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For more than 20 years, STid has been protecting people, data and the property of the most demanding businesses, governments and industries. **Vincent Dupart**, CEO of STid, explains the last trends



How has STid adapted to the new restrictions imposed by COVID-19?

Vincent Dupart: COVID-19 has had a profound impact on the organisation of our work. We have continued to provide our services in keeping with the health safety instructions, right from the start of the pandemic.

Like any other business, we started by protecting the safety of our employees, then we redefined our priorities. We extended home working wherever possible, while making sure that our staff members have the secure tools they need to facilitate collaborative working.

We had already become accustomed to working remotely, due to our international growth. Today, this mode of working has become more widespread, and it is popular too!

You design contactless identification solutions. How could these solutions help to shape the world of the future?

VD: We must turn the changes brought about by this situation into new

challenges. Because of COVID-19, everyone's attention is closely focused on health safety. It's up to us to offer innovative solutions that address public health issues!

We are all aware of the need to mitigate the risk of infection. Consequently, the world of access control has been impacted too. Not only do wireless technologies add value in terms of usage, but they can also help to effectively reduce the risk of contagion too.

No more need for keypads or traditional biometrics that use fingerprints! We were already one step ahead of this development when we dematerialised access badges in smartphones and introduced authentication technologies, such as facial recognition or smartphone-based biometrics. No more need to touch the access control reader!

You recently joined forces with Nedap on the access control market. What shape does this collaboration take?

VD: This partnership primarily focuses on integrating STid's high-security expertise into the Nedap AEOS-proposition. We have a shared ambition: we want to provide organisations with the best possible solutions to protect their people and strategic assets.

The integration of our propositions is seamless. We are planning on building a new common solution based on the best of both worlds to help organisations confront the new security challenges they are facing.

What's the next step?

VD: To continue to grow by proposing solutions that simplify and protect users' daily lives! There is a multitude of possibilities. Imagining new modes of identification, continuously improving the ergonomics of our solutions, etc. We will carry on working every day to make access control ever more instinctive and secure!

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Close-up on STid Mobile ID, the key to contactless access control

Bastien Castets, Regional Sales Manager EMEA at STid

STid Mobile ID® digitalises all your access badges in a single mobile application. The system manages physical employee access, the reception of visitors, access to a virtual workstation, etc., and the smartphone, when simply switched on, and even during phone calls, becomes a means of identification that uses several different modes:

- Tapping twice with the smartphone
- Moving the hand over the reader
- Entering rooms directly, without taking any special action
- The use of the Siri iPhone voice command
- Passing the smartphone in front of a reader

In a word, this solution is well adapted to all points of access and is specially designed to do away with all the constraints of access control, in contactless mode! For more information contact Bastien at b.castets@stid.com

