Question & Answers - certificates

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	Key words
Why is it necessary to change our current certificate? Who did set the date October 1, 2017? This change is based on the Regulation (EU) No. 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (eIDAS) and on the Act No. 297/2016 Coll. on trust services for electronic transactions. The date was determined by OTE a.s. in comply with an implementation of necessary changes in CS OTE.	**Reasons of change**
Where can I find out that my certificate issued by certain certification authority will be supported after October 1, 2017? The list of supported certification authorities and certificates for client and SSL communication with CS OTE system is available here.	**List of supported CA**
Do I really have to replace OTECA and OTECA-TEST certificates with the new ones provided by companies in the authorized list? Yes, it is correct. As of October 1, 2017 it is not possible to use OTECA certificates for accessing to CS OTE and signing data.	**OTECA certificate**
What exactly is meant by "qualified certificate"? Every certification authority issues at least two kinds of certificates – commercial and qualified. The difference is in their usage. Commercial certificates can be used for authentication (log in OTE-COM application) and encryption (sending encrypted messages to CS OTE through a secured e-mail). Qualified certificates can be used for digital signature/mark/seal (Log in CS OTE, automatic communication, signing).	**Qualified certificate**
Where can I get acceptable certificates for CS OTE? The list of supported certification authorities and certificates is available here. By every CA is a link to its website, where you can find how to get a new certificate.	**Supported CA**
How to check if I already use the qualified certificate? a. Login in CS OTE via a valid certificate; b. Choose the tab "Registration", click on "Master data"; c. Click on Persons and the name of the user to which the certificate is registered; d. In the tab "Secure access" you will see your certificate, where has to be written "Public" (commercial) or "Qualified" (qualified)	**Kind of certificate**
If I already use the qualified certificate issued by I.CA/PostSignum, do I have to change anything else? Users with qualified certificates will be able to log in CS OTE after September 30, 2017 and to create digital signature. Commercial certificates you will need for authentication (log in OTE-COM application) and encryption (receiving of encrypted messages from CS OTE through a secured e-mail).	**I.CA, PostSignum, Authentication, Signing**

Is it possible to register the qualified certificate to CS OTE now or do I have to wait till July 1, 2017?

I.CA, Registration of certificates

It is possible to register the qualified certificate to CS OTE now. The qualified certificate will be used for access to CS OTE as of 1 July 2017. **Attention! - The qualified certificates issued by I.CA after April 1, 2017 can't be used for log in CS OTE till June 30, 2017. I.CA changed the certification policy and the qualified certificates of I.CA can be used only for signing not for authentication.** As of July 1, 2017 access to CS OTE will not be through authentication, the qualified certificates issued by I.CA can be used for access to CS OTE.

How can I register the new certificate to CS OTE after July 1, 2017?

Registration of certificates

As of July 1, 2017 the section's names in CS OTE will be changed from "Signing" to "Qualified" and from "Authentication" to "Commercial". To section "Qualified" will be possible to register the qualified certificate only. To section "Commercial" will be possible to register the commercial certificate only.
The manual for registration of certificates to CS OTE can be found here.

What kind of certificate do I need for OTE-COM application?

OTE-COM application

To log in OTE-COM application you need to have a commercial certificate, to sign the transactions in OTE-COM application you will need to have a qualified certificate.

Do I need to use two different qualified certificates to log in CS OTE if I am registered as a user by two different companies?

Yes, one user has to have for each company unique qualified certificate.