

# R.B.F.A. scores high points on security thanks to VASCO's Digipass GO1 and VACMAN Controller

## ONLINE INFORMATION THROUGH E-KICKOFF

The Royal Belgian Football Association (R.B.F.A) did not stay on the sidelines when the trend of digitalization entered the world of sports. Since 2003, the organization has – besides an extensive website – an extranet system, which has been baptized “e-kickoff”. The target groups of this extranet are the 2 000 clubs, 800 indoor football clubs, 7 000 referees and 10 000 trainers, who are associated with the R.B.F.A. With e-kickoff, the Royal Belgian Football Association wants to be able to communicate



smoothly with the clubs and the associates on a daily basis. Now R.B.F.A.-members can view online information and documents, which they had to request by letter or phone in the past. Since 2004, the R.B.F.A. also distributes its official publication “Sportleven/La Vie Sportive” only through its website and the extranet.

Content wise, e-kickoff contains nine sections: Home, Clubs, FSF, Invoicing, Competition, Publications, Regulations and Downloads. With these sections the extranet deals with almost every subject of communication between the R.B.F.A. and its members. “At every football club, there is a correspondent appointed, who is the

official contact for the R.B.F.A. at the club,” says Koen Landsheere, Project Manager at R.B.F.A. “It is that correspondent, who – after request at the R.B.F.A.-, gets access to the extranet. If wanted, also other members of the club can get access, but in general there are only a few e-kickoff users per club.”

The extranet, for example, allows clubs to retrieve information about their own club, but also about the members of others clubs. Besides that, one can also dismiss members or search for qualifications of trainers and all the football calendars. Every club can also access a number of confidential documents. The correspondent of every club can, for example, retrieve detailed information about the invoices of the R.B.F.A. to the club.

## SECURITY IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

“Because the extranet contains confidential data, like invoicing details, R.B.F.A. sets great store by the security of the system,” explains Koen Landsheere, Project Manager at R.B.F.A. “We want to avoid by all means that these data get into the hands of unauthorized users or fraudsters. That is why we searched for the most suitable security solution for e-kickoff, in collaboration with reseller IQN and software consultant Werner Ramaekers.”

R.B.F.A. opted to secure the access to its extranet with VASCO's Digipass GO1 Strong Authentication and VACMAN Controller. To get access to e-kickoff, the user has to log in with his username



Digipass GO1

and the unique password that Digipass GO1 generates every 36 seconds. Because Digipass GO1 produces a new password every time the user logs in, fraudsters and hackers cannot re-use any passwords that they may have retrieved. VASCO's authentication backbone, VACMAN Controller, makes sure that only authorized users with a Digipass GO1 can get access to e-kickoff with the one-time-password.





“After consideration of different security systems, I recommended Digipass GO1 to R.B.F.A. to secure the access to their extranet,” says Werner Ramaekers, Software Consultant. “Digipass GO1 is durable and very user friendly for people and doesn’t require any technical knowledge. Together with the easy integration of VACMAN Controller, this made us choose for VASCO and Digipass.”

### OBJECTIVE

R.B.F.A. wants to secure the access to its extranet, because of the confidential information on the extranet, like invoices and details about fines.

### CHALLENGE

The users have to be able to use the security solution anywhere and the product should be user friendly for everybody who needs to utilize it.

### SOLUTION

Digipass GO1 secures the access to e-kickoff and is easy to use. The user of the extranet only needs to open Digipass GO1 to generate a unique password that gives him – together with his username – access to e-kickoff. Thanks to its convenient size, Digipass GO1 can be easily distributed by the R.B.F.A. and the members can take it with them, wherever they go.



## About R.B.F.A.



The R.B.F.A. represents all football clubs of Belgium. It is a non-profit association that was founded in 1895 and has now about 2000 football clubs and 422 000 members. The R.B.F.A. was co-founder of as well FIFA (International Federation of Football Associations) as UEFA (Union of European Football Associations). The goal of the R.B.F.A. is to stimulate the administrative and sportive organization of football sport and the distribution of it.

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