

Press Release

Minister Tiefensee visits biometric company JENETRIC

During his summer tour "Tiefensee digital", the Thuringian Minister of Economic Affairs discussed digitization and IT security with JENETRIC.

Jena - Digitizing the proof of identity with the use of biometric technologies was the topic for a visit by the Minister of Economic Affairs Wolfgang Tiefensee at JENETRIC GmbH. Founded four years ago, the Jena-based company specializes in fingerprinting with the highest standards of security combined with a user-friendly operation. The aim is to simplify the proof of identity process and provide it for everyone at any time.

"The intuitive and simple operation of fingerprint scanners is a prerequisite for the digitization of many business processes," explains Roberto Wolfer, one of the CEOs of JENETRIC. "For the first time our products enable users to take high-quality fingerprints in self-service kiosk settings without the need of guidance by officials."

The Minister of Economic Affairs was able to see for himself taking his fingerprints in a simulated border control. "JENETRIC's fingerprint scanners are a real high-tech product and at the same time an important prerequisite for the digitization of public administrations in Thuringia," said Tiefensee. He can imagine, for example, that in the future these intelligent devices could be used in many public registration offices, where the technology can assist the staff to simplify the application process for passport applications.

Whether applying for passports, driver licenses, grant applications or submitting tax returns: Under the keyword "e-Government" there are many national and international initiatives to automate these processes through the use of biometrics without compromising security. "Germany is one of the pioneers in the integration of fingerprints in passports and ID cards. Unfortunately, due to the lack of infrastructure, the possibilities resulting from this have only been used to some extent to date. We are pleased with the initiative of the Ministry of Economic Affairs to advance digitization and IT security in Thuringia," explains Roberto Wolfer.

In addition to the new possibilities of biometrics, current topics such as broadband expansion and the simplification of grant applications were discussed during the Minister's visit. The Thuringian state government could be a pioneer in this field by completely digitizing the processes for applying for grants and thus speeding up the process. For the very dynamic and fast-growing biometrics industry, a fast processing time of funds is a prerequisite for short product development times. This is the only way companies can keep up with international competition.

JENETRIC GmbH was founded in 2014 at the Jena optics location by engineers with many years of experience in fingerprints and specializes in the development of biometric recording systems. The multidisciplinary team includes hardware and software specialists as well as production and sales professionals. In its product developments, the company pursues a holistic approach that is clearly oriented towards customer requirements - with the ambitious goal of improving living and working conditions through the use of biometric systems.