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# OECS IDENTIFICATION “DIGITAL” SYSTEM

# Overview



WHO ARE WE?



WHY THE NEED FOR  
AN OECS (DIGITAL)  
ID?



ID IMPLEMENTATION  
IN THE OECS  
MEMBER STATES



IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE OECS ID



SUMMARY

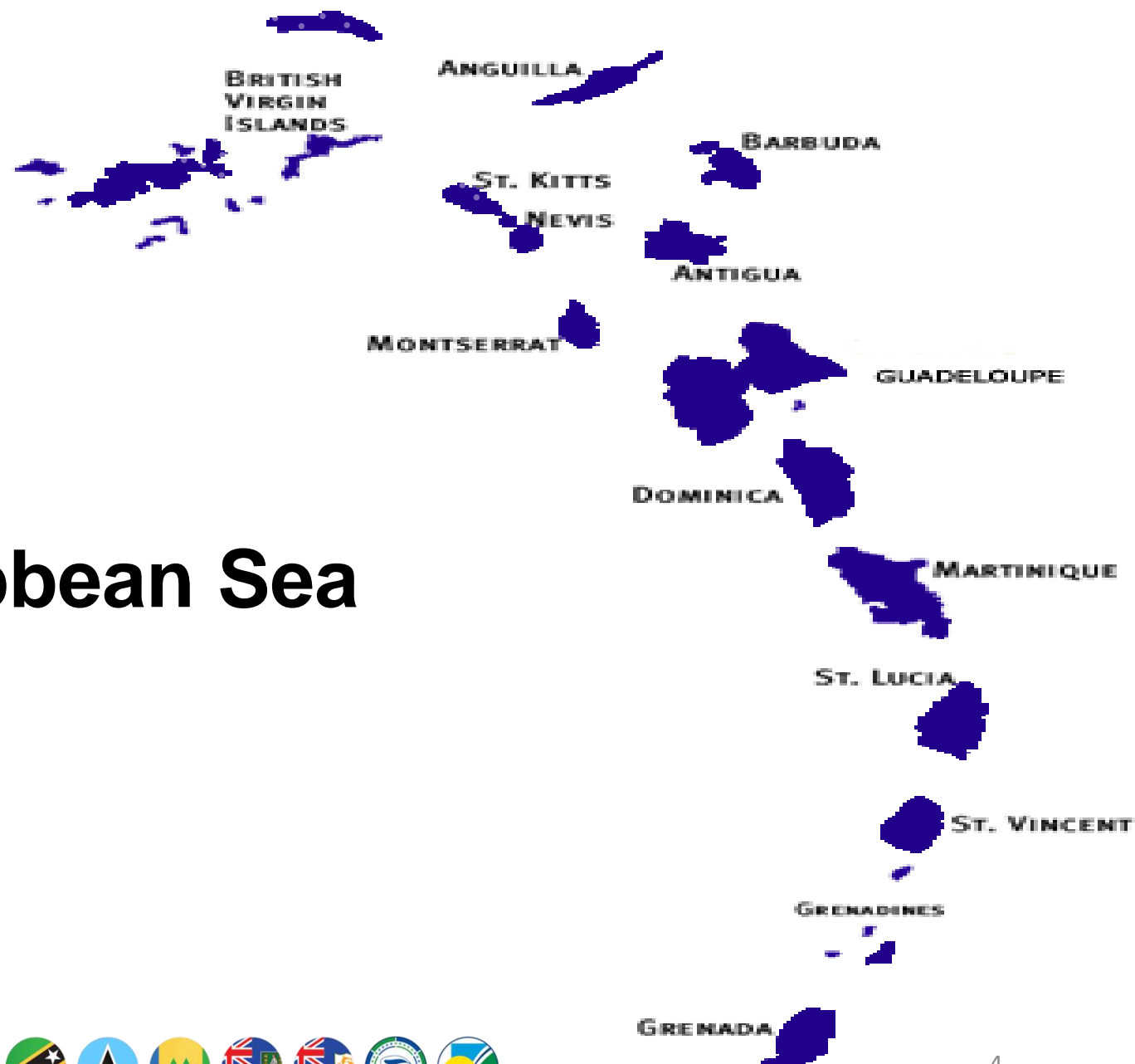


# OECS MEMBER STATES

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## Caribbean Sea





# OECS

## Organs & Institutions

### Who are we? (Cont.)

#### ORGANS

- OECS Authority
- Economic Affairs Council
- Council of Ministers
- OECS Assembly
- OECS Commission

#### INSTITUTIONS

- Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB)
- Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC)
- Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority (ECCAA)

# Who are We? (Cont.)

## Overall Objectives

Promote cooperation at the regional (CARICOM) and international levels;

Promote Unity and Solidarity to protect sovereignty;

To Harmonize Foreign Policy;

Promote Joint Policies (e.g. defense, judiciary, international trade, finance, currency and central bank, social protection, education, telecommunications)

Establish an Economic Union

(RTB in June 18, 2010)



## THE ECONOMIC UNION:

- *the creation of a single financial and economic space*

- *promotion of global competitiveness;*

- *inter-sectoral linkages;*

- *economic and social stability; and*

- *enhance economic growth and development*



# Why the need for an OECS (digital) ID?

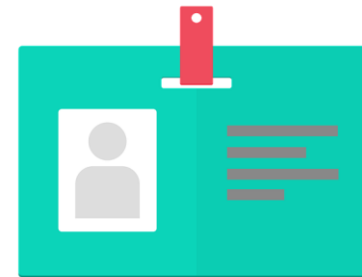
# To improve national ID systems (improving interoperability among ID providers and creating population registers)



**Enrollment  
Processes (at birth  
& onboarding of  
the population)**



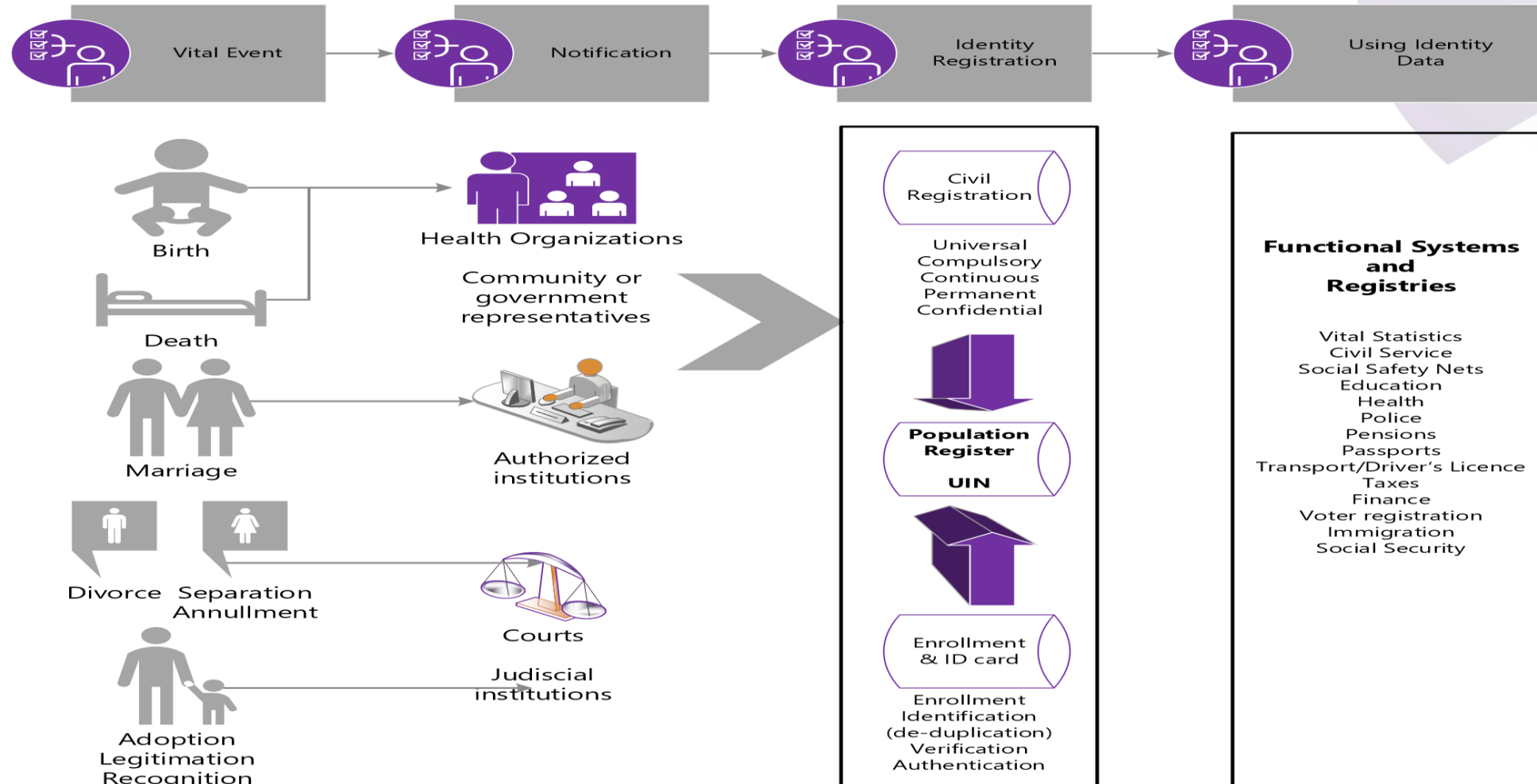
**Verification  
Process**



**Issuance Process**



# Status of ID Implementation in 4 OECS Member States



Source: NRD AS, 2021

# Status of ID Implementation in 4 OECS Member States (Cont.)

## Foundational Systems

- Foundational civil registration process is well developed
  - Process is not digitalized
- No Population Registry/Residential Registry in place
- No Unique ID being issued from birth and terminated at death

## Supporting Framework (Legal, Policy, Technology)

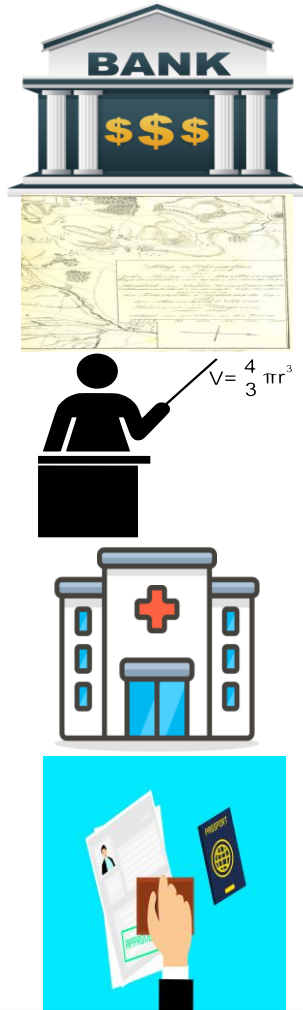
- Integration between foundational systems and between foundational and functional identity systems required.
- Biometric information (e.g., fingerprints) collected in two countries, but not provided/stored within foundational systems.
  - Legislation Framework to support the regulation of national identity management, including digitization aspects, as well as privacy, security aspects and foresee regional integration aspects related to unique ID needed.
    - Governance Structure required

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# Increasing Access to Government Services & the Private Sector



## Promoting Access Across the ECEU

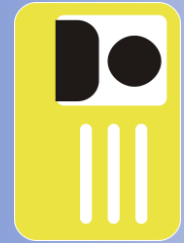
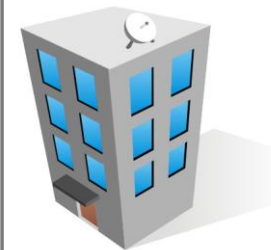
- e.g.
- Education
  - health care
  - land registry
  - immigration
  - Financial Sector
  - Border Crossing Points



Families

&

Businesses



The OECS ID (digital) System





## The OECS ID (digital) System

Developing  
National  
Implementation  
Plans

Governance  
Framework

Conceptual  
Design

Technical  
Solution

Legal  
Framework

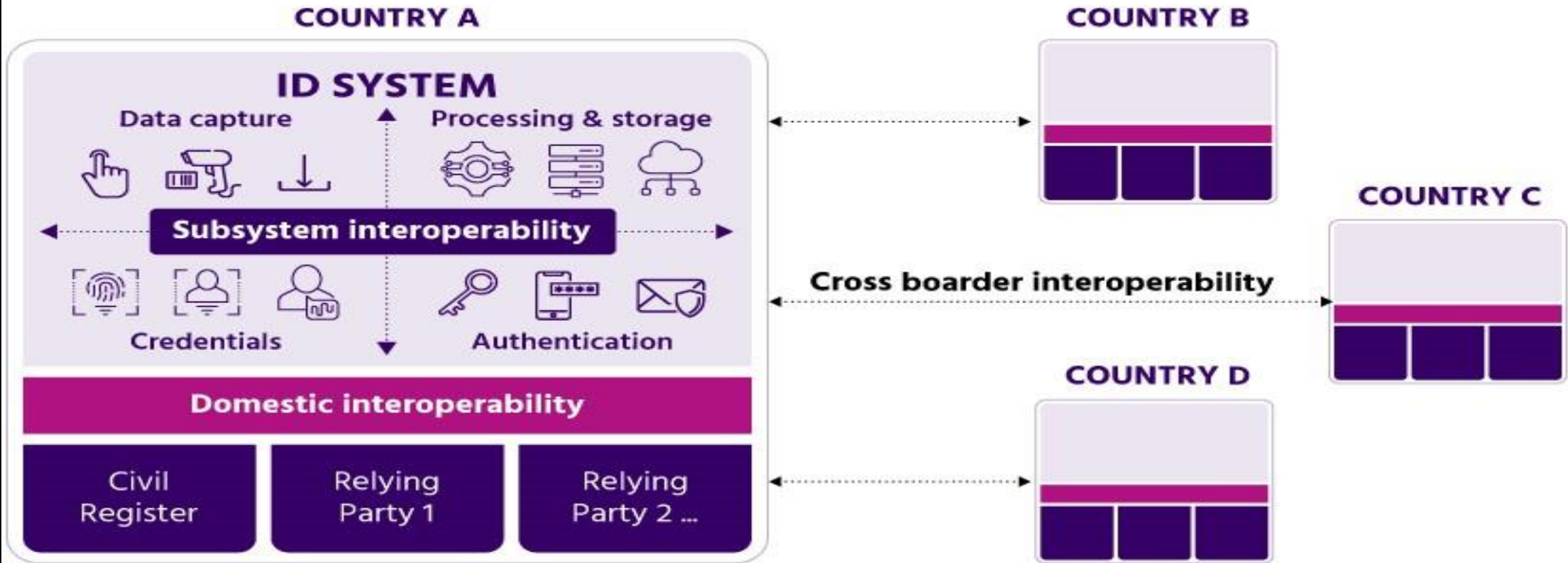
Public  
Advocacy

Onboarding  
of the  
Population

Source: NRD AS, 2021



# OECS ID System



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# Summary Remarks

- Improvement in the national ID system
- Introduction of contemporary IT Solutions to meet the OECS ID objectives (e.g. allowing for cross border interoperability, open source concept)
- Improvement in the legal framework for ID issuance, inclusive of provisions for data protection and data privacy, among others
- Implementation that is people centered (extensive consultation of expected benefits including individual control of data and data protection)



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