

**Identity & Authorization Management (IAM)  
eXchange  
Technical specifications**

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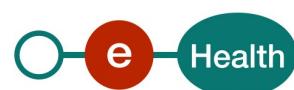
To the attention of: "IT expert" willing to integrate this web service.



# 1. Document management

## 1.1 Document history

Version	Date	Author	Description of changes / remarks
1.0	09/09/2021	eHealth platform	Initial version
1.1	29/05/2024	eHealth platform	<p>Deletion Par 9: Annex A – Security commitment from the Trusted Platform</p> <p>This document is available on the portal of the eHealth platform.</p>



## 2. Introduction

### 2.1 Goal of the service

In today's clouded world, thin clients have become more and more popular at the expense of fat clients.

In addition, all major browsers (most widely used thin clients) have given up support for Java Applets making it possible to embed full Java applications into a browser.

The Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) of the eHealth platform and its partners has so far been designed around a few protocols and principles that work rather well from system to system between the eHealth platform and its partners or with full Java or .net software packages on the desktops of the customers. However, when using simple thin clients such as a browser, things get more difficult, especially if that thin client is running on a mobile device.

Our services currently use:

- SOAP Protocol as extra layer above the HTTP Protocol to transport messages between client and server
- WS-Security for authentication, confidentiality and integrity of the messages sent between client and server
- Trusted certificates, issued by recognized Certificate Authorities (CA) to verify identity tokens (X509, SAML assertion)
- Triple-wrapped CMS messages to encrypt data end to end from (identified) sender to both known and unknown receivers.

To facilitate integration with existing eHealth and/or partner services, IAM eXchange can be used.

IAM eXchange issues SAML Holder-of-Key (HOK) session tokens, which assert that a client has a valid eHealth profile.

The SAML token can be used to authenticate the client to most eHealth or partner services by signing the Body of SOAP messages with the Private Key that corresponds with the Public Key mentioned in the SAML token which proves that the client is the legitimate owner of the token.

### 2.2 Goal of the document

This document is not a development or programming guide for internal applications. Instead, it provides functional and technical information and allows an organization to integrate and use the eHealth platform service.

However, in order to interact in a smooth, homogeneous and risk controlled way with a maximum of partners, these partners must commit to comply with the requirements of specifications, data format and release processes of the eHealth platform as described in this document.

Technical and business requirements must be met in order to allow the integration and validation of the eHealth platform service in the client application.

It should be used in complement to the Swagger API, which describes the interface of the service and the structure of the request and responses.

### 2.3 eHealth platform document references

On the portal of the eHealth platform, you can find all the referenced documents.<sup>1</sup> These versions or any following versions can be used for the eHealth platform service.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ehealth.fgov.be/ehealthplatform>



ID	Title	Version	Date	Author
1	IAM Connect – Mobile integration	1.8	09/08/2023	eHealth platform
2	SOA – Error guide	1.0	10/06/2021	eHealth platform
3	Request test case template	3.0	22/02/2018	eHealth platform
4	Swagger API IAM-Exchange	N.A.	N.A.	eHealth platform

## 2.4 External document references

All documents can be found through the internet. They are available to the public, but not supported by the eHealth platform.

ID	Title	Source	Date	Author
1	OAuth 2.0 Token Exchange	<a href="https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc8693">https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc8693</a>	01/2020	M.Jones (Microsoft) A.Nadalin (Microsoft) B. Campbell (Ping Identity) J.Bradley (Yubico) C. Mortimore (Visa)

## 3. Support

### 3.1 Helpdesk eHealth platform

#### 3.1.1 Certificates

In order to access the secured eHealth platform environment you have to obtain an eHealth platform certificate, used to identify the initiator of the request. In case you do not have one, please consult the chapter about the eHealth Certificates on the portal of the eHealth platform

- <https://www.ehealth.fgov.be/ehealthplatform/nl/ehealth-certificaten>
- <https://www.ehealth.fgov.be/ehealthplatform/fr/certificats-ehealth>

For technical issues regarding eHealth platform certificates

- Acceptance: [acceptance-certificates@ehealth.fgov.be](mailto:acceptance-certificates@ehealth.fgov.be)
- Production: [support@ehealth.fgov.be](mailto:support@ehealth.fgov.be)

#### 3.1.2 For issues in production

eHealth platform contact centre:

- Phone: 02 788 51 55 (on working days from 7 am till 8 pm)
- Mail: [support@ehealth.fgov.be](mailto:support@ehealth.fgov.be)
- Contact Form :
  - <https://www.ehealth.fgov.be/ehealthplatform/nl/contact> (Dutch)
  - <https://www.ehealth.fgov.be/ehealthplatform/fr/contact> (French)

#### 3.1.3 For issues in acceptance

[Integration-support@ehealth.fgov.be](mailto:integration-support@ehealth.fgov.be)

#### 3.1.4 For business issues

- regarding an existing project: the project manager in charge of the application or service
- regarding a new project or other business issues: [info@ehealth.fgov.be](mailto:info@ehealth.fgov.be)

## 3.2 Status

The website <https://status.ehealth.fgov.be> is the monitoring and information tool for the ICT functioning of the eHealth services that are partners of the Belgian eHealth system.

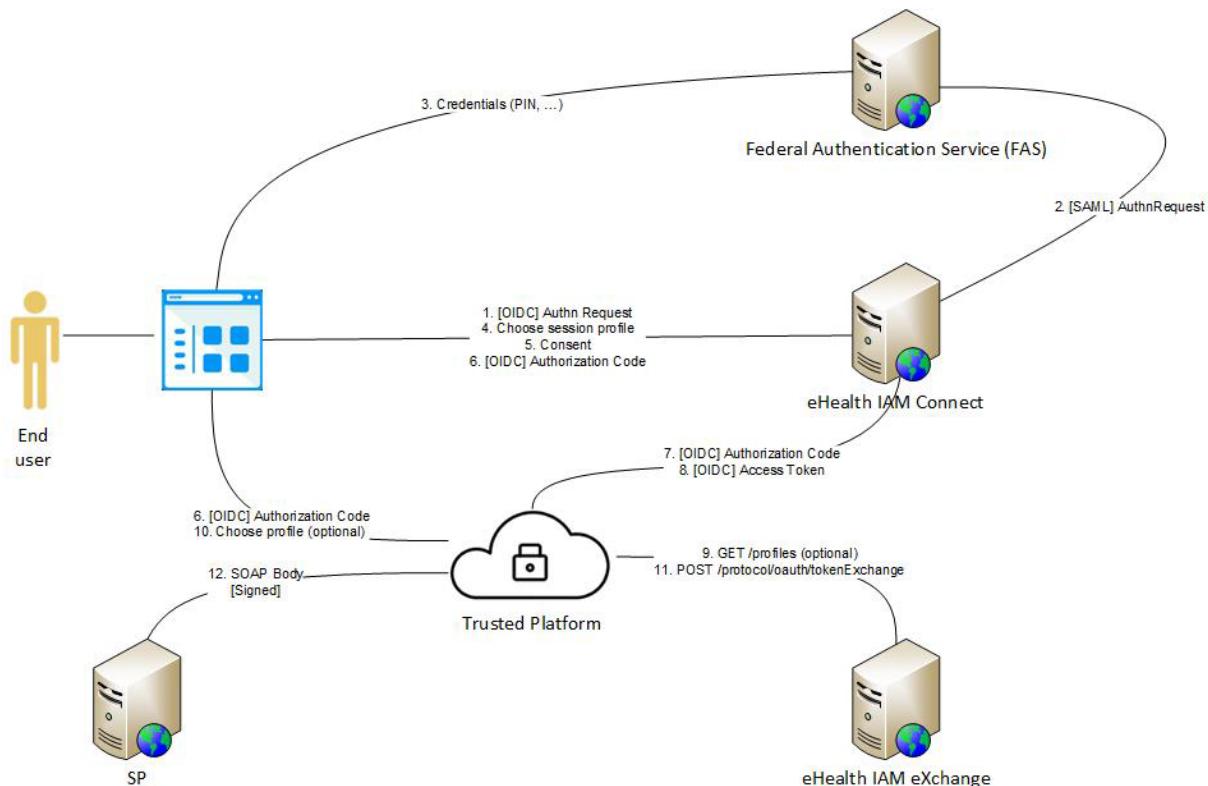


## 4. Global overview

In this section, we describe the 2 major ways to use IAM eXchange :

- IAM eXchange for Trusted Platforms
- IAM eXchange for technical clients

### 4.1 Process overview for Trusted Platforms



The end user uses his browser to contact (at least) one service provider (SP).

The client initiates the login (1) protocol with IAM Connect (Authorization Server).

IAM Connect relies on FAS service (2) for the authentication mechanism. End user is invited to provide his PIN (3) (or other credentials depending on the authentication method supported).

If the authentication succeeds, IAM Connect will propose a list of profiles<sup>2</sup> for the end user authenticated (4).

As the client will perform actions in the name of the end user, the latter must give his consent to the client in order to continue (5).

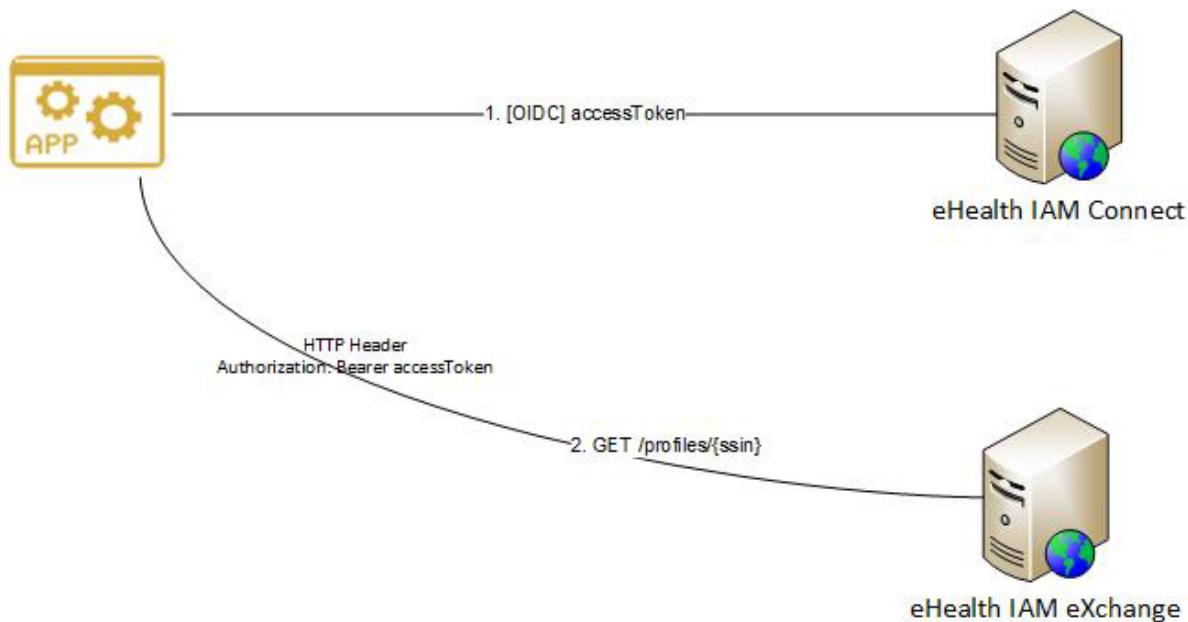
An AuthorizationCode is then sent from IAM Connect to the Trusted platform (6). With the AuthorizationCode, the Trusted Platform can obtain an Access Token (7, 8) which can be used to interact with IAM eXchange (9, 10, 11).

The SAML token obtained (11) can then be used by the Trusted Platform to contact the service provider in secured way (12).

<sup>2</sup> Supported profiles are managed by the eHealth platform. Depending on the profile selected, the SAML HOK assertion may contain different attributes.



## 4.2 Process overview for technical clients



The client uses client credentials flow to request an accessToken (1) with IAM Connect (Authorization Server).

With this accessToken, the client can request (2) the list of profiles (for the SSIN provided in input) to IAM eXchange.

Technical clients do not have the possibility to perform any exchange with IAM eXchange. The exchange functionality is dedicated to trusted platforms.



## 5. Step-by-step

### 5.1 Technical requirements

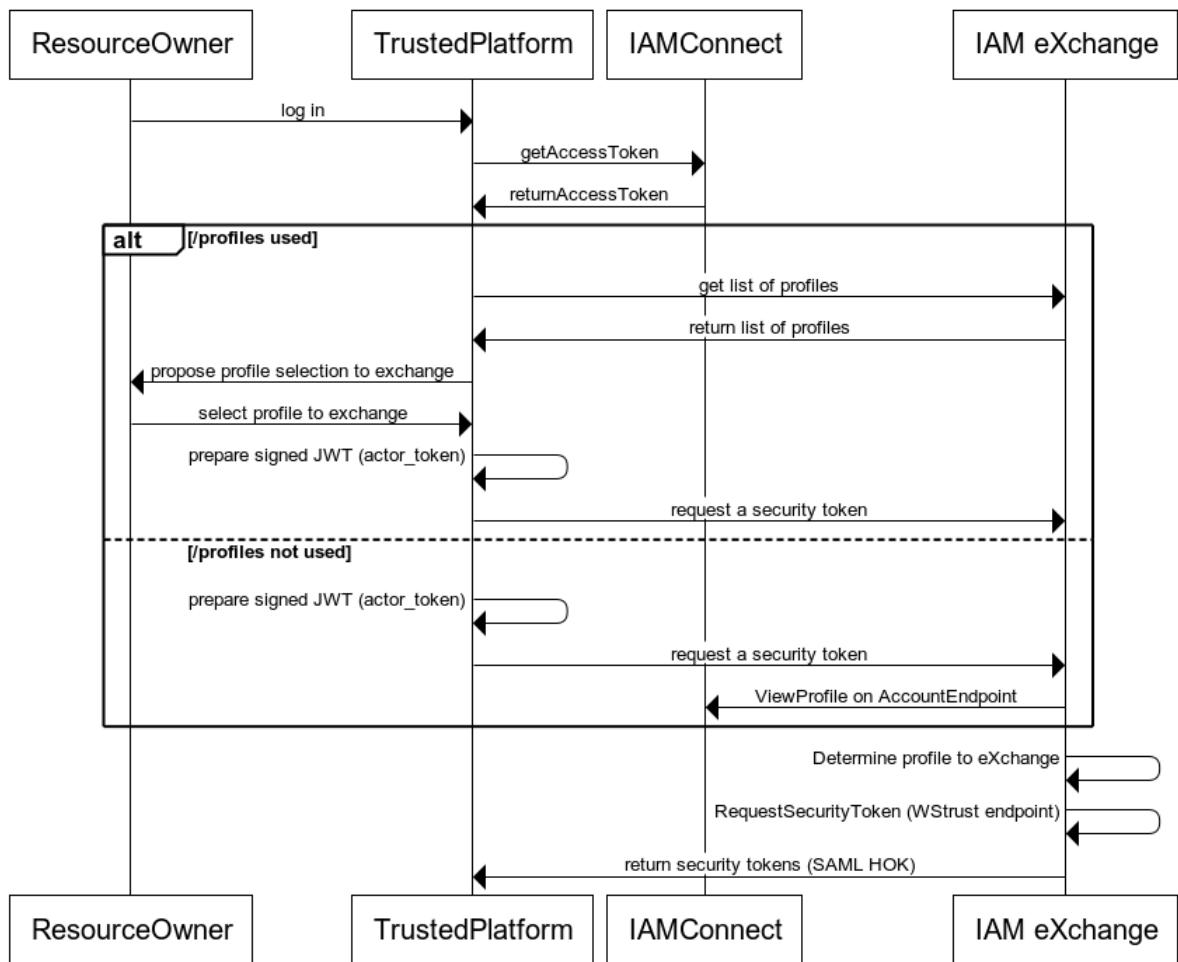
#### 5.1.1 Tracing

To use this service, the request SHOULD contain the following two http header values (see RFC <https://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616-sec3.html#sec3.8> ):

1. **User-Agent:** information identifying the software product and underlying technical stack/platform.
  - Pattern: {company}/{package-name}/{version} {platform-company}/{platform-package-name}/{platform-package-version}
  - Regular expression for each subset (separated by a space) of the pattern: [[a-zA-Z0-9-\V]\*\V[0-9a-zA-Z-\_]\*
  - Examples:  
User-Agent: MyCompany/myProduct/62.310.4 eHealth/Technical/3.19.0  
User-Agent: Topaz-XXXX/123.23.X Taktik/freeconnector/XXXXXX.XXX
2. **From:** email-address that can be used for emergency contact in case of an operational problem
  - Examples:  
From: info@mycompany.be



## 5.2 Process overview for Trusted platform



### 5.2.1 eHealth platform authentication

In order to use IAM eXchange service, the Trusted Platform must be able to obtain an accessToken. The Trusted Platform must use the Authorization Code flow to initiate the login protocol (see IAM Connect – Mobile integration for more information).

Two roles are available :

- profile : this role must be present in the accessToken in order to retrieve the list of profiles of the authenticated end user
- token-exchange : this role must be present in the accessToken in order to use token exchange

The Trusted Platform MUST request the client scope *iam:exchange:tokenexchange*.

If the Trusted Platform wants to use the */profiles* operation, the client scope *iam:exchange:profile* is also required.

### 5.2.2 GET /profiles

The operation must be used to retrieve the list of profiles of the authenticated end user.



The Trusted Platform may use this operation to propose to the end user which profile he/she wants to exchange with `/protocol/oauth/tokenExchange` (see section 5.2.3.1).

If this operation is not used by the Trusted Platform, the exchange will only rely on the eHealth profile selected by the end user in eHealth IDP (see section 5.2.3.2).

In this section, we assume that the TrustedPlatform is already configured and recognised by the eHealth platform (see section 5.2.1).

### 5.2.2.1 Request

No specific input.

### 5.2.2.2 Response

If the operation succeeds, the result may contain a list of profiles (JSON format).

Element	Description
<code>firstName</code>	First name of the authenticated end user
<code>lastName</code>	Last name of the authenticated end user
<code>ssin</code>	SSIN of the authenticated end user
<code>children</code>	Child/children of the authenticated end user. Each child is represented with the following elements - ssin - firstName - lastName  Child/children is/are not listed if the Trusted Platform is not concerned by this profiles subset.
<code>mandators</code>	Mandator(s) of the authenticated end user The mandate type(s) detected are specified in serviceNames for each mandator. Each service name listed corresponds to exactly one mandate type. For examples : <i>medicaldatamanagement</i> ( <i>Gestion des données de santé/ Beheer van gezondheidsgegevens</i> ), <i>recipe</i> ( <i>Mandat de prescription/ Voorschriftenvolmacht</i> ) Mandators are not listed if the Trusted Platform is not concerned by this profiles subset.
<code>organizations</code>	Organizations related to the authenticated end user. Organizations are not listed if the Trusted Platform is not concerned by this profiles subset.

Example without profile found :

```
{
  "firstName": "John",
  "lastName": "Doe",
  "ssin": "12345678912"
}
```

Example with mandates and children:

```
{
  "firstName": "John",
  "lastName": "Doe",
  "ssin": "12345678912",
```



```

"children": [ {
    "lastName": "Doe",
    "firstName": "Junior1",
    "ssin": "23456789123"
},
{
    "lastName": "Doe",
    "firstName": "Junior2",
    "ssin": "34567891234"
}],
"mandators": [ {
    "firstName": "Grandfather",
    "lastName": "Doe",
    "ssin": "01234567891",
    "name": "Doe Grandfather",
    "serviceNames": ["medicaledatamanagement"]
}
]
}

```

### 5.2.3 POST /protocol/oauth/tokenExchange

The operation must be used to exchange an access token into SAML HOK assertion.

This operation cannot be used by the Trusted Platform without a valid accessToken (obtained after a successful end user login). This accessToken is not sufficient. The Trusted Platform must also generate a signed JWT (see section 5.2.3.1).

In this section, we assume that the Trusted Platform is already configured and recognised by the eHealth platform (see section 5.2.1).

#### 5.2.3.1 JWT token generation

The client application (the Trusted Platform) authenticates itself by signing a JWT (RFC7519) with its private key. The generated token will be used during exchange operation (it must be set in actor\_token parameter – see section 5.2.3.2.1).

Example:

```

Header
{
    "alg": "RS256"
}

Payload
{
    "iss": "frontendclient",
    "exp": 1516906514,
    "iat": 1513602283,
    "jti": "id123456"
}

```

Fields in the JWT payload are mandatory:

- iss: ‘Issuer’ identifies the principal that issued the JWT. It corresponds to the client id of the Trusted Platform.
- exp: “Expiration Time”, identifies the expiration time on or after which the JWT must not be accepted.
- iat: “Issued At”, identifies the time at which the JWT was issued
- jti: “JWT ID”, provides a unique identifier for the JWT.

If the Trusted Platform uses `/profiles`, the Trusted platform should add a claim (`sub`) representing the subject in the payload.



Example with sub claim :

```
Header
{
  "alg": "RS256"
}
Payload
{
  "iss": "frontendclient",
  "exp": 1516906514,
  "iat": 1513602283,
  "jti": "id123456",
  "sub": "90e9cedc5a771dce969c1388c4508783"
}
```

The value of this element MUST correspond to one of the sub claim presented in the access token (under claim may\_act).

Example of may\_act issued within an access token :

```
"may_act": [
  {
    "sub": "90e9cedc5a771dce969c1388c4508783",
    "userProfile": {
      "children": [
        {
          "ssin": "23456789123"
        }
      ]
    }
  },
  {
    "sub": "cedc5a771dce969c1388c450878390e9",
    "userProfile": {
      "children": [
        {
          "ssin": "34567891234"
        }
      ]
    }
  },
  {
    "sub": "8a0f71a0d8a302166d4baa403954e511",
    "userProfile": {
      "mandators": [
        {
          "ssin": "01234567891"
        }
      ]
    }
  }
]
```

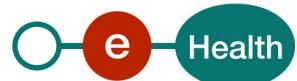
### 5.2.3.2 Exchange access token

With the obtained access token and with the signed JWT, it is now possible to perform the exchange.

#### 5.2.3.2.1 Request

In the Form Data, add the following parameters :

- *grant\_type* : fixed value "urn:ietf:params:oauth:grant-type:token-exchange" indicates that a token exchange is being performed
- *requested\_token\_type* : fixed value "urn:ietf:params:oauth:token-type:saml1"
- *actor\_token* : security token that represents the identity of the acting party. It corresponds to the JWT generated by the Trusted Platform (see section 5.2.3.1).









## 5.3 End user workflow

The end user needs to perform some actions in order to allow the client getting a SAML HOK token:

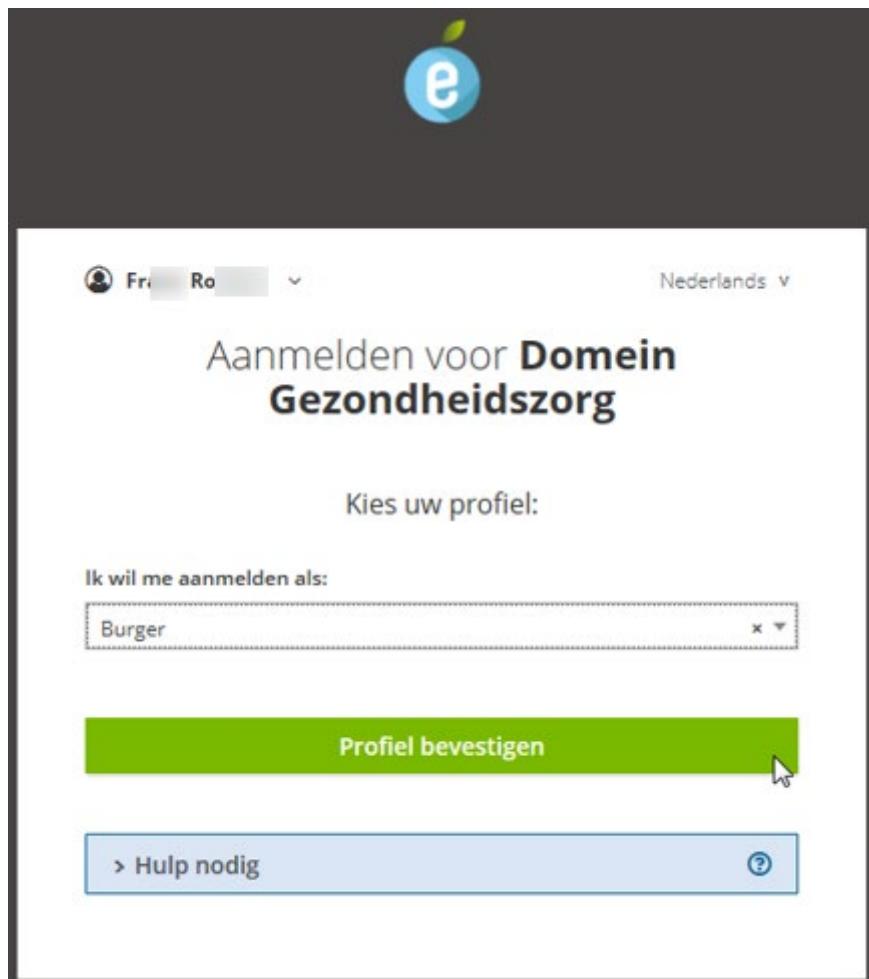
### 1. Authentication

The end user must select one of the authentication methods proposed.

The screenshot shows the CSAM login page. At the top, there are language links: nl, fr, de, en, followed by .be. The main heading is "Aanmelden bij de online overheid". Below it, the text "Kies uw digitale sleutel om aan te melden" is displayed, along with a "Help nodig?" link. Two main options are shown: "Digitale sleutel(s) met eID of digitale identiteit" and "Digitale sleutel(s) met beveiligingscode en gebruikersnaam + wachtwoord". The first option has two sub-options: "AANMELDEN met eID kaartlezer" (with a card reader icon) and "AANMELDEN via itsme" (with itsme logo). A link "Je itsme-account aanmaken" is provided for the second option. The second option has one sub-option: "AANMELDEN met beveiligingscode via mobiele app" (with a smartphone icon). A "Belangrijk om te weten!" section at the bottom states: "Eens u aangemeld bent met een digitale sleutel, hebt u via CSAM automatisch toegang tot andere onlinediensten van de overheid die met dezelfde sleutel beveiligd zijn. Dit geldt zolang uw browservenster actief is."

## 2. Profile selection

The end user has to select one of the available profiles in the dropdown list.



If the end user has no supported profile for the token eXchange, he will not be able to select any profile and the IDP will warn this end user.



### 3. Consent

The end user will have to give his/her consent



The end user can revoke his/her consent by using the account clients.

### 4. Choose another profile

If the Trusted Platform uses `/profiles`, the end user may select within the application (Trusted Platform) some other profiles for the eXchange.





	Organizations are not listed if the Trusted Platform is not concerned by this profiles subset.
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Example without profile found :

```
{
  "ssin": "12345678912"
}
```

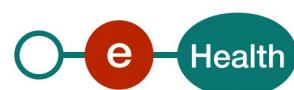
Example with mandates and children:

```
{
  "ssin": "12345678912",
  "children": [ {
    "lastName": "Doe",
    "firstName": "Junior1",
    "ssin": "23456789123"
  },
  {
    "lastName": "Doe",
    "firstName": "Junior2",
    "ssin": "34567891234"
  }],
  "mandators": [ {
    "firstName": "Grandfather",
    "lastName": "Doe",
    "ssin": "01234567891",
    "name": "Doe Grandfather",
    "serviceNames": ["medicaldatamanagement"]
  }]
}
```

## 5.5 Reference implementation

### 5.5.1 General description

The actual solution is based on RFC 8693 'OAuth 2.0 Token Exchange'



## 6. Risks and security

### 6.1 Risks & safety

#### 6.1.1 End user consent

End user must give his consent to the client (the Trusted Platform) prior this client can use the end user credentials. The consent mechanism is present by default. No client will be able to act as the end user if the latter has not provided his consent once.

The end user can revoke his/her consent at any time.

If the user removes his consent for one client, this client cannot request a new access token and cannot exchange the token. But the client can still use a valid SAML token previously obtained.

#### 6.1.2 Token validity period

When the end user gives his consent, the client (the trusted platform) can request a SAML HOK token during a given period.

The SAML HOK obtained has a limited validity period defined to 12 hours.

A more comprehensive set of security requirements is given in “IAM eXchange Annex A – Security commitment from the Trusted Platform”, available on the portal.

(See <https://www.ehealth.fgov.be/ehealthplatform/nl/service-i.am-identity-access-management>)

This document should be signed bu a legal representative of the entity or by the information security consultant.



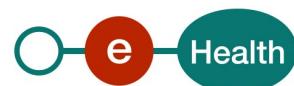


## 8. Error and failure messages

Error codes originating from the eHealth platform for the IAM eXchange service are defined in the swagger file.

In the table below, you can find specific error messages for `/protocol/oauth/tokenExchange`.

HTTP status code	Error code	Error message	Recommendation
400	invalid_client	SubjectToken Access Denied: Account Service \${httpStatusMessage} \${httpStatusMessage}	Enduser may have revoked his/her consent. Contact eHealth support for investigation if it worked previously.
400	invalid_client	Reason : error while invoking webaccess endpoint	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
400	invalid_request	ActorToken Access Denied: Authorized Party of subjectToken {\$subjectToken.asp} must be the same as issuer actorToken {\$actorToken.iss}	Contact eHealth support for investigation if it worked previously.
400	invalid_request	SubjectToken Access Denied: realm_access role token-exchange missing.	Contact eHealth support for investigation if it worked previously.
400	invalid_request	Invalid input for field actor_token_type	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).
400	invalid_request	Invalid input for field actor_token	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).
400	invalid_request	ActorToken Access Denied: client {\$issuer} not allowed (wrong signing algorithm)	Wrong signing algorithm (in JWT header). Review it and adapt the input (as described in this document).
400	invalid_client	ActorToken Access Denied: client {\$issuer} not allowed	ActorToken used is not known. Contact eHealth support for investigation if it worked previously.
400	invalid_request	ActorToken Access Denied: client {\$issuer} not allowed (wrong certificate)	Certificate used to generate the actorToken is not known at eHealth. Contact eHealth support to provide the new one.
400	invalid_client	ActorToken expired	A new actorToken must be generated.
400	invalid_request	Invalid input for field audience	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).
400	unsupported_grant_type	Invalid input for field grant_type	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).
400	invalid_request	Invalid input for field requested_token_type	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).
400	invalid_request	Invalid input for field resource	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).



<b>400</b>	invalid_scope	Invalid input for field scope	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).
<b>400</b>	invalid_request	Invalid input for field subject_token	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).
<b>400</b>	invalid_request	Invalid input for field subject_token_type	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).
<b>400</b>	invalid_request	Invalid input for field subject_token	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).
<b>400</b>	invalid_request	SubjectToken Access Denied: untrusted issuer [\${subjectToken.iss}]]	Your client is trying to use a token not suitable for this environment. Review your configuration.
<b>400</b>	invalid_request	Invalid input for field subject_token	Review and adapt the input (as described in this document).
<b>400</b>	invalid_client	SubjectToken expired	A new accessToken must be generated.
<b>400</b>	Invalid_request	SubjectToken Access Denied: Authentication level not satisfied.	Contact eHealth support for investigation if it worked previously.
<b>401</b>	unauthorized_client	ActorToken Access Denied: failed to resolve attributes (Profile \${profile})	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>401</b>	unauthorized_client	ActorToken Access Denied: failed to determine profile (Profile option type \${profileOptionType})	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>401</b>	unauthorized_client	ActorToken Access Denied: failed to resolve attributes (Profile \${profession})	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>401</b>	unauthorized_client	SubjectToken Access Denied: Invalid authentication level.	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>500</b>	unknown	Reason: unable to resolve signing key	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>500</b>	unknown	Reason: error while invoking account endpoint	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>500</b>	unknown	Reason: \${failureStatusMessage}	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>500</b>	unknown	Reason: unable to extract assertion from backend (empty response)	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>500</b>	unknown	Reason: unable to extract assertion from backend (invalid response)	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>500</b>	unknown	Reason: unable to encode assertion	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>500</b>	unknown	Reason: wrong issued_token_type received from backend	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
<b>500</b>	unknown	Reason: wrong token_type received from backend	Contact eHealth support for investigation.



<b>500</b>	unknown	Reason: unable to determine assertionLifetime	Contact eHealth support for investigation.
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Error example (http status code 400):

```
{
  "error" : "invalid_client",
  "error_description" : "SubjectToken Access Denied: Account Service 401 Unauthorized",
  "error_uri" : null,
  "id" : "Id-1490f45e9e886f6fc635cd15"
}
```

In the table below, you can find specific error messages for `/profiles/{ssin}`.

HTTP status code	Title	Detail	Recommendation
<b>400</b>	invalid_client	Invalid parameter: \${input} is not a valid SSIN.	Use a correct and valid input (SSIN)

Error example (http status code 400) :

```
{
  "type": "https://www.gcloud.belgium.be/rest/problems/badRequest",
  "title": "Bad Request",
  "status": 400,
  "detail": "Invalid parameter: 'a' is not a valid SSIN.",
  "id": "Id-d5c7356182abed5af3d76ce2"
}
```