

## e-APP in Belgium

eLegalization Project



## Before 2018

- Paper version delivered ( with a sticker )
- Not possible to receive an apostille on an electronic document
- Citizens had to physically come to Brussels
- Long queues observed
- Human intervention = source of errors
- Risk of fraud





## Practical example

<u>Case</u>: A Belgian (« John Smith ») lives in Mexico and needs an apostille on a criminal record to enroll at a university.

#### Steps:

- 1.He asks the Belgian judicial authority to receive an extract from his criminal record
- 2. The Belgian judicial authority sends his document to Mexico
- 3.John Smith sends his document to the Belgian Foreign Affairs and pays by wire transfer.
- 4.Once the payment has been received, Belgian Foreign Affairs deliver an apostille on the document and send it back to John Smith in Mexico.
- => It took more than a month for the citizen to receive an apostille on his document!



# What is eLegalization?

- Digitalization of the legalisation process
- A 18 month project
- Team of 6 people with different backgrounds (analyst, developpers, manager)
- Released in production the 01/03/2018





## How does it work?

#### 3 Websites:

- eLegalization Public: for partners ( municipalities, notaries, ministery, other belgian authorities) and soon for citizens
- eLegalization Front / Back office : only used by Foreign Affairs
- Legalweb : e-Register



# Today with eLegalization

- All Apostilles are delivered electronically (on paper & digital documents)!
- Requests can be initiated online or at our counter in Brussels
- Number of visitors at our counter per day have dropped by a half
- The queue is now max 20 min
- Reduction of human errors
- Risk of fraud dramatically decreased





# Practical example: Today

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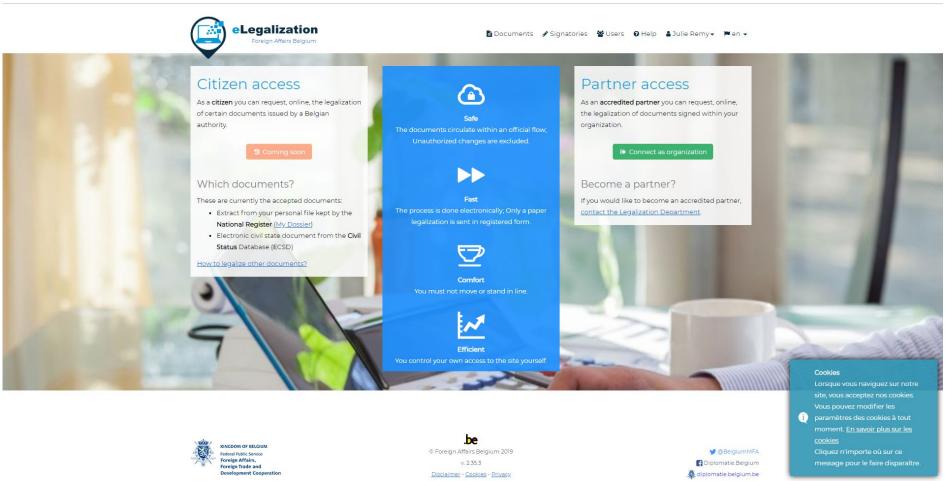
#### Steps:

- 1. He asks the Belgian judicial authority to receive an extract from his criminal record
- 2. The Belgian judicial authority produces his document and inserts an apostille request into the eLegalization system.
- 3. Within 24h the request is reviewed by Belgian Foreign Affairs and if correctly introduced will be accepted
- 4. An email is automatically sent to John Smith to pay online
- 5. As soon as the payment is made a link to the apostille in the e-register is automatically generated and sent to John Smith
- => It took 24h maximum to receive an apostille without the need to travel





# eLegalization: Website for partners & citizens







### How to manage signatures?

#### Only 5 fields + signature

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# How to insert a request for an apostille?

#### Only 5 fields to fill in + original file

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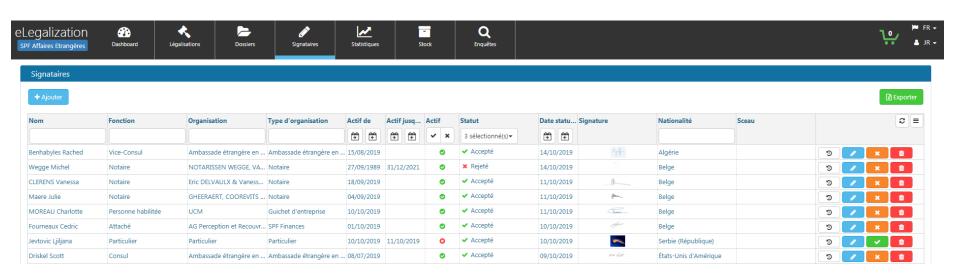




## eLegalization: Front & Back Office

#### Main fonctionnalities:

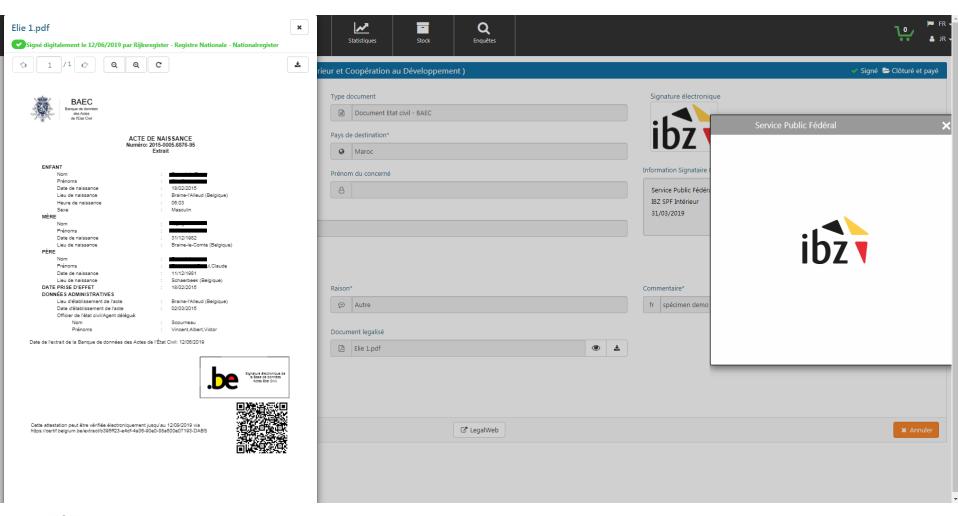
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- ✓ Manage signatories
- ✓ Manage access







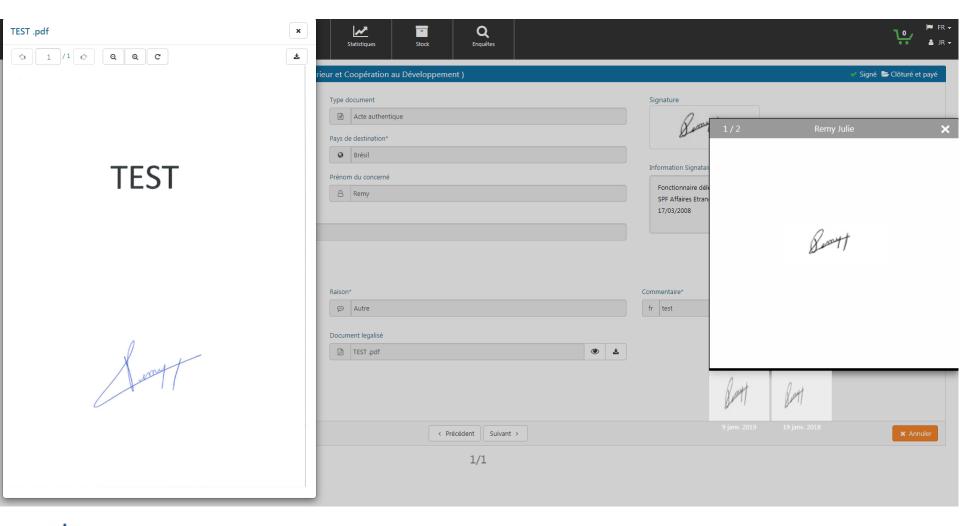
## Viewing an apostille request







## Controling a hand-written signature











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#### Search a legalization, a dossier or an investigation

#### Reference number

Legalization No / Dossier No / Investigation No
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• How to search a legalization dossier?

O How to search an investigation?



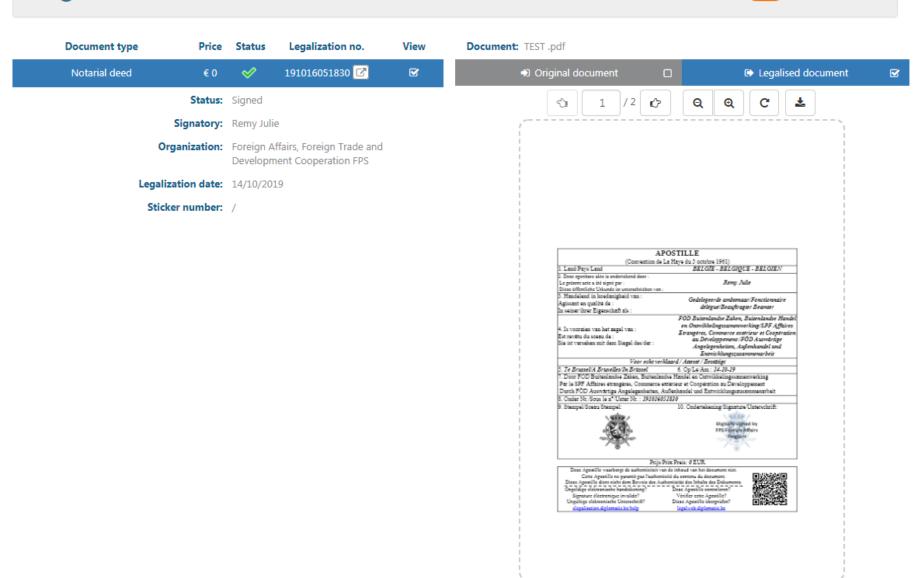
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# Implementation: Challenges

- Unwillingness from other authorities to adapt their processes
- Citizen's reluctance to receive a digital apostille
- Lack of information for foreign local authorities
- => Change management & Good communication are CSF!





## Benefits

- Confort / ease of use for the citizen but also for the administration
- Fast (processing an online request = a few seconds)
- Secure/safe
- 32 525 apostilles the last 6 month, 65% of which were requested online.



