

Calypso Networks Association and OSPT Alliance announce collaboration

Leading contactless ticketing associations unite to drive global adoption of open standards in transport

28 January 2020 – [Calypso Networks Association](#) (CNA) and [OSPT Alliance](#) today announce their collaboration to drive the adoption of open standards in transport ticketing. The end goal of the cooperation program is to achieve convergence between their respective open standards – CALYPSO® and CIPURSE™ - simplifying the choice and integration options for public transport operators (PTOs) while bringing time and cost efficiencies to the entire transport ticketing value chain. Recognizing an increasingly aligned value set, agenda and objectives, the associations have joined forces to promote the widespread benefits open standards provide over proprietary solutions.

“Since our mission first began a decade ago, the market has evolved dramatically. For PTOs however, the challenges caused by the dominance of proprietary systems have only intensified,” comments Philippe Martineau, President of OSPT Alliance. “CNA shares our passion to achieve a more open, collaborative ecosystem. And, in an increasingly complex and crowded market, it’s more important than ever that we combine our efforts to deliver operators a clear, coherent message, reduce market fragmentation and provide an alternative to vendor lock-in.”

“Convergence between CALYPSO® and CIPURSE™ makes perfect sense. By combining voices and minds, we can take open standards’ adoption to the next level in transport ticketing” adds Philippe Vappereau, Chairman of CNA. “Our common aim is to simplify for all ticketing players, whether users or suppliers, the market complexity that limits the development of open solutions in favor of proprietary ones. There’s a lot to be done, but we’re excited, optimistic and prepared for a busy few years ahead.”

The initial work of this collaboration is to analyze in detail the unique strengths of the two standards and, with backward compatibility in mind, define a roadmap that respects and supports existing solutions. As such, CNA and OSPT Alliance members can be reassured that any investment in the CALYPSO® and CIPURSE™ specifications will be protected. To quickly bring the full benefits of the cooperation to all stakeholders, the associations are creating shared working groups, which will ensure the necessary specifications and tools to enable compatibility between CALYPSO® and CIPURSE™ are delivered.

Three working groups have been established: Governance (to optimize organizational setup), Marketing and Communications (to ensure a common promotion of the open standard concept), and Technical (to work on topics such as an SDK based on the existing Eclipse Keyple Open Source Software and a common Secure Access Module Specification).

For more information, please visit <https://www.calypsonet-asso.org/> and www.osptalliance.org

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About Calypso Networks Association (CNA)

Calypso Networks Association (CNA) is a non-profit association created in 2003 by OTLIS-Lisbon, ACTV-Venice, STIB-Brussels, LKRKN-Constance, RATP & SNCF-Paris dedicated to develop and promote Contactless Ticketing Standard CALYPSO®.

Calypso is a contactless ticketing standard, managed by its users deployed in more than 25 countries and 150 major cities in the world accessible to any supplier, and used by ticketing systems in many transport networks and parkings around the world for more than 15 years. Further than public transport, Calypso provides multiservice applications for leisure, access control, bike, car sharing...

CNA has also in its main missions to promote Calypso on a global scale, to provide support to its 120 members and to facilitate and harmonize the shared members' needs and experiences.

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About OSPT Alliance

OSPT Alliance is a global community that enables the future of mobility services across markets including transport, ticketing, access control and micro-payment. As a member-driven association, OSPT Alliance works with over 100 member companies to develop highly secure, interoperable and flexible mobility solutions across multiple use cases. It provides industry education, creates workgroup opportunities and catalyzes the development and adoption of innovative mobility technologies, applications and services. OSPT Alliance membership is open to all mobility stakeholders including, technology providers, transit operators, consultants, solution vendors, government agencies, reader and terminal manufacturers and system integrators.

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