

itsme<sup>®</sup> launches batch signing

## itsme<sup>®</sup> makes it possible to sign multiple documents with just one click

**itsme<sup>®</sup> launches a new function that enables you to sign multiple documents at the same time, with just one click. All of which considerably reduces the administrative burden for companies.**

Every day, countless numbers of documents are signed in Belgium. And more and more of them are being signed digitally with **itsme<sup>®</sup> Sign**, a qualified electronic signature that enjoys the same legal value as a handwritten signature. The result is less paperwork to grapple with and less need to move around the building or elsewhere to get papers signed.

Within the group of digital signatories, there are still quite a few people who **need to sign lots of documents at the same time** as part of their job. They include accountants, insurers, office managers, staff in the HR department, notaries and mayors. And up until now, they had to confirm their signature for each document separately by using their itsme<sup>®</sup> app and entering their secret itsme<sup>®</sup> code. All of which can be very time-consuming – especially when it comes to signing multiple documents.

### Multiple signatures

That's why itsme<sup>®</sup> is launching the **new batch signing feature for signing multiple documents at the same time**. With batch signing, the signatory receives **just one itsme<sup>®</sup> notification** for multiple documents, which means that he/she only has to enter his/her itsme<sup>®</sup> code once. The result of a multiple signature is exactly the same as with a single signature: every document has a separate signature with a **personal signing certificate**. And each signature remains **unique, confidential and protected against forgery**. itsme<sup>®</sup> Sign only provides **qualified signatures**, which meets the EU's highest standards and is legally equivalent to handwritten signatures. Other variants, such as the advanced electronic signature, offer fewer guarantees in terms of security and legal enforceability. As a consequence, they are not part of the itsme<sup>®</sup> offering.

*"Our Bolero customers are already well familiar with signing documents via itsme<sup>®</sup>'s signing function, while we maintain the guarantee that there is a qualified electronic signature on the document. Signing multiple documents simultaneously can only further enhance the customer experience,"* states **Werner Eetezonne**, CEO of **Bolero**, KBC's online investment platform and one of the first platforms to use itsme<sup>®</sup>.

*"No more tapping back and forth in the itsme<sup>®</sup> app to sign each document individually,"* says **Jan Sap**, CEO from the **Fednot** federation of notaries. *"This will definitely ease the administrative burden for our notaries and further increase the ease of use for our clients."*

## 1 million signatures

Launched in February 2019, itsme<sup>®</sup> Sign has experienced enormous year-on-year growth. In 2022, itsme<sup>®</sup> Sign will reach the **1 million signatures** mark – more than double the number of signatures from the previous year. Since its launch, **more than 600 companies** have elected to present the itsme<sup>®</sup> Sign service as an option to their customers and employees. The qualified itsme<sup>®</sup> signature provides users with the ability to sign documents entirely digitally. This means you can use itsme<sup>®</sup> Sign to sign employment contracts **entirely by mobile** via the platform of a social secretariat or enter into an agreement with a new business partner, obtain a loan from the bank, sign a notarised document, sign up to a lease agreement, place an offer on a property – and so on.

## How do you access itsme<sup>®</sup> Sign?

itsme<sup>®</sup> Sign is available as part of most **national and international signing platforms**: Adobe Acrobat Sign, Connective, Dioss, Doccle, DocuSign, Dokobit, Evidos, KeySign, Logalty, Luxtrust, OneSpan, SignHere, Signicat, Zeticon, etc. Companies looking to **digitise their contract management** nearly always use the services of these specialised document and signature platforms. And companies that are already customers of these platforms can simply request the itsme<sup>®</sup> Sign option (which includes batch signing) to be activated, without any implementation work required.

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### About itsme<sup>®</sup>

The itsme<sup>®</sup> app has been the simple and secure benchmark in mobile identification and the protection of privacy in the digital world since 2017. You can use itsme<sup>®</sup> for the following: **identification** (creating a new online account and sharing identity details), **authentication** (for gaining secure, personal access to a website or application), **approval** of a transaction (confirmation of an order/instruction or bank payment) and, finally, the legal **electronic signing** of documents (qualified electronic signature with the highest level of security).

itsme<sup>®</sup> was granted accreditation as a digital identity app by the Belgian government in January 2018, followed on a European level in December 2019 (**LOA high eIDAS**). The itsme<sup>®</sup> app is used for a wide range of applications in the financial sector, because it complies with the **PSD2, FATF, GDPR** guidelines and also has **ISO 27001** certification.

itsme<sup>®</sup> was developed by the Belgian Mobile ID consortium, which is made up of the seven Belgian market leaders in the banking and telecommunications sectors: Belfius, BNP Paribas Fortis, CBC/KBC & ING on the one hand and Orange Belgium, Proximus and Telenet on the other. In mid-2021, for the first time since the launch of the itsme<sup>®</sup> identity app, a government fund – the Federal Holding and Investment Company (SFPI-FPIM) – took a stake in the company's capital, becoming a 20% shareholder. The six other shareholders also each invested additional capital with the aim of making further progress towards creating a Europe-wide digital identity app.

The app is available in Belgium and has also been available in the Netherlands since mid-2021.

**itsme<sup>®</sup> brings the security of the electronic identity card to the world of mobile.**

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