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## **MALTESE EMBASSIES WILL USE MOBILE BIOMETRIC SCANNING SYSTEM OF INDRA FOR ISSUING VISAS**

- **Mounted in a briefcase weighing 9 kg, this innovative system makes it possible to capture a traveller's biographical and biometric data quickly and easily**
- **The solution captures fingerprints, hand-written signatures and facial features, and integrates them into the EU information system**
- **Indra is a pioneer in secure identification with over 30 million identify cards and passports issued using its technology**

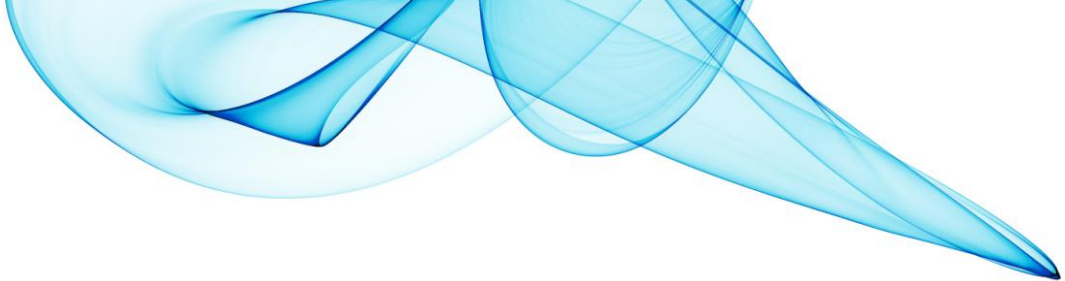
Indra has completed development of an innovative mobile system for capturing biometric information for issuing visas which has already started to be supplied to Maltese embassies and consulates. In total, Indra will deliver close to 500 of the mobile stations to the Foreign Ministry.

The system makes it possible to quickly and easily capture the necessary biometric information for issuing the travel document. In addition, it facilitates consolidation of the data with the visual information system of the European Union, the VISA Information System (VIS). Thus it meets the most stringent applicable standards and guarantees complete interoperability with the systems of other European countries.

The Indra solution is mounted in a briefcase that contains all the necessary elements for capturing the data. Specifically, it includes a robust laptop computer, a fingerprint scanning device, a digital camera and a tablet for recording the traveller's signature.

Weighing only 9 kilograms, the briefcase complies with IATA requirements for carry-on luggage on commercial flights. Its standard dimensions make it possible for the embassy official to travel with it onboard. Thus, the authorities will be able to issue the permit even when the person cannot visit the embassy or is in a city or country without a Maltese embassy.

The digitisation of the biometric information performed by the Indra system avoids the risk of identity theft and facilitates the visa holder's passage through security controls upon arrival in Malta. This aspect is especially important for a country that depends on tourism as a major source of revenue.

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The system is based on SIBED software developed by Indra for issuing identity documents and passports. This system is widely implemented in different countries and has been adapted to the needs of the Maltese Foreign Ministry. Indra is a pioneer in developing secure identification systems, with over 30 million identity documents and cards generated using the company's technology.

As part of this project, Indra technicians have been training Maltese embassy and consulate staff members to enable them to make the most of this technology.

Indra has extensive experience developing intelligent identity documents, biometric identification systems, cryptography systems and PKI solutions. The company has led emblematic projects such as the roll-out of the electronic national identity document (DNI) and passport in Spain, implementation of the ABC System automated border control system in Barajas and El Prat airports, implementation of the maritime passport in Panama, and supplying Portugal with document verification systems. It is also leading the STORK project sponsored by the European Commission to develop a platform that enables management of the electronic identities of 400 million European citizens.

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Indra is one of the world's largest consultancy and technology multinationals, a leader in Europe and Latin America and is expanding in other emerging economies. Innovation is the cornerstone of its business, which is highly focussed on the customer and on sustainability. The multinational is one of the leaders in its sector in Europe in terms of investment in R&D and innovation, having invested more than €550M in the last three years. With sales approaching €3,000 million, it employs 42,000 professional and has customers in 128 countries.