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***ISTRUMENTUM***

**THE NOTARIAT'S INNOVATIVE SOFTWARE FOR COMPUTERISED  
NOTARIAL DEEDS**

*Rome, 11 November 2015. iStrumentum* is the name of the new software developed by Notartel in partnership with Aruba which is to be presented by the National Council of Notaries for the first time at the National Congress of Notaries (Milan, 8-10 November 2015). As it is made available progressively to all notaries, it will allow citizens to sign digital documents in a notary's office with absolute safety and simplicity.

Notartel is an IT company jointly owned by the National Notarial Fund and the National Council of Notaries that since 1997 has been leading the "notarial digital revolution". It has developed a program that supports the notary through the whole process of preparation, creation, checking and engrossing of the computerised notarial deed and its annexes, for the signing of which it will be possible to use either a digital signature (where available) or a graphometric signature.

To ensure the maximum safety required in such cases, the new software will not only insert the signature image into the document by "capturing" the image input on a tablet. With *iStrumentum* Notartel has developed a graphometric notarial signature that is more advanced than that normally used on tablets; thanks to specific sampling, this technique can acquire a set of biometric data that is specific to an individual's signature, thus providing absolute security.

For the signature of each signatory to a deed, then, there will be a measurement of the time taken to write, the pressure exerted on the tablet, the position of the hand, the speed, acceleration and rhythm of the signature and even the inclination of the pen: criteria that ensure maximum security, creating an unbreakable bond between the biometric characteristics of the signer and the signed document and making it impossible, for example, to reuse the same signature for different deeds.

The technological characteristics of *iStrumentum*, taken together with those of the Notarial Graphometric Signature developed by Notartel, and added to the legal certainty of the notary's intervention, make this software innovative, immediately usable, easy to set up and safe for the signing of computerised documents, even in possible cases of disclaimer, as well as being fully compliant with the Authority's requirements regarding the protection of personal data.

The full development of the computerised notarial document made possible by *iStrumentum* is a new and important step towards the complete digitalisation of notarial tasks, already foreshadowing new possibilities to come, such as the remote signing of a deed.

The computerised notarial deed will also allow full use of the legally compliant conservation systems for documents which Notartel has already provided to notaries; these are considered "best



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practice" at the European level for their standards of security and reliability in the preservation of databases.

With *iStrumentum* the Notariat remains a driving force in the process of digitalisation of the Public Administration, with a program that is fully in line with the dictates of the Digital Agenda, promoting innovation while keeping intact the standards of security, reliability and protection for citizens that have always characterised the notarial profession.

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