

## **Biometric - market and technology evaluation**

Quotec has recently completed a study of market and technology trends in biometric identification in Europe for a global electronics company. The client operates in a wide range of sectors and commissioned Quotec to identify specific opportunities in Europe for its extensive technology portfolio.

- The project included an analysis of market size and trends in Europe for technologies and key applications.
- The key technical challenges were identified along with an analysis of key patents.
- European centres of excellence in biometric identification in Universities and Research Institutes were identified.
- An analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of these research groups was provided along with descriptions of key system suppliers.

Government plans to include biometric data on key documents such as passports, national identification cards, driver's licences etc. were identified as a key market driver. Discussions were held with key Government officials in UK and Europe to establish the timescales for implementation, preferred technologies and preferred business partners.

The project used Quotec's in-house technical expertise, supplemented by experts from UK centres of excellence in biometric identification. It used Quotec's extensive network to gather input from officials at the Home Office, DVLA, UKPS, European Commission, Italian and German Governments, and key European biometric networks.

The client has used the report to focus its R&D strategy on developing applications to exploit specific market opportunities and is planning manufacturing capacity to meet these deployment timescales.