

Directive (EU) 2017/1132 of the European Parliament and
of the Council of 14 June 2017 relating to certain aspects
of company law (codification) (Text with EEA relevance)

TITLE I

**GENERAL PROVISIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
FUNCTIONING OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES**

CHAPTER III

[^{F1}Online procedures (formation, registration and filing), disclosure and registers]

Section 1

General provisions

[^{F1}Article 13a

Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter:

- (1) ‘electronic identification means’ means an electronic identification means as defined in point (2) of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁾
- (2) ‘electronic identification scheme’ means an electronic identification scheme as defined in point (4) of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014;
- (3) ‘electronic means’ means electronic equipment used for the processing, including digital compression, and the storage of data, and through which information is initially sent and received at its destination; that information being entirely transmitted, conveyed and received in a manner to be determined by Member States;
- (4) ‘formation’ means the whole process of establishing a company in accordance with national law, including the drawing up of the company’s instrument of constitution and all the necessary steps for the entry of the company in the register;
- (5) ‘registration of a branch’ means a process leading to disclosure of documents and information relating to a branch newly opened in a Member State;
- (6) ‘template’ means a model for the instrument of constitution of a company which is drawn up by Member States in compliance with national law and is used for the online formation of a company in accordance with Article 13g.]

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- (1) [^{F1}Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC (OJ L 257, 28.8.2014, p. 73).]

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