

## Legal Claims by Email: Utimaco Protects Legal Data Transmissions in Administrative Courts in Germany

- **Administrative courts can be contacted around the clock by citizens, lawyers and government bodies**
- **Court procedures and legal queries speeded up**
- **Utimaco's SecurE-Mail Gateway secures internal and external email communication**

**Oberursel, September 20th 2005 - This summer the Rhineland-Palatinate was the first German Federal State to introduce secure electronic legal data transmissions for its administrative courts. For the very first time, people involved in the legal process were able to use email, alongside post and fax, to instigate proceedings or make applications. Utimaco Safeware AG's SecurE-Mail Gateway, which transparently decrypts and encrypts all incoming and outgoing emails to automate the entire workflow, provided comprehensive security for this groundbreaking project.**

The Oberverwaltungsgericht (appellate administrative court) of the Rhineland-Palatinate based its decision to select SecurE-Mail Gateway on a market study carried out by the Koblenz-Landau University. The decisive factor was Utimaco's well thought-through concept for administration, encryption and the key administration processes. The solution, which is based on a hardened Linux operating system, automatically decrypts incoming e-mails and makes them available for further processing.

Lawyers, citizens and government bodies can use the central electronic postboxes at the appellate administrative court and the four administrative courts at Koblenz, Mainz, Neustadt and Trier to digitally raise claims, make applications, submit documents and receive documents from the court by email, with legal effect, quickly, easily and without loss of quality.

"Our most important aim was to enable those involved in legal proceedings to securely communicate electronically with all administrative court structures, to speed up the legal process and also to provide top-quality service," explained Ralf Geis, judge at the administrative court and IT project leader. "The high levels of acceptance of our digital offering have now already far exceeded our expectations."

"Those responsible for IT at the administrative court need an exceptionally reliable security solution, which is easy to install and administer and makes using the email option as simple as possible for future users so that they can communicate with the administrative court", explains Jörg Horn, security expert at Utimaco. "When implemented for real at the administrative court, the SecurE-Mail Gateway has proven that e-mail security can be achieved without time-consuming administration and are completely transparent for the user."

You can access additional information about the solution at the appellate administrative court at: [www.utimaco.com/references](http://www.utimaco.com/references).

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