Membership and directed fund sponsorship are open to all companies, foundations, nonprofits and individuals who align with our mission.

Over the last decade, Kantara Initiative has led the way in developing best practice and trust schemes in the digital identity and privacy space with the goal of building trustworthiness for consumers and ensuring people have agency over data about them.

Kantara is the global consortium improving trustworthy use of information and personal data through innovation, standardization and good practice. It is the only industry organization focused on privacy and digital identity.

Kantara Milestones

April 5, 2010 First user group meeting held

April 9, 2010 Kantara Identity Assurance Framework 2.0

May 3, 2011 Fourth Working group meeting held. New approved US ICAM eID DSS

March 26, 2012 Kantara Initiative establishes Kantara Europe governance and structure

May 1, 2012 Kantara's Identity Assurance Framework ratified

November 1, 2012 Kantara Initiative becomes the first Approved US ICAM LoA and 3 non-PKI Trust Framework Provider

May 2, 2013 Kantara Initiative's Information Sharing Work Group releases the Standard Information Sharing Label designed to give people a visual summary of the data controller's privacy statement

July 2, 2013 Kantara Initiative pledges to adopt the four principles of the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC) — the White House initiative to improve the privacy, security, and convenience of sensitive online transactions

May 7, 2013 Kantara's UMA specification named EIC Award Winner for Innovation in Information Security

March 1, 2014 Kantara publishes 0.9 draft User Managed Access UMA prior to 1.0 Recommendation

February 1, 2015 Colin Wallis, Executive Director named top 100 influencer in identity

March 1, 2016 Kantara self-incorporates as a 501(c)6 nonprofit consortium and professional trade association

November 25, 2016 Kantara Incubates ID Pro, as the premier trade association for identity professionals

June 3, 2018 Kantara Initiative releases the First Open, Global Consent Receipt Specification to assist compliance with GDPR and other emerging regulations

January 1, 2019 Kantara Initiative Europe established in Tallinn, Estonia as a separate standalone entity

April 1, 2019 Kantara Consent Receipt example added as annex into ISO/IEC 29184 Online privacy notices and consent

April 3, 2019 SAML V2.0 Implementation Profile for Federation Interoperability published

June 2, 2019 Kantara Initiative educational Foundation established in Delaware as a 501(c)3 non-profit public good charity

June 3, 2019 Kantara Educational Foundation acquires assets of IDESG

August 9, 2019 Kantara Initiative Europe successful in its consortium bid with NGI_Trust for H2020 funds of €5.6M

April 10, 2020 Kantara join forces with expert organizations in the sector of eID and trust to launch the non-profit go.eIDAS-Initiative — supporting the widespread adoption of eID and trust services according to the eIDAS-Regulation (EU)

January 1, 2021 Kantara Initiative Europe announces addition of Ruth Puente as 3rd Director