

## New Dutch Expertise center 'Privacy & Identity Lab'

The Hague, 17 November 2011 – The Radboud University, TNO, Tilburg University and SIDN, the company behind .nl domains, will collaborate in developing better solutions for managing online privacy and electronic identities. To this end they have decided to set up an expertise center, the 'Privacy & Identity Lab' (PI.lab) that will combine their current research and enable them to start-up new research. This joint collaboration is unique because it involves research into the technical, legal and social-economic aspects of privacy and identity.

### Privacy protection

The parties have established PI.lab because in our society, it has become crucial to have adequate privacy protection and proper identity management. Ronald Leenes, professor of Regulation by Technology at Tilburg University and Scientific Director of the lab: "At the same time we see that acceptance and development of important social ICT systems do not function properly if they are not given sufficient attention and also because these systems are becoming increasingly more complex. The troublesome histories of the Electronic Patient Record, the "OV Chip Card" and the Smart Meter bear witness to this."

### Aim

The PI.lab is going to build-up scientific know-how by actively participating in national and international research activities and programs. It is certainly equally important to apply this expertise in practice. Leenes: "A significant part of the lab's strategy is to ensure that this acquired know-how does not go to waste. That is why the PI.lab offers tailor-made advice to stakeholders and public authorities and will, amongst other things, organize a yearly conference, expertise seminars and a publication series."

### Competences

The PI.lab participants aim to develop solutions to the problems at hand in a multi-disciplinary manner. Therefore, they have combined their different competencies to achieve better solutions. Tilburg University (via the Tilburg Institute of Law, Technology, and Society (TILT) offers legal, ethical and societal know-how, the Radboud University (through the Institute of Computer and Information Science) provides the technological know-how and, TNO provides the technological and policy-making knowledge in (in particular through the departments Information Security and Strategies for the Information Society). Upon the start of the center, SIDN will finance three PhD projects and provide expertise in the fields of internet security and stability.

If you would like more information about the expertise center, please contact the Scientific Director, professor Ronald Leenes ([r.e.leenes@uvt.nl](mailto:r.e.leenes@uvt.nl)) or the Commercial Director Dr . Jacques Bus ([jb@digitrust.eu](mailto:jb@digitrust.eu)).