

# *scope and benefits of Mutual Recognition*

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## *benefits of Mutual Recognition:*

- Flexible, open and inclusive approach
- Market & business orientated
- Mutual growth objectives
- Level of assurance to fit the service
- User & relying party involvement
- Emerging service enhancement
- Focus on user priorities

## *Mutual Recognition objectives:*

- Representative of all legitimate interests
- Independent and Objective assessment
- Transparent in approval criteria and approval process
- Non-discriminatory and open to wide participation

## *issues to be considered*

- what type of systems or schemes could participate?
- is there a case for separate MRAs covering supervisory systems, voluntary approval schemes, sector schemes, etc.?
- what legal value?

## *type of 'agreement'*

- Mutual Recognition Agreement
- Co-operation Agreement
- Mutual Recognition Understanding



## *definitions*

- **Signatory:** an organisation that is the operator of a scheme/system and which has: i) signed the MRU and thereby committed itself to the rules and procedures of the agreement; and ii) nominated at least one class of trust service that they will mutually recognise when approved by any other **Signatory**.

## *definitions*

- **Applicant:** an organisation that is the operator of a scheme/system and which has expressed its intention to:
  - i) be subjected to the rules of acceptance of the MRU; and
  - ii) conditional upon being found to satisfy the rules of acceptance, become a **Signatory** to the MRU.