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NEOWAVE announces the deployment of its new LinkeoC-PRO smart card reader across French National Gendarmerie units

Designed and manufactured in France, this reader meets demanding security and productivity requirements through its advanced features, including hardware-based PIN Caching, which enables multiple digital signatures with a single PIN entry.

An all-in-one reader designed to meet the operational needs of the French National Gendarmerie

With the increasing digitalization of procedures and communications, alongside the growing need to strengthen information system security, organizations must authenticate users and digitally sign large volumes of documents while maintaining a high level of security.



To address these challenges, NEOWAVE and the French Internal Security Forces Digital Agency (ANFSI) jointly designed the **LinkeoC-PRO, an all-in-one smart card reader** combining four essential features:

- **Contact and contactless smart card reading** (NFC/RFID)
- **Secure PIN Pad** allowing users to enter their PIN directly on the reader
- **Hardware-based PIN Caching**, enabling a predefined number of consecutive digital signatures after a single PIN entry
- **OLED display**, facilitating user interaction and information display

The LinkeoC-PRO simplifies digital signature operations and professional smart card enrollment through its all-in-one features and dual contact/contactless interface.

Secure technology, designed and manufactured in France

This new reader, **100% Made in France**, features a modern, robust design and incorporates a latest-generation NXP secure microcontroller dedicated to cryptographic operations and secure key storage. Its advanced attack protection mechanisms secure sensitive operations involving digital signatures, strong authentication and encryption. Ergonomic and equipped with a dual contact/contactless interface, it also facilitates professional smart card enrollment.

A first large-scale deployment

This first large-scale deployment, with the long-term objective of equipping all French National Gendarmerie units, marks a significant milestone in the partnership with ANFSI. It demonstrates NEOWAVE's ability to develop customized solutions tailored to organizations' operational requirements. It also highlights NEOWAVE's technological and industrial expertise, with full control over product development and manufacturing in France.

A solution suited to a wide range of Industries

Beyond this initial deployment, the LinkeoC-PRO also addresses the needs of numerous sectors where digital signatures, strong authentication and encryption have become essential. These include government services (police, justice, armed forces and prefectures), regulated professions (notaries, lawyers, etc.) and large organizations seeking secure, versatile and easy-to-deploy solutions.

The reader will be officially showcased **at the NEOWAVE booth E-097 during Trustech, held at Paris Expo Porte de Versailles from December 1 to 3, 2026**.

« We are particularly proud to have developed the LinkeoC-PRO in partnership with ANFSI and to support this large-scale deployment. This project demonstrates our ability to design innovative solutions in close collaboration with our customers, addressing specific operational needs. It also reflects our commitment to delivering high-performance cybersecurity solutions designed and manufactured in France.» Bruno BERNARD, President of NEOWAVE.

« The French National Gendarmerie sought to equip its units with a single, reliable and high-performance device tailored to their operational needs. Developed by the French Internal Security Forces Digital Agency (ANFSI) in partnership with NEOWAVE, the LinkeoC-PRO fully meets this objective. Thanks to its dual reading interface and hardware-based PIN Caching functionality, it provides a secure, efficient, all-in-one solution. This collaboration demonstrates ANFSI's ability to translate operational requirements into innovative digital solutions that support France's internal security forces. » Lieutenant General Marc BOGET, Director of ANFSI.

LinkeoC-PRO: key technical specifications

- **Dual interface:** supports contact smart cards compliant with ISO 7816 Classes A, B and C (5V, 3V and 1.8V), and contactless/NFC cards (ISO 14443 A/B – 13.56 MHz, MIFARE, DESFire EV1/EV2/EV3, ISO 15693 and ISO 18000-3)
- **PIN Pad:** secure 13-key keypad for PIN entry
- **Hardware-based PIN Caching:** enables multiple digital document signatures after a single PIN entry
- **Display:** OLED graphic display and two activity LEDs
- **Connectivity:** USB-C, PC/SC interface
- **Compatibility:** Windows, macOS and Linux; major web browsers
- **Compact and robust design:** 107 × 72 × 22 mm, weight 100 g
- **Designed and manufactured in France**

Product specifications: https://neowave.fr/en/products/smart-card-readers/linkeoc-pro/

For more information:
NEOWAVE: https://neowave.fr/en/
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About NEOWAVE :
NEOWAVE is a French company specializing in the design and manufacture of hardware devices for strong authentication and secure digital transactions. Its products, based on technologies including FIDO2, PKI and QSCD, meet the needs of businesses, government agencies and organizations seeking to secure their digital identities, access and electronic transactions.

NEOWAVE is a **Microsoft partner** for **FIDO2 passwordless authentication solutions**. Its products are also **listed by UGAP, the French public procurement organization** and **by the French Digital Health Agency (Agence du Numérique en Santé – ANS)**.

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