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## Introduction

Legal entity identification is an integrated and necessary component of financial transactions. Entering into business relationships requires “know your customer” processes to be initiated and maintained for the duration of these relationships and any longer-term data retention requirements to be addressed. Parties involved in financial transactions need to be identified in the records of these transactions. Then the risk for each party and the resulting concentration risk need to be measured. All of this needs to be achieved while the support for straight through processing (STP) is maintained.

Both legal entity identifiers (LEIs) and digital certificates are established tools for identity management. These tools can be of even greater benefit to users if they are combined so that they complement each other, providing a new solution to standardized digital identity. [Annex B](#) outlines the mutual benefits of this combination.

It is possible, for example, to display the LEI in a web browser address bar from the digital certificate or retrieve information from the LEI data record using an application programming interface (API).

Furthermore, the public key certificate can be linked to the LEI and its associated data record.