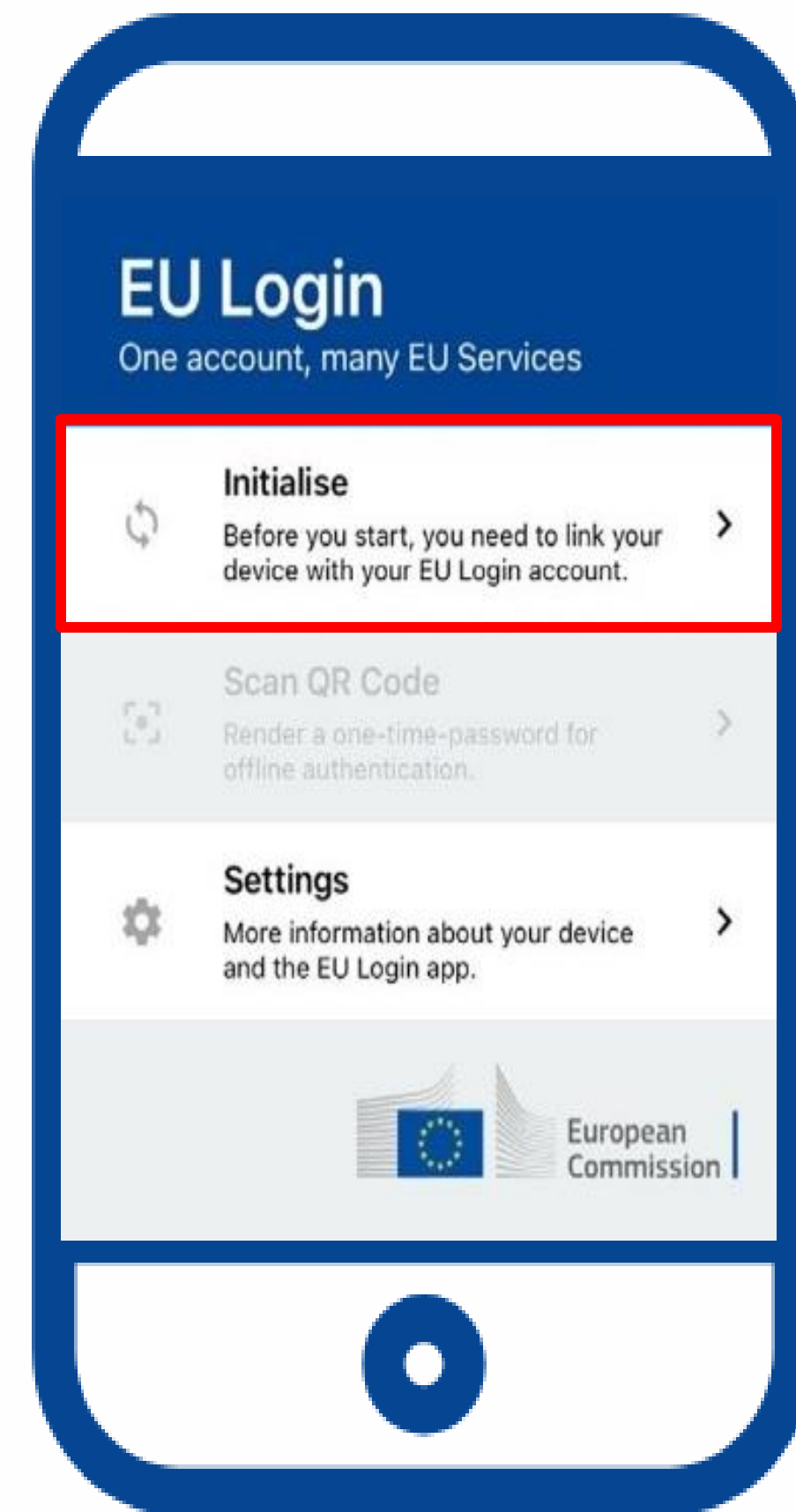
Click to accept the authorisations

Confirm authorisations

Click to authorise

Authorise access to the camera

Authorise the EU login application to take photos



Link your device

On your computer:

1. Link at your computer

Click on Submit

4. Confirmation

Wait for confirmation
that your device has been
installed



On your mobile phone:

2. Reading the QR code

Use your phone to scan the QR code displayed on your computer

3. Enter the code

On your phone, enter the 4-digit code you created earlier



Installation EU Login app complete!

Add a device

✓ Your device has been added to your EU Login account

Code protected

✓ Your 4-digit code secures your authentication

Ready to use

✓ You can use the EU Login application to authenticate yourself



You can now authenticate yourself via the EU Login mobile application

Instructions eID

Make sure you have the following items at your disposal:

- 1. The computer** you wish to use to access EU Login **must be sufficiently charged and have Internet access.**
- 2. Your electronic identity card** and **card reader** (driver installed on your computer) or **national electronic identity application (e.g. Itsme)** installed on your mobile device, ready to use.
- 3. Your EU Login credentials** (e-mail address and password).
- 4. Your private e-mail address and password.**





Access EU Login

On your computer:



Open your web browser

Type in the URL: ecas.ec.europa.eu/cas

Check your e-mail address

(Your address must be visible)

Enter your login details

Enter your password **(1)** and choose the authentication method:

Password **(2)**

(click the **white arrow (3)**)

Finalise the connection

Click on Sign in **(4)**

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Access your account settings

On your computer, EU Login account :

Access the settings

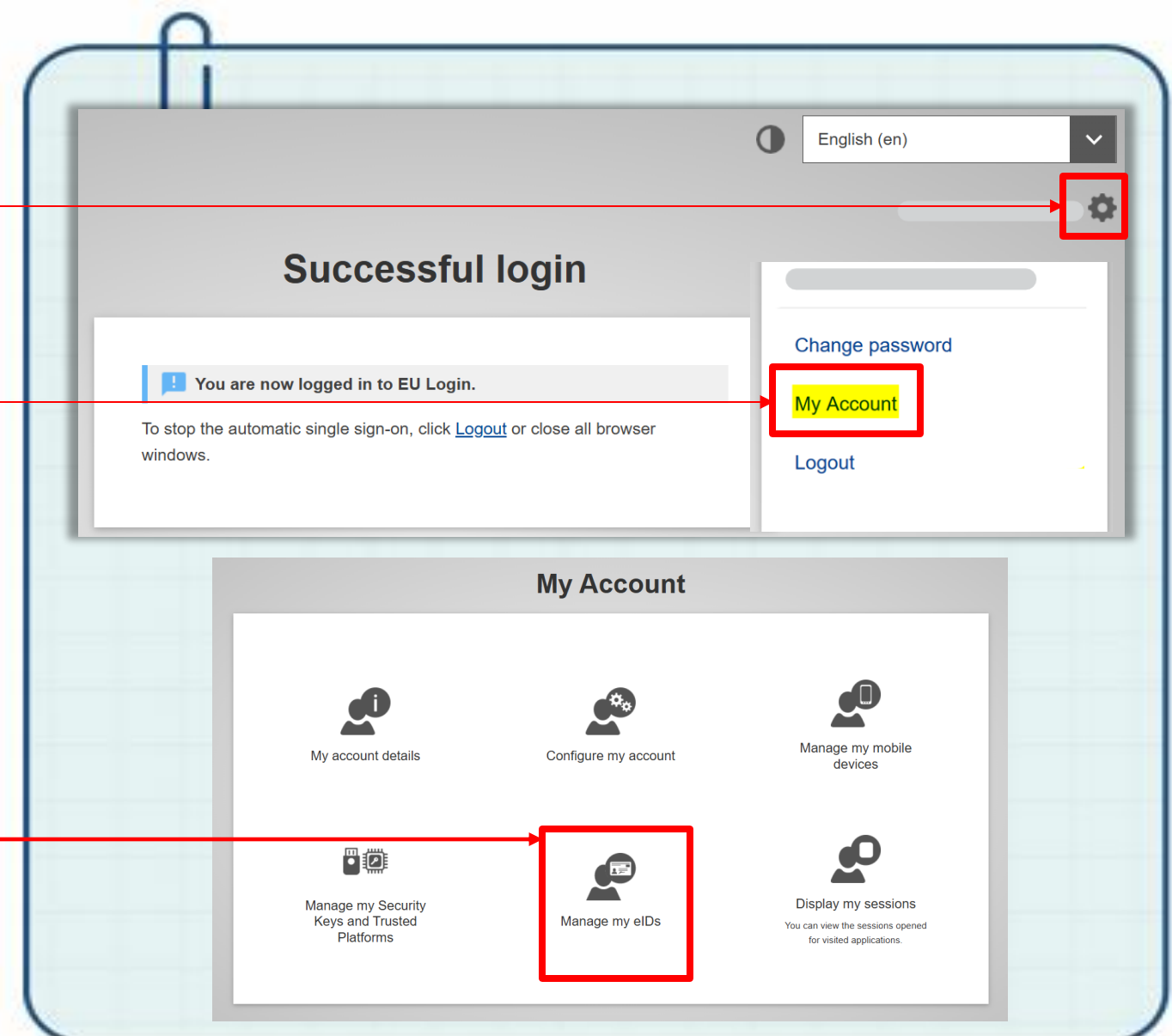
In the top right-hand corner, click on the **cogwheel**

Click on **My account**

To access the settings your account

Select **Manage my eIDs**

To manage your electronic identities





Linking your eID

On your computer, EU Login account :



Click on Link my eID

to get started
the bonding process



Choose your country
corresponding to your location

Click Submit

Confirm your selection
to continue

Please select your country of origin

eID Authentication

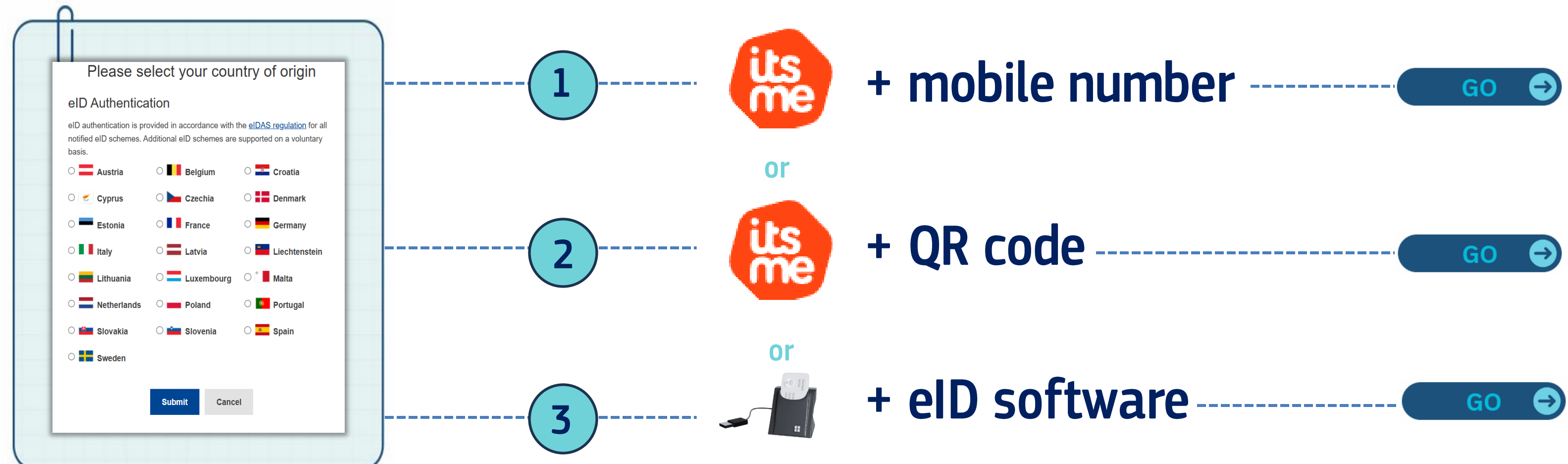
eID authentication is provided in accordance with the [eIDAS regulation](#) for all notified eID schemes. Additional eID schemes are supported on a voluntary basis.

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Three options for connecting

examples for Belgium



Countries participating in the eID system use their own applications to authenticate the identity of service users.



1.1 Connection with Itsme + mobile number

On your computer and mobile phone:

Choose identification via Itsme
after validating your country

Option 1 - telephone number

- Open the Itsme application on your mobile phone
- Enter your mobile phone number and click Send



1.2 Connection with Itsme + mobile number

On your mobile phone:



Open Itsme

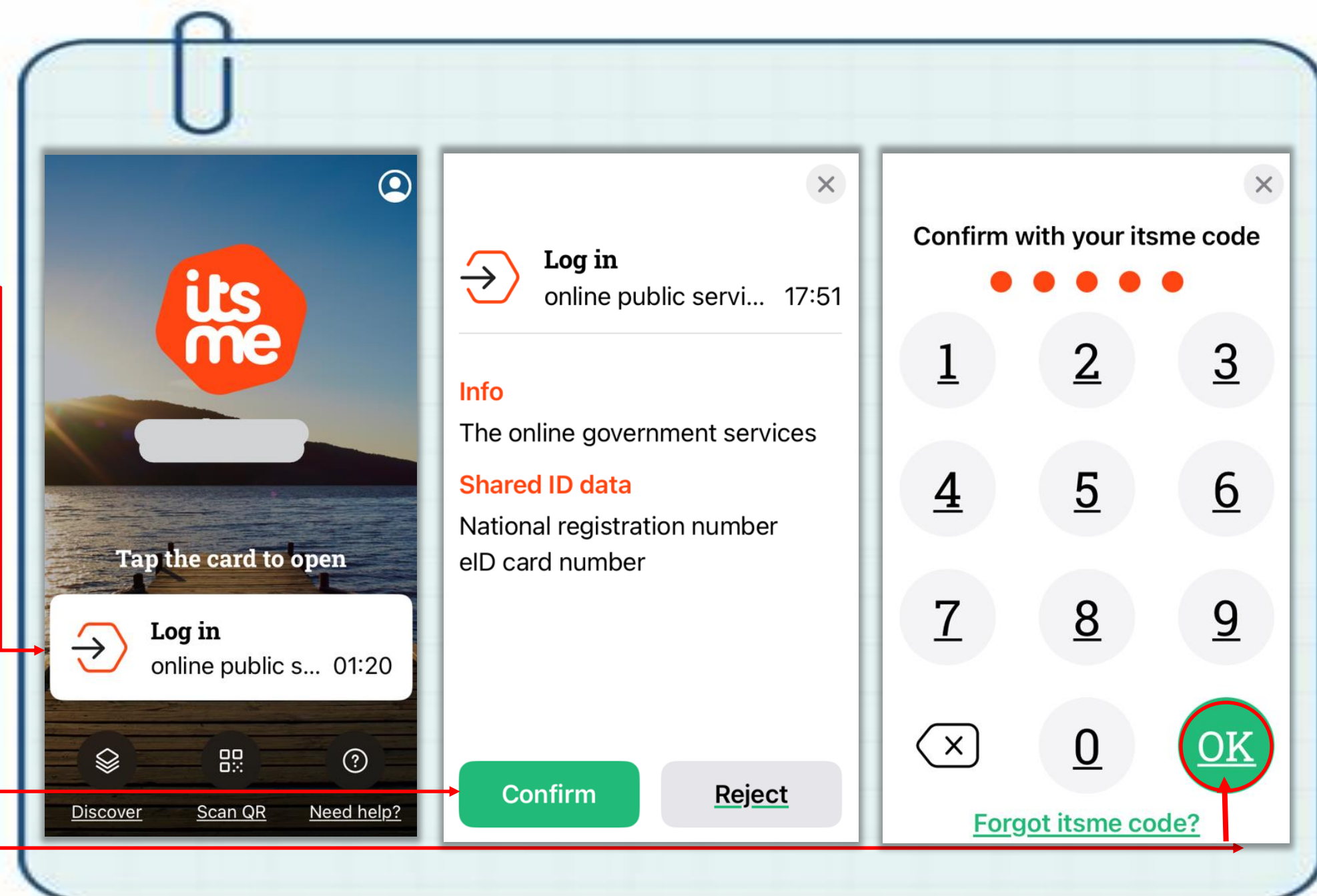
and tap on the Log in notification

Click Confirm

to validate the request and process your personal data

Enter your code 5-digit Itsme

and click on **OK**





1.3 Connection with Itsme + mobile number

On your computer:



Back to computer
and your browser



Click on Submit
to confirm the connection on your computer screen



Confirmation
a confirmation message
will appear on your screen



Your EID is linked
You can now authenticate yourself
via Itsme and your mobile number

The following attributes will be returned to EU Login from EU

Step 3 | 3

Your profile

Level of Assurance

high

Attributes

DateOfBirth

FamilyName

FirstName

PersonIdentifier

You have successfully linked your electronic identity card to your EU Login account.



2.1 Connection with Itsme + QR code

On your computer and mobile phone:



Choose identification via Itsme
after validating your country

Option 2 - QR code

- Open the Itsme application on your mobile phone
- Scan the QR code displayed on your computer screen



2.2 Connection with Itsme + QR code

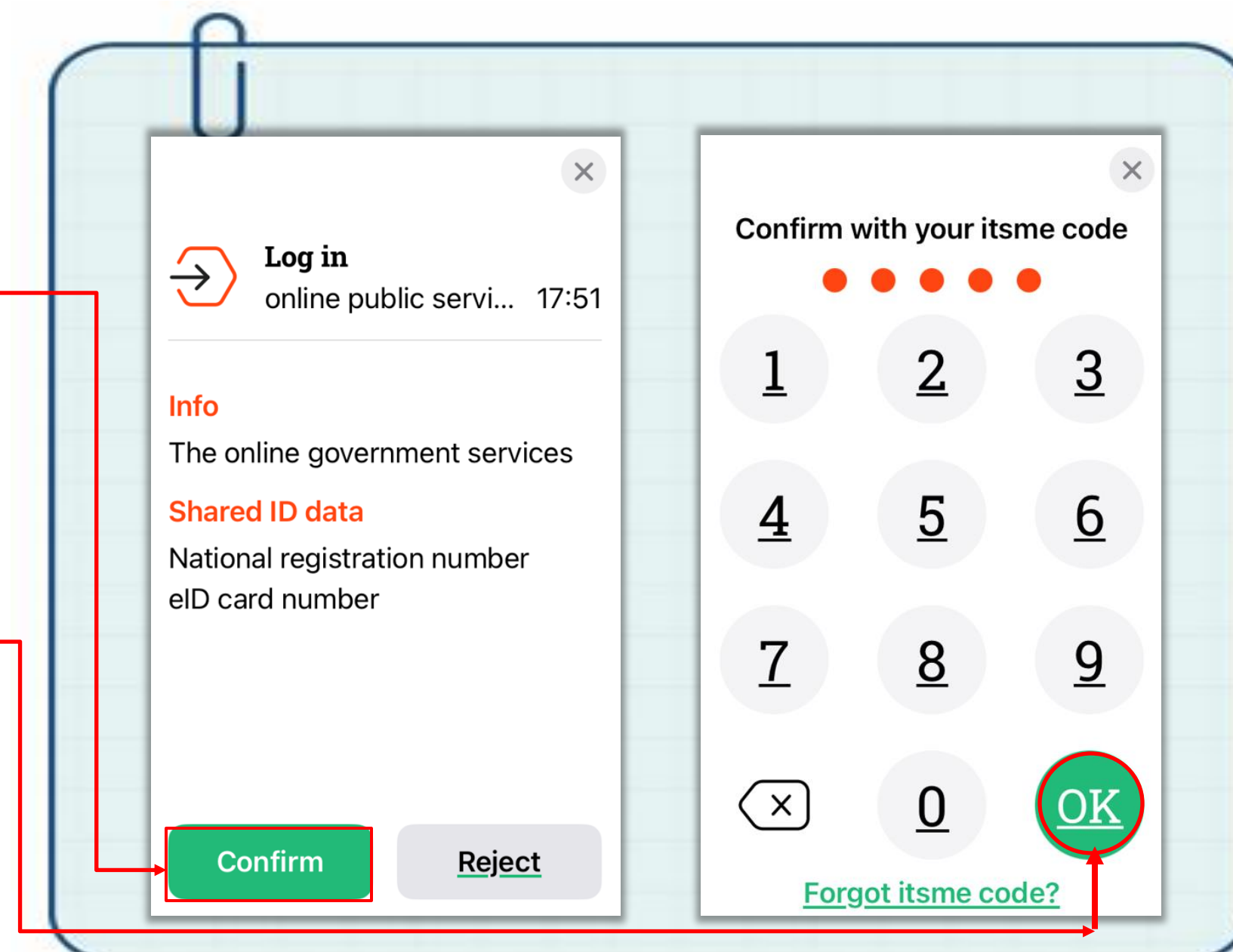
On your mobile phone:



Click Confirm on your mobile phone

to agree to the processing of your personal data by the Belgian administration.

Enter your code
5-digit Itsme
and click on OK





2.3 Connection with Itsme + QR code

On your computer:



Back to computer
and your browser



Click on Submit
to confirm the connection on your computer screen



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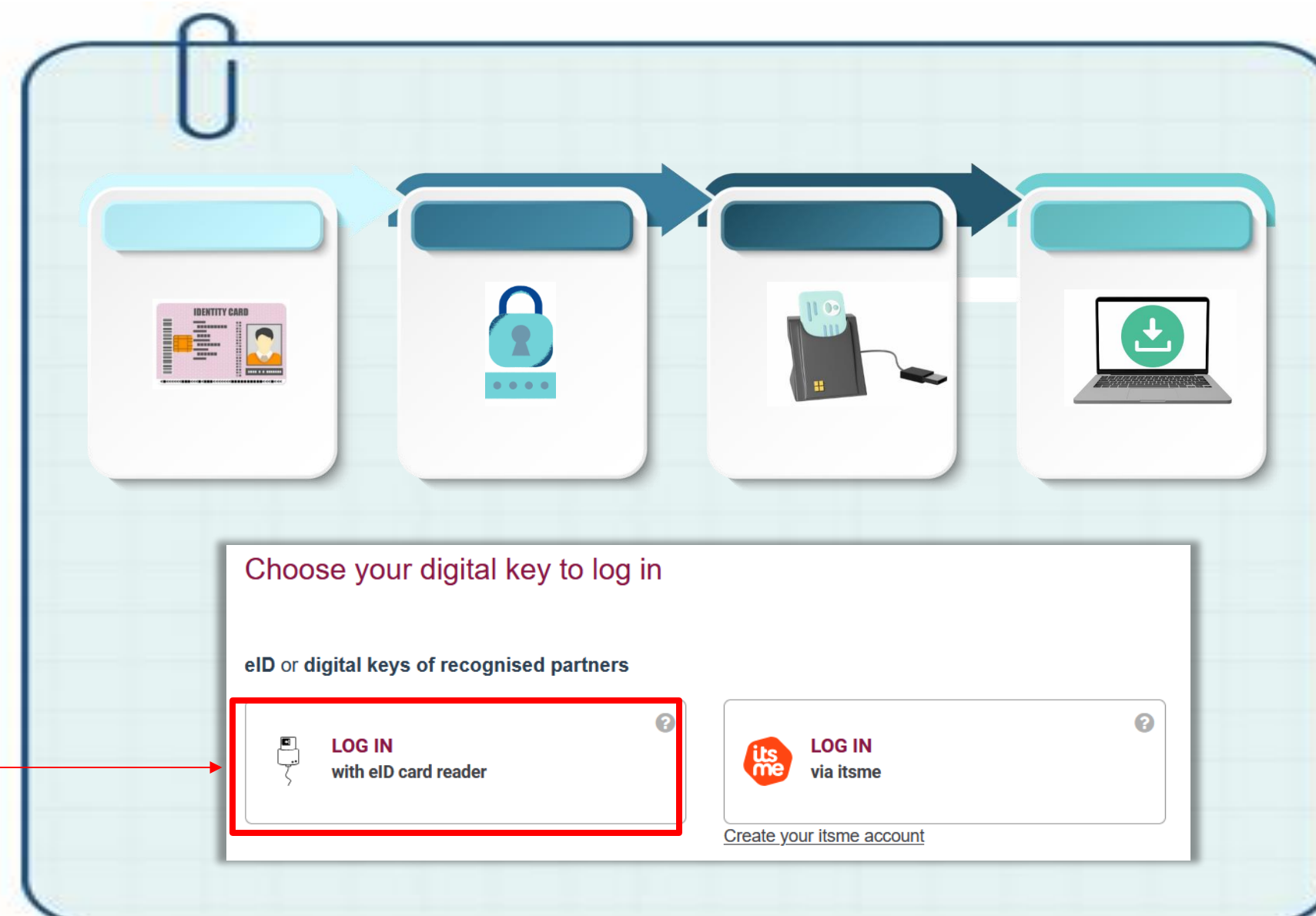
3.1 Connection with eID card reader

On your computer:

Make sure you have :

- Your **eID**
- The four-digit **PIN code** of your eID
- A card **reader**
- The eID **software** installed on your computer

Select identification with eID card reader
after validating your country





3.2 Connection with eID card reader

On your computer:



You will be redirected to CSAM

the Belgian government's identity management and authentication platform



Follow the instructions on the screen
and click on Log in

The screenshot shows a web interface for logging into online public services using an eID card reader. The header includes the CSAM logo and the text 'Log on to online public services'. The main heading is 'Log in with eID card reader'. Below this, there are three numbered steps: 1. Connect your eID card reader to your computer, 2. Insert your electronic identity card (eID), foreigner's card or kids-ID into the card reader, and 3. Click 'Log in', select your certificate and enter the PIN of your identity card when asked to do so. At the bottom, there is a link 'Choose a different digital key' and a 'Log in' button.

CSAM Log on to online public services

Log in with eID card reader

- 1 Connect your eID card reader to your computer
- 2 Insert your electronic identity card (eID), foreigner's card or kids-ID into the card reader
- 3 Click 'Log in', select your certificate and enter the PIN of your identity card when asked to do so

Choose a different digital key Log in



3.3 Connection with eID card reader

On your computer:



Confirm the "certificate" used

Your surname, first name, date of birth and other details from your eID, including the country of issue and validity, will appear on the screen.

Confirm

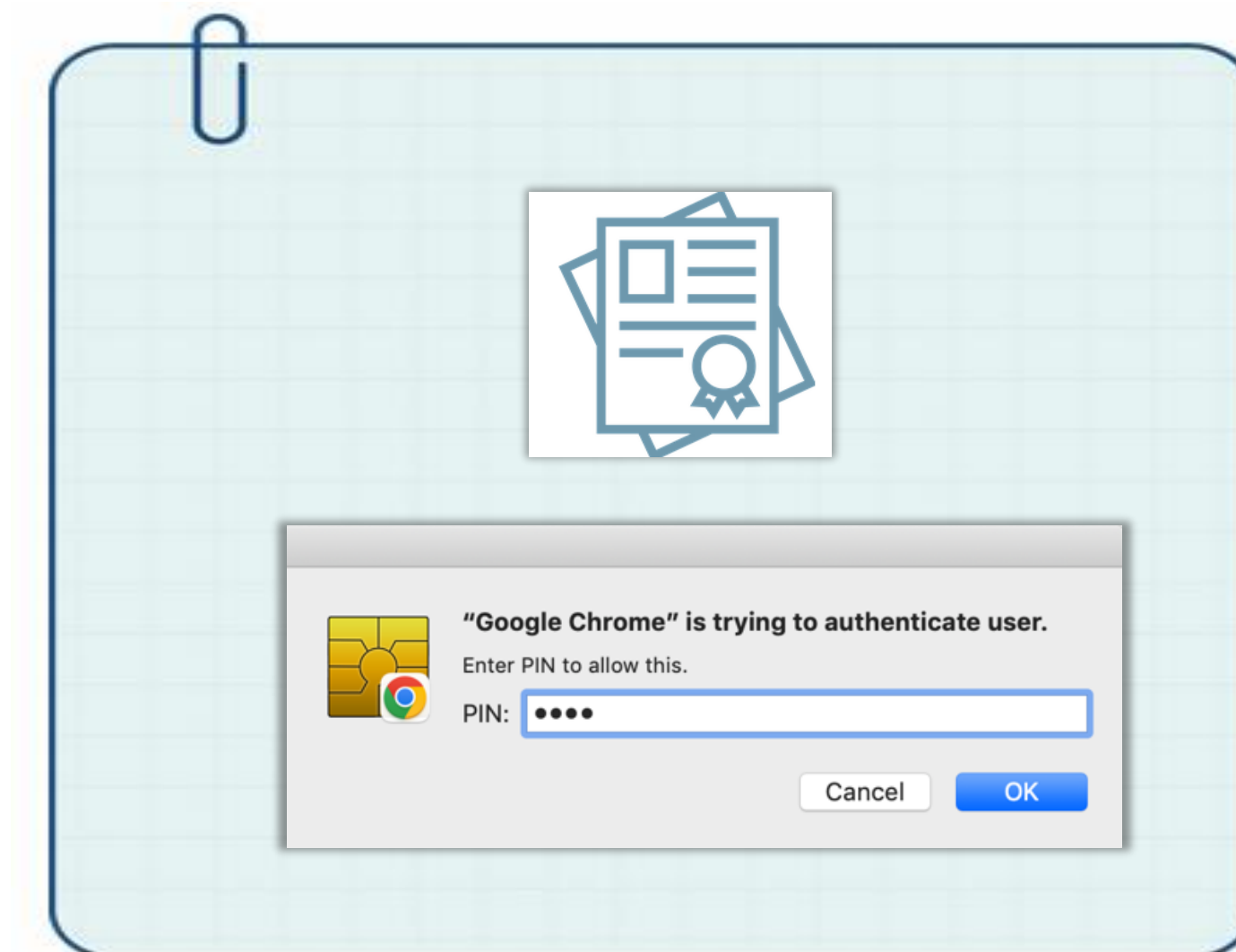


Enter the four-digit **PIN code** for your eID

Confirm

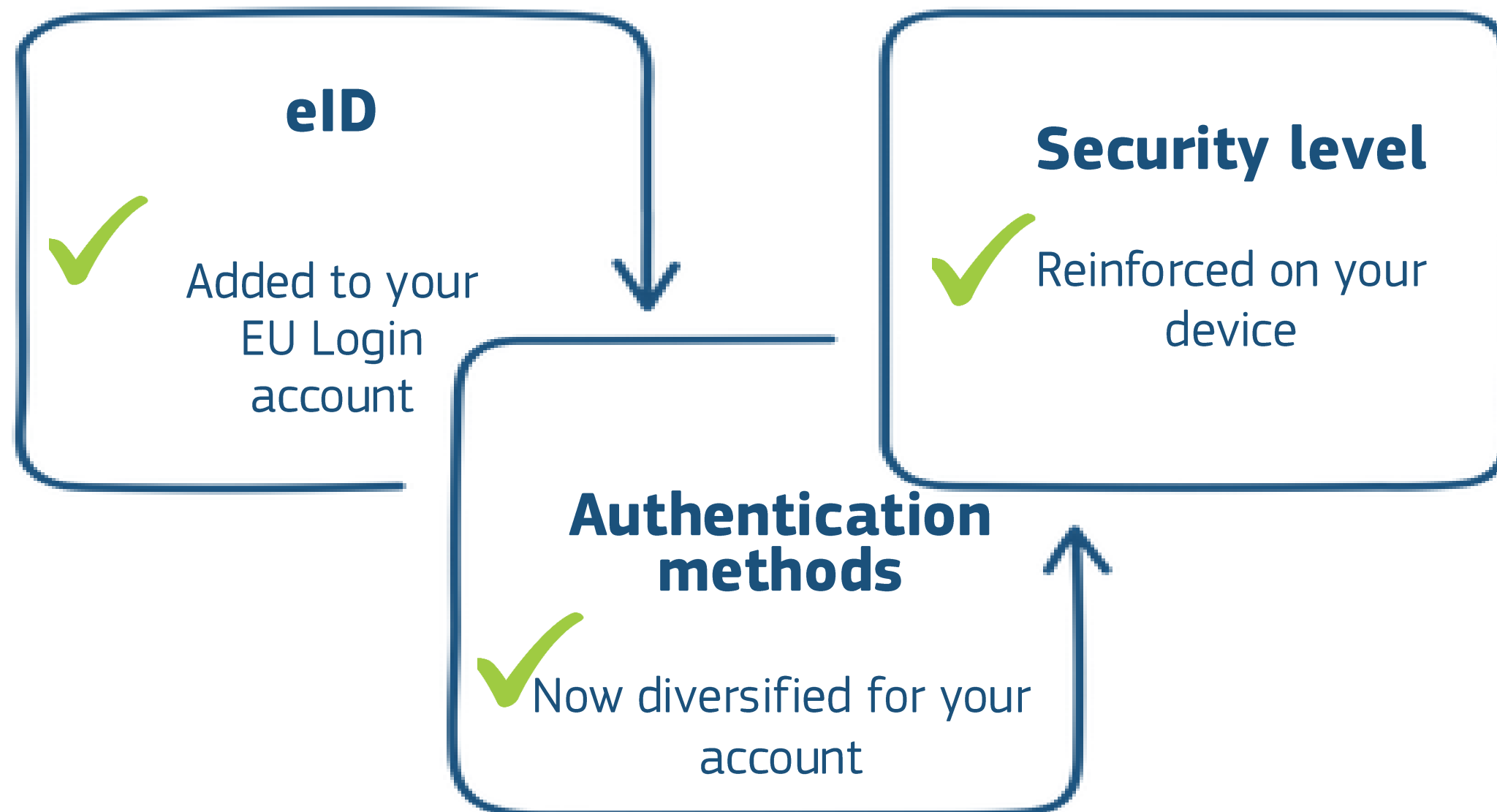


Your identity is now authenticated via eID card reader





Installation eID complete !



You can now authenticate with eID

Instructions Trusted platform:

Make sure to have the following elements at your disposal:

1. **A compatible computer** ([more information online](#)) and a **Trusted platform (TPM) already configured** on your computer:

On Windows :

- Right-click the Windows icon and go to Settings > Accounts > Sign-in options.
- Choose Windows Hello and follow the on-screen instructions.
- Once set up, proceed to the next step

On Apple :

- Go to the Apple menu > System Settings > Passwords.
- Enable Touch ID and follow the instructions to add a fingerprint.
- Turn on the options to unlock your device and auto-fill passwords

2. **A compatible and up-to-date browser.** [More information online about compatible browsers](#)
3. **Your EU Login account credentials** (email address and password)
4. **The address and password** of your **private email account**





Access EU Login

On your computer:



Open your web browser

Type in the URL: ecas.ec.europa.eu/cas

Check your e-mail address

(Your address must be visible)

Enter your login details

Enter your password **(1)** and choose the authentication method **Password (2)** (click on the **white arrow (3)**)

Finalise the connection

Click on Sign in **(4)**

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Access your account settings

On your computer, EU Login account:

Access the settings

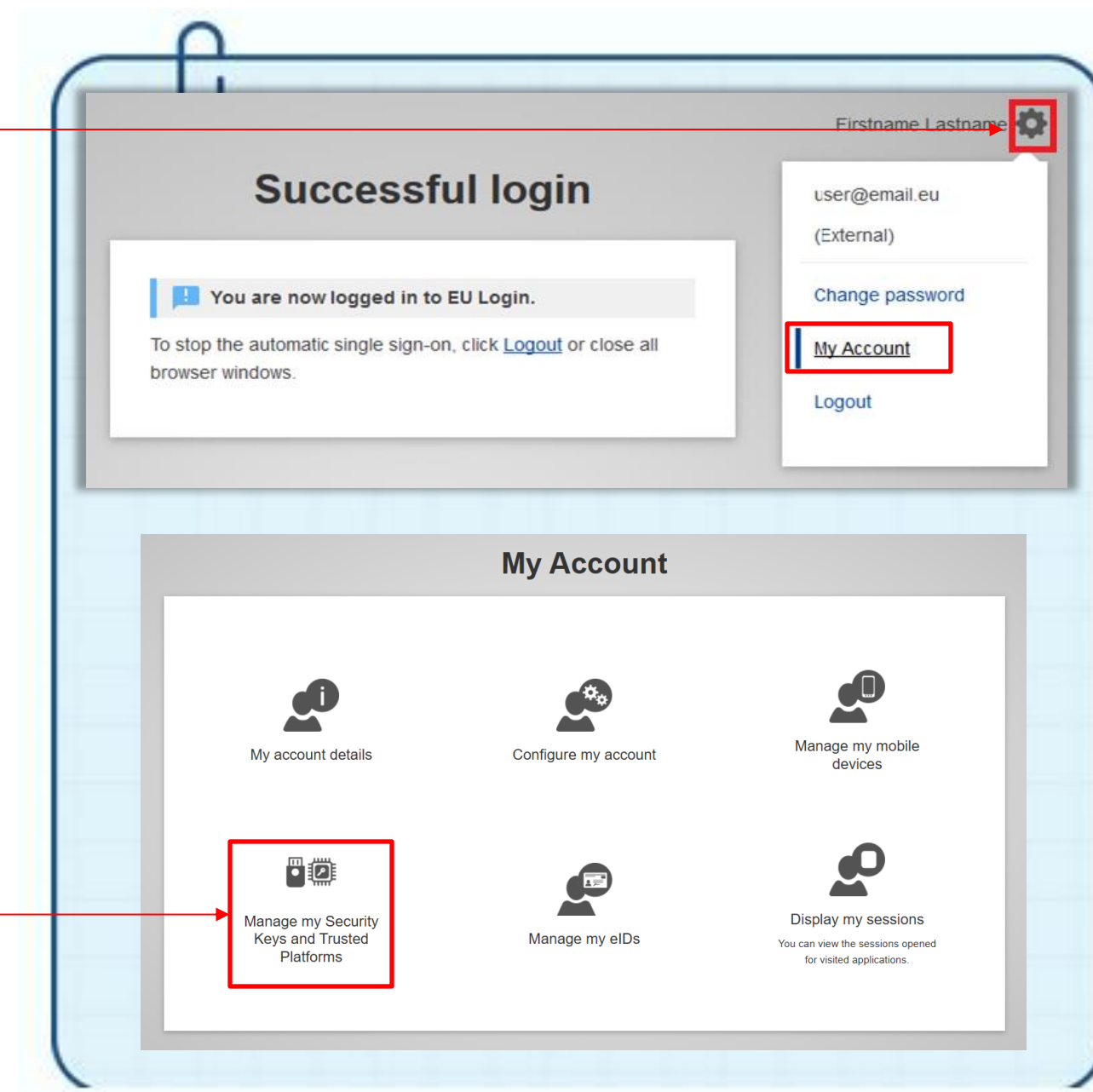
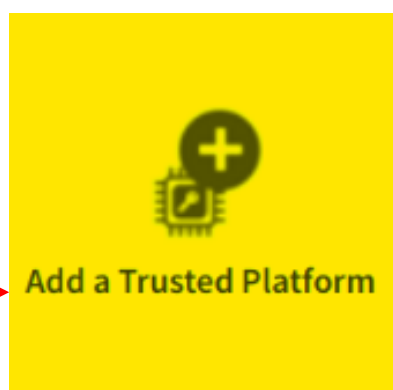
In the top right-hand corner, click on the **cogwheel**, and **My Account**

Management of Trusted platforms

Select Manage my Security keys and Trusted platforms

Add a Trusted platform

Select Add a Trusted platform





Adding / validating a Trusted platform

On your computer:



Give a name to your device

and **submit the request**
to go to the next stage



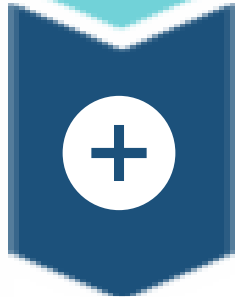
Confirm your identity

(example for a fingerprint already
configured) or **click on More choices**



Select

fingerprint, PIN code or facial recognition (options
depend on device)

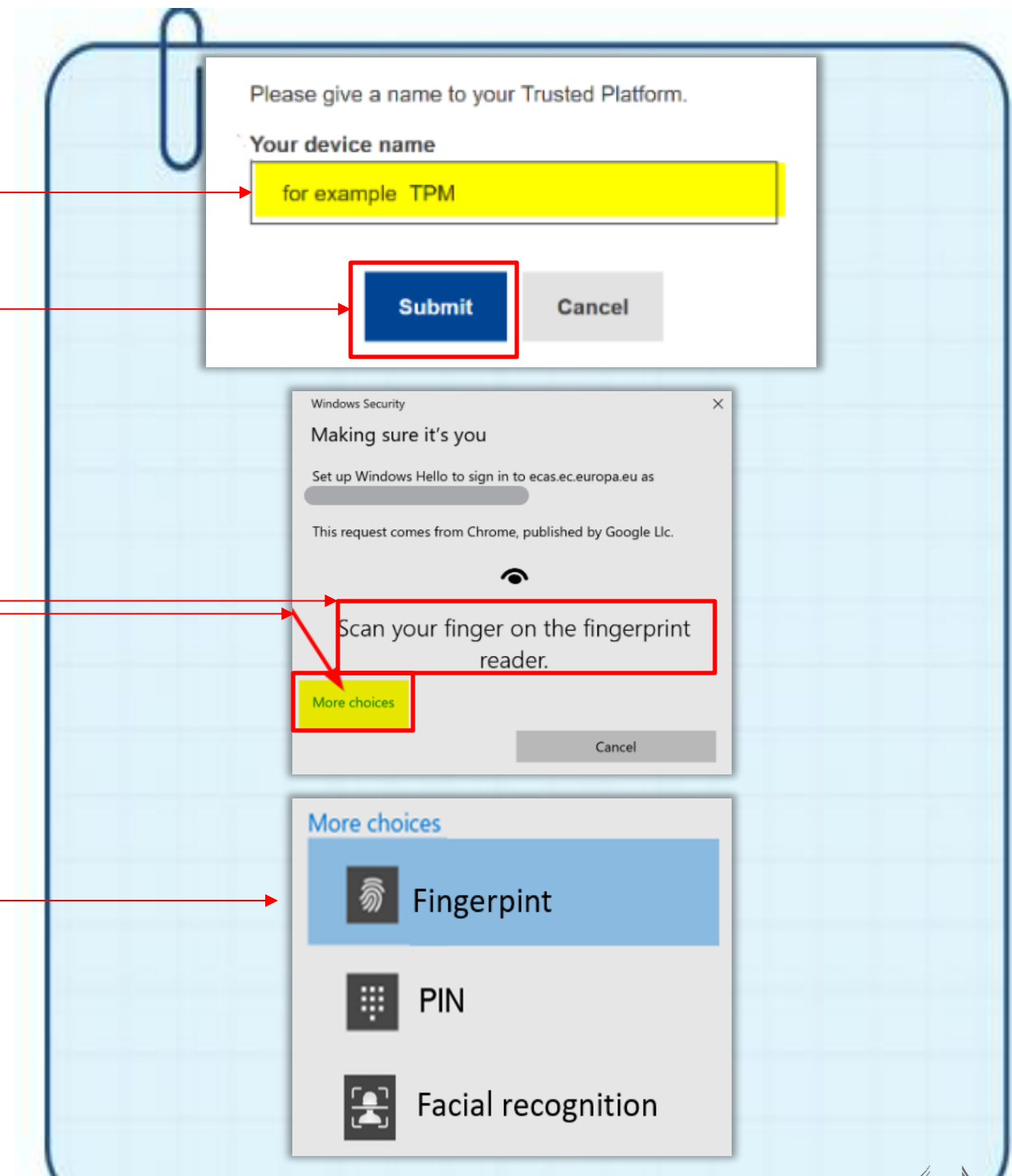


Confirmation

Once your computer has been added as a secure platform,
a confirmation message will appear.

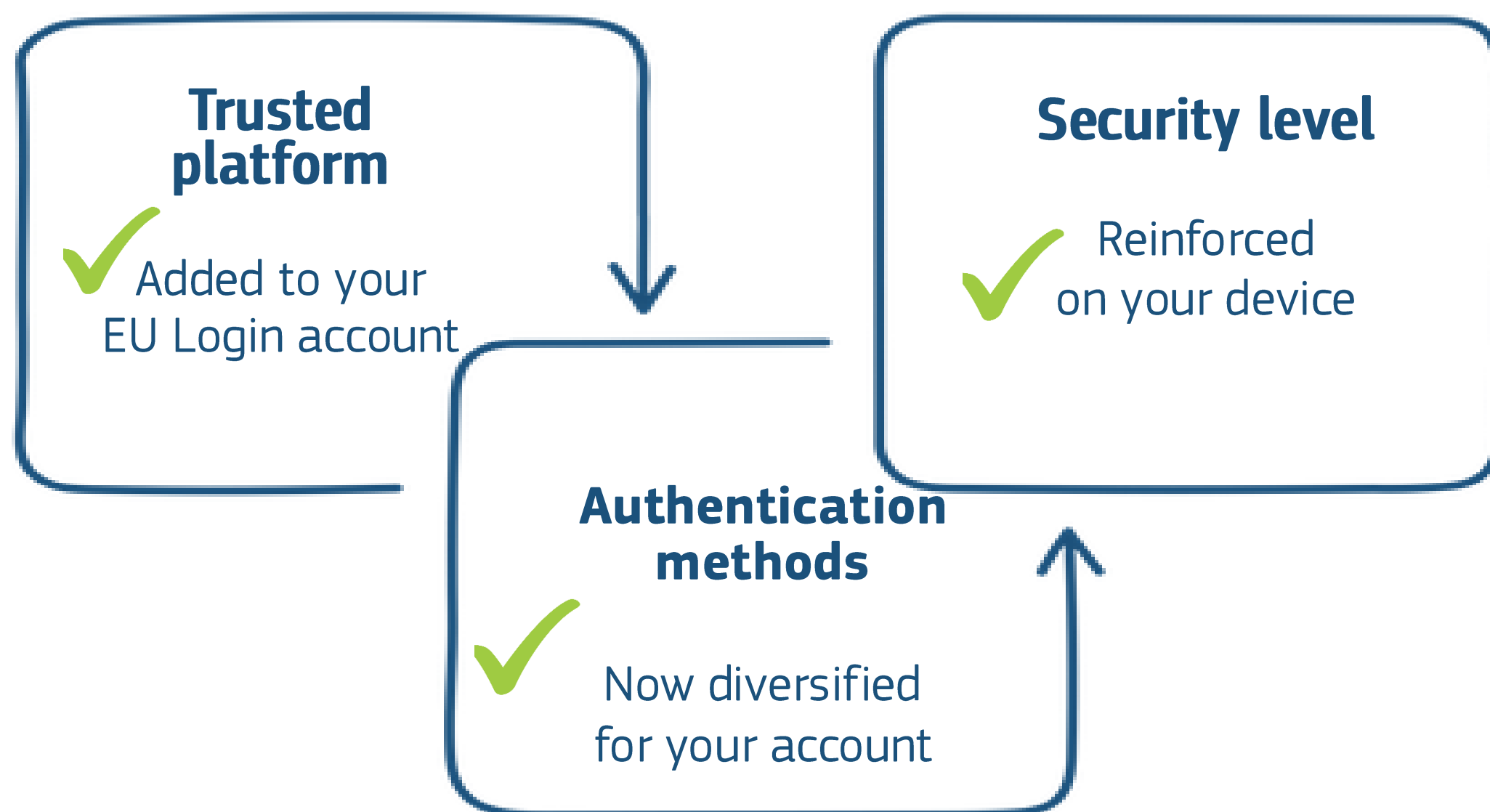


A security platform has been added





Installation Trusted platform complete!



You can now authenticate via Secure platform

Instructions Security key (USB)

Make sure to have the following elements at your disposal:



- 1. A security key that complies with FIDO2.** Check your device's compatibility on the FIDO Alliance website: <https://fidoalliance.org/certification/fido-certified-products>
- 2. A compatible computer.** [More information online](#)
- 3. A compatible and up-to-date browser.** [More information online about compatible browsers](#)
- 4. Your EU Login credentials** (email address and password)
- 5. The address and password** for your private email account



Access EU Login

On your computer:



Open your web browser

Type in the URL: ecas.ec.europa.eu/cas

Check your e-mail address

(Your address must be visible)

Enter your login details

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Finalise the connection

Click on Sign in **(4)**

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Access your account settings

On your computer, EU Login account:

Access the settings

In the top right-hand corner, click on the **cogwheel**, and **My Account**

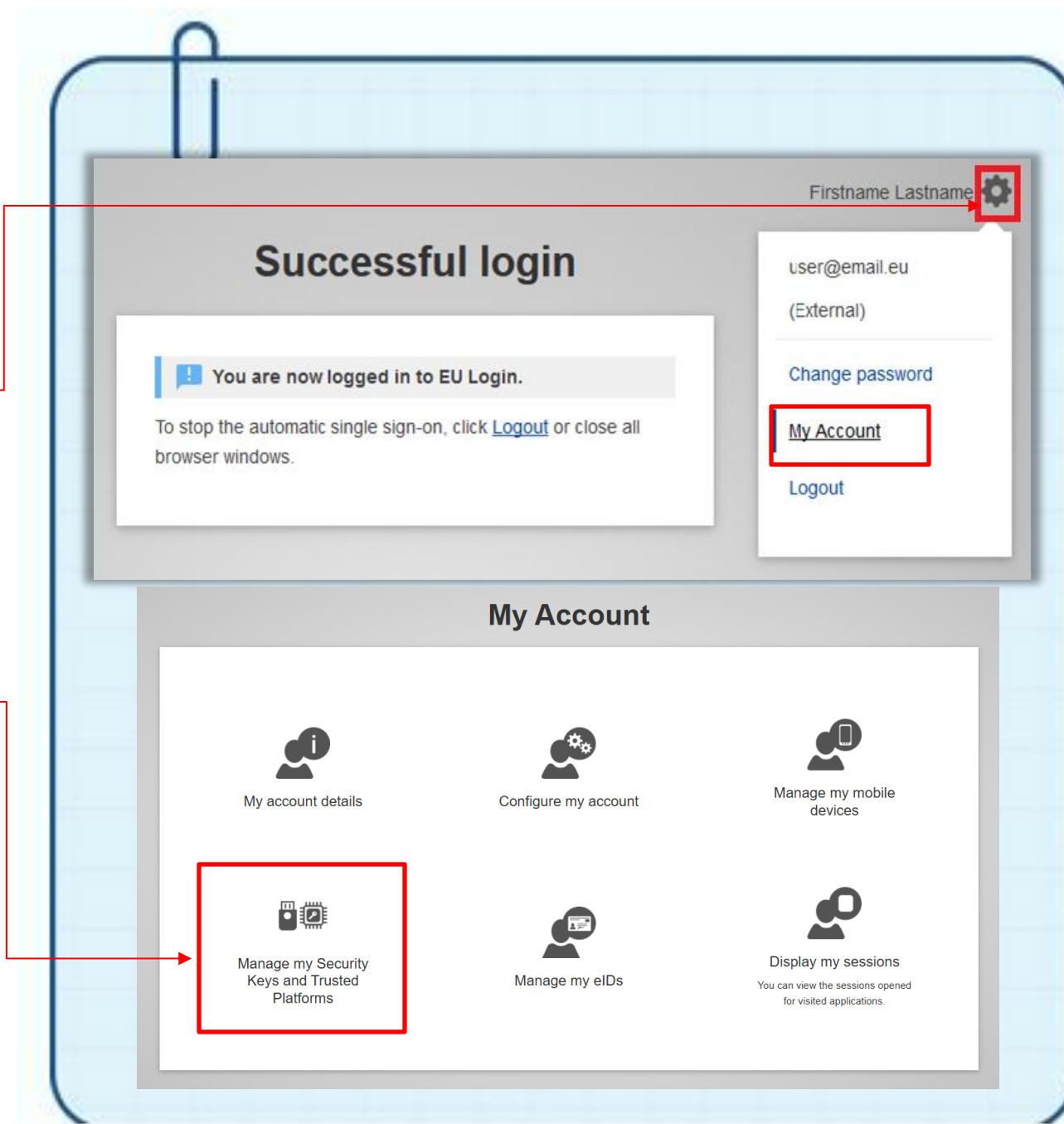
Management of Security keys

Select **Manage my Security keys** and **Trusted platforms**

Add a Security key

Select **Add a Security key**

Add a Security Key





Configure your Security key

On your computer:

Follow the instructions on the screen

The steps may vary depending on your device and your web browser

If available, select Security key

If unavailable, select another device or cancel

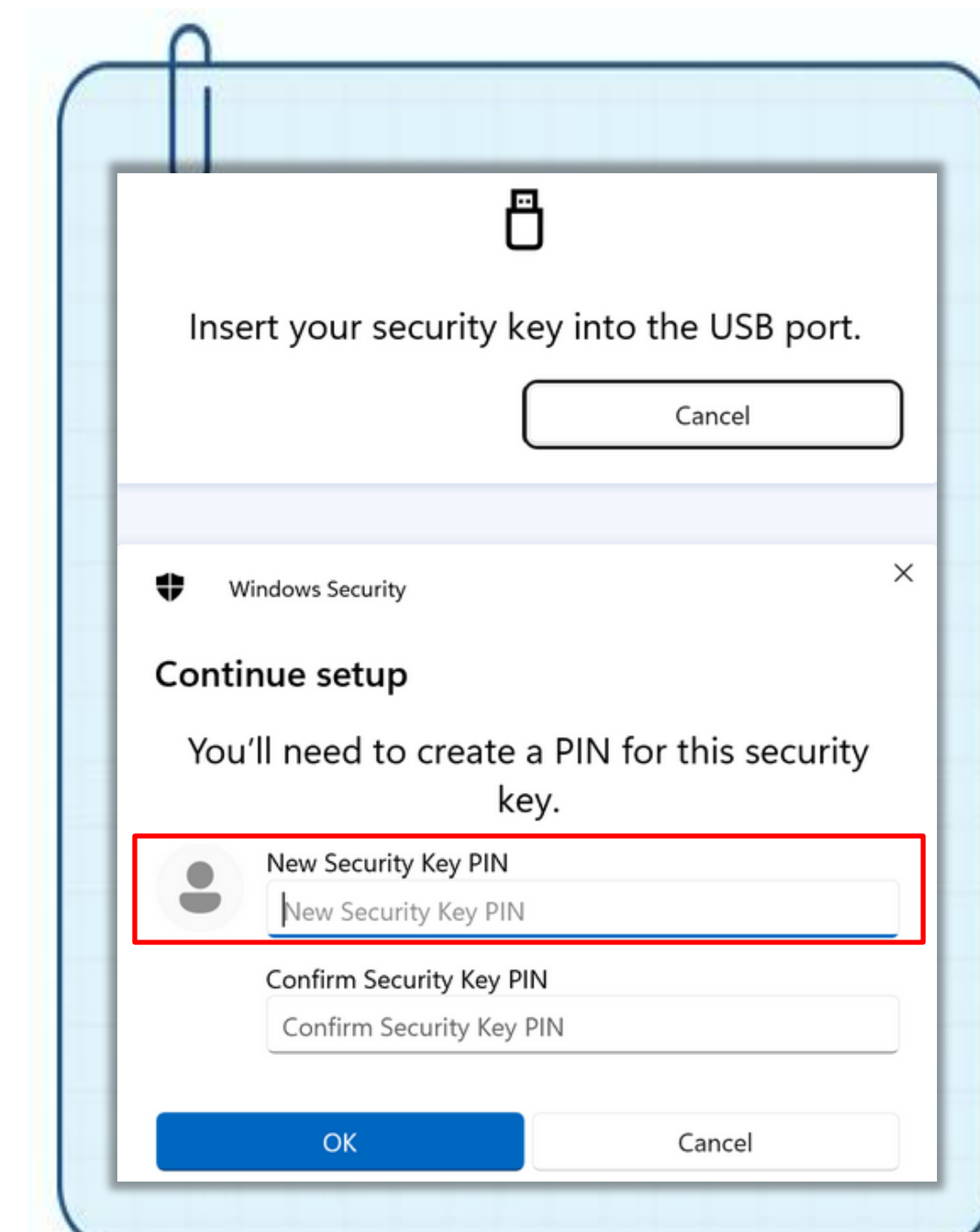
Insert your security key in the USB port
of your device

Set and enter a PIN code
for your key, then **confirm**

Touch the key
To finalise the configuration

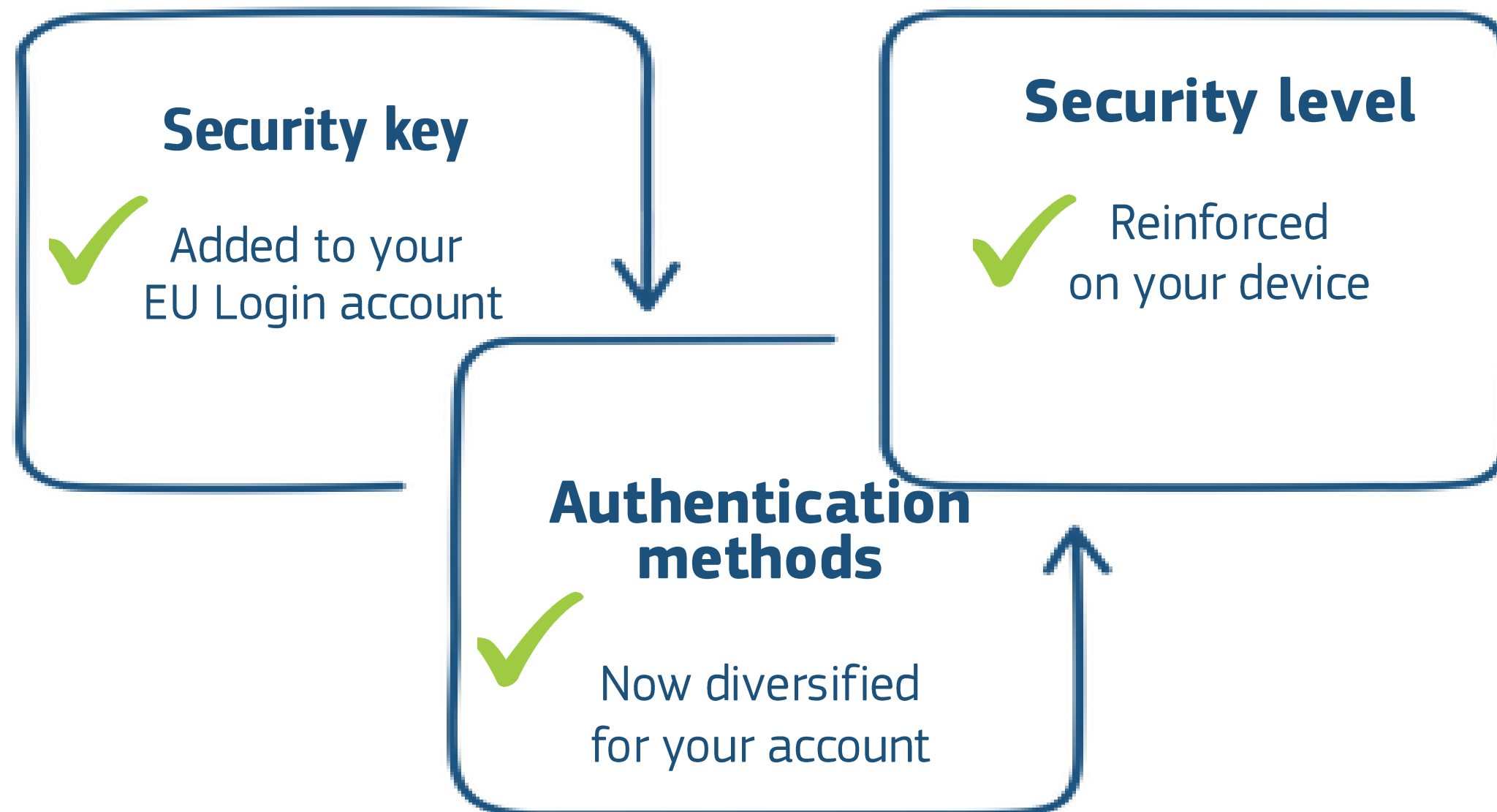


A Security Key has been added





Installation of Security key complete !



You can now authenticate with a security key

About Passkey



Passkeys can be used in EU Login as a verification method. using cryptographic key pairs. Although this may sound very complicated, the process is quite simple: a passkey consists of two cryptographic keys:

- 1. A private key** that is stored securely on your device (and can also be synchronised in the cloud)
- 2. A public key** shared with the service you are logging into (in this case, EU Login)

When you try to log in, the service sends a request to your device. Your device uses the private key to respond to the request and prove your identity



Instructions Passkey

Make sure to have the following elements at your disposal:

- 1. Your computer and mobile device** connected to the Internet and with Bluetooth enabled
- 2. Your EU Login account credentials** (email address and password)
- 3. The address and password** of your private email account

The steps may vary considerably, so

we recommend that you start from your mobile device



Access EU Login

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Open your web browser

Type in the URL: ecas.ec.europa.eu/cas

Check your e-mail address

(Your address must be visible)

Enter your login credentials

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Finalise the connection

Click on Sign in **(4)**

Sign in to continue

Welcome

Email address / unique identifier

[Sign in with a different e-mail address?](#)

Password

(1)

[Lost your password?](#)

Choose your verification method

Password (2) **(3)**

Authenticate to EU Login with only your password.

Sign in (4)



Access your account settings

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Management of Security keys

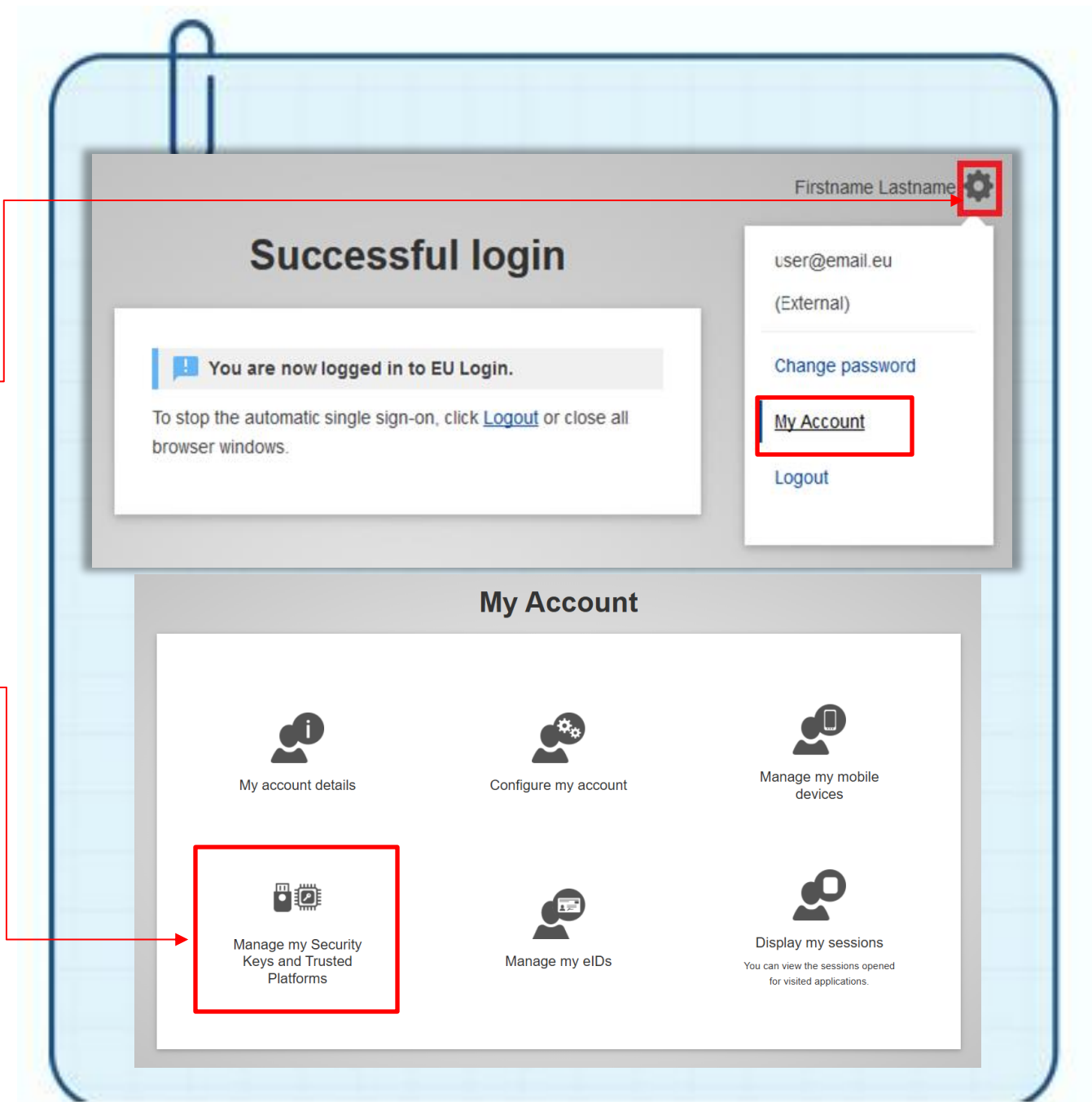
Select Manage my Security keys and Trusted platforms



Add a Security key

Select Add a Security key*

This menu serves both for adding a Passkey and a Security key





Configure your Passkey

On your **mobile device**:

Follow the instructions on the screen

The steps may vary depending on your device and web browser

Choose and enter a name

for your device and click Submit

You will be prompted to create a Passkey

sur on your mobile device using a biometric identifier or PIN code. **Accept.**

Please note: if your mobile device supports different access key storage modes, you will be asked to choose one.

This may determine whether or not the access key will be synchronised with the cloud.

4. Additional resources

Additional resources

PMO Service Guide: <http://paymaster-office.ec.europa.eu/> -> EU Login section

- **Interactive guide** presenting each authentication method
- **Links to video tutorials** and illustrated step-by-step instructions
- **Registration form for support sessions** and practical help on EU Login

EU user portal Login : <https://trusted-digital-identity.europa.eu/>

- [How can I add a mobile device to my EU Login account? - European Union](#)
- [How can I add my eID to my EU Login account - European Union](#)
- [How can I add a Security Key or a Trusted Platform? - European Union](#)
- [Passkey in EU Login](#)

Apple / Windows details

1. Mac with T2 chip (2017-2020)

These models include functionality equivalent to TPM 2.0 via the Secure Enclave on the T2 chip.

- iMac Pro (2017)
- Mac mini (2018)
- MacBook Air (2018, 2019, 2020)
- MacBook Pro (2018, 2019, 2020)
- Mac Pro (2019)

2. Mac with Apple Silicon (M1, M2, M3, etc.)

Apple's Silicon chips integrate the Secure Enclave directly into their architecture, replacing the T2 and offering advanced encryption and authentication functions.

All Mac M1, M2, M3 and later versions use this approach.

Comparison with Windows PCs

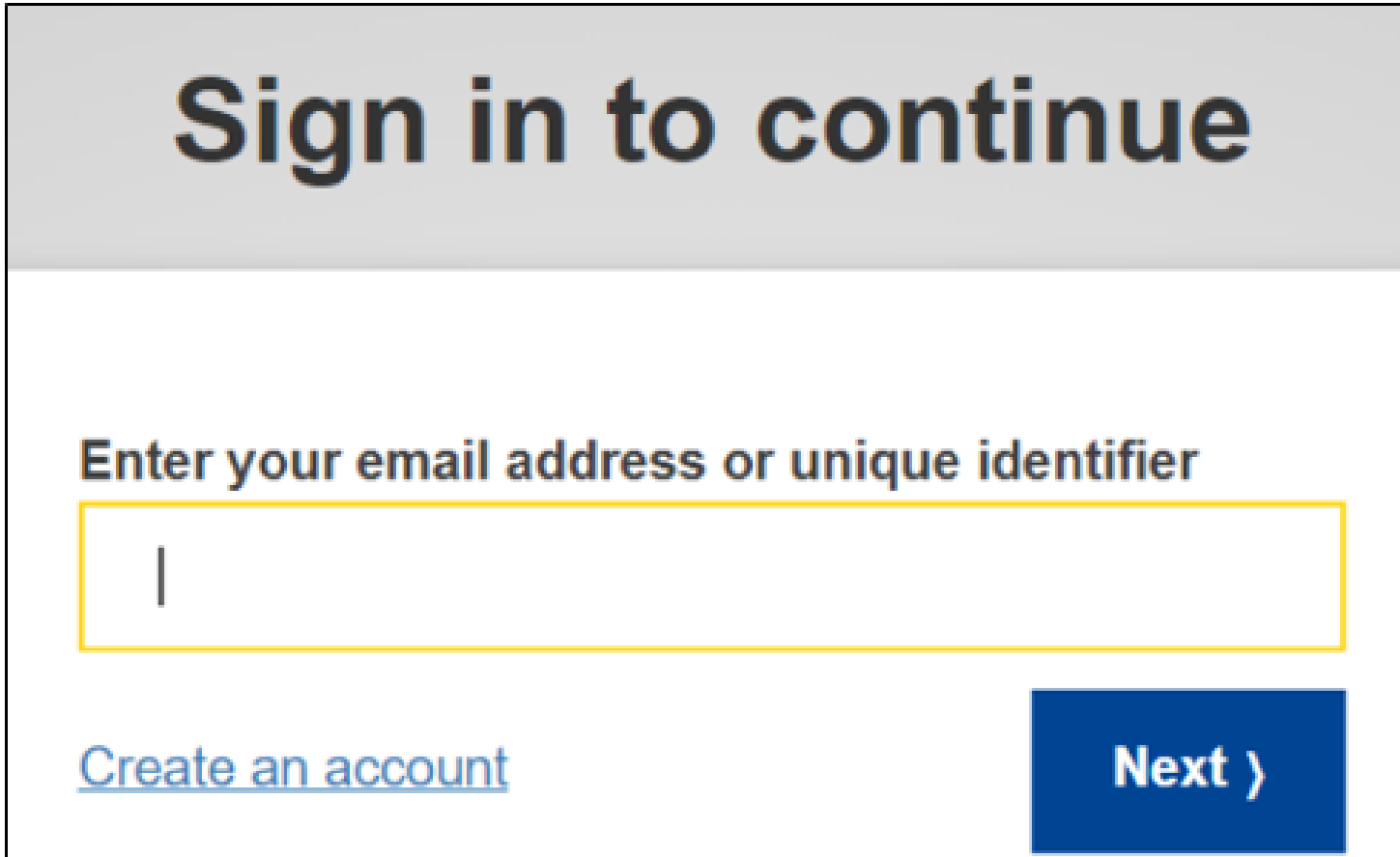
On Windows, the TPM 2.0 is required for Windows 10 and is often a separate chip or integrated into modern CPUs (Intel PTT, AMD fTPM). At Apple, the TPM's role is fulfilled by the Secure Enclave, which protects encryption keys, Touch ID and secure boot.

4. Coaching in small groups:

Use your
authentication method!

Use your authentication method (1-3)

1. Go to the **EU Login page**:
ecas.ec.europa.eu/cas
2. Enter your **private e-mail address** or your **unique identifier**
3. Select **Next**



The screenshot shows a web interface for signing in. At the top, there is a grey header with the text "Sign in to continue". Below this, the main content area has a heading "Enter your email address or unique identifier" followed by a text input field with a yellow border. At the bottom left of the input area, there is a link "Create an account". At the bottom right, there is a blue button with the text "Next >".

Use your authentication method (4-7)

- ④ Click on the arrow in the drop-down list (under **Choose your verification method**).
- ⑤ Select **your authentication method**.
- ⑥ Enter your **password**.
- ⑦ Select **Sign in**.

Sign in to continue

Welcome


Email address / unique identifier


[Sign in with a different e-mail address?](#)

Password

[Lost your password?](#)







Choose your verification method

 **Password**
Authenticate to EU Login with only your password.



[Sign in](#)

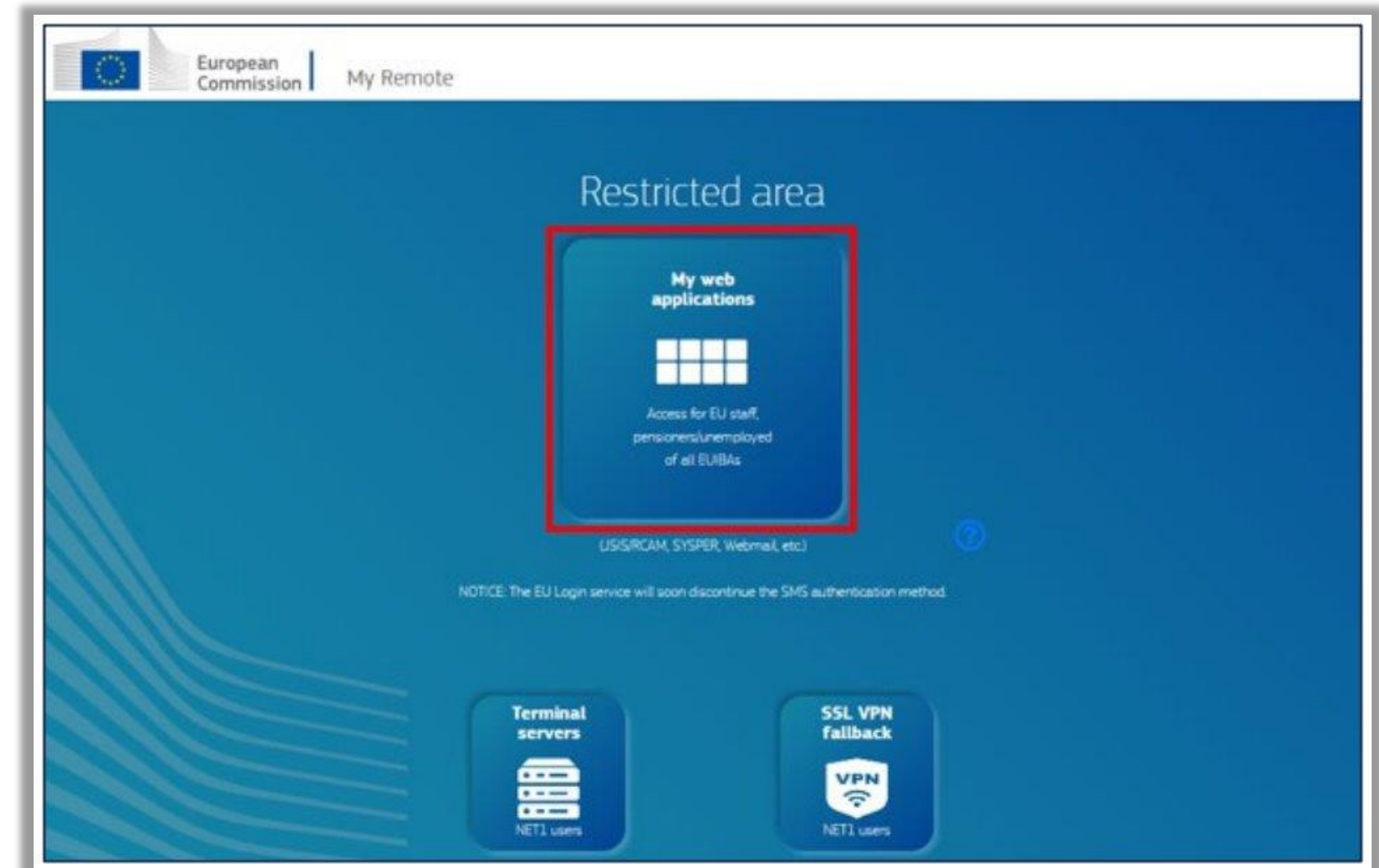
On Mobile Authentication *
Use the EU Login Mobile app, installed on your device, to authenticate with EU Login.

-  **Security Key or Trusted Platform**
Use a security key or trusted platform to authenticate with EU Login.
-  **EU Login Mobile App PIN Code**
Use your registered EU Login Mobile app to verify your identity.
-  **EU Login Mobile App QR Code**
Generate a one-time-password with the EU Login Mobile app.
-  **Token**
Use a VASCO token to generate a one-time-password to login.
-  **Token CRAM**
Use a CRAM token to generate a one-time-password.
-  **Electronic ID (eID)**
Use your registered electronic ID (eID) to verify your identity.

Use your authentication method (8-9)

8. Access **My Remote** :
<https://myremote.ec.europa.eu/>
9. Under Restricted area, **click on My web applications.**

You are now connected to the European Commission's digital services for post-active staff of the European institutions.



Summary

We're here for you!

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need help installing any of these solutions:

Book an appointment for EU Login support (during the SMS discontinuation period)

- By **telephone** - on working days from 9.30 to 12.30 for **urgent and complex cases:**

+32 229 11111 is the single contact number for all PMO services

- By **email:** PMO-IT-APPLICATIONS@ec.europa.eu



THANK YOU!