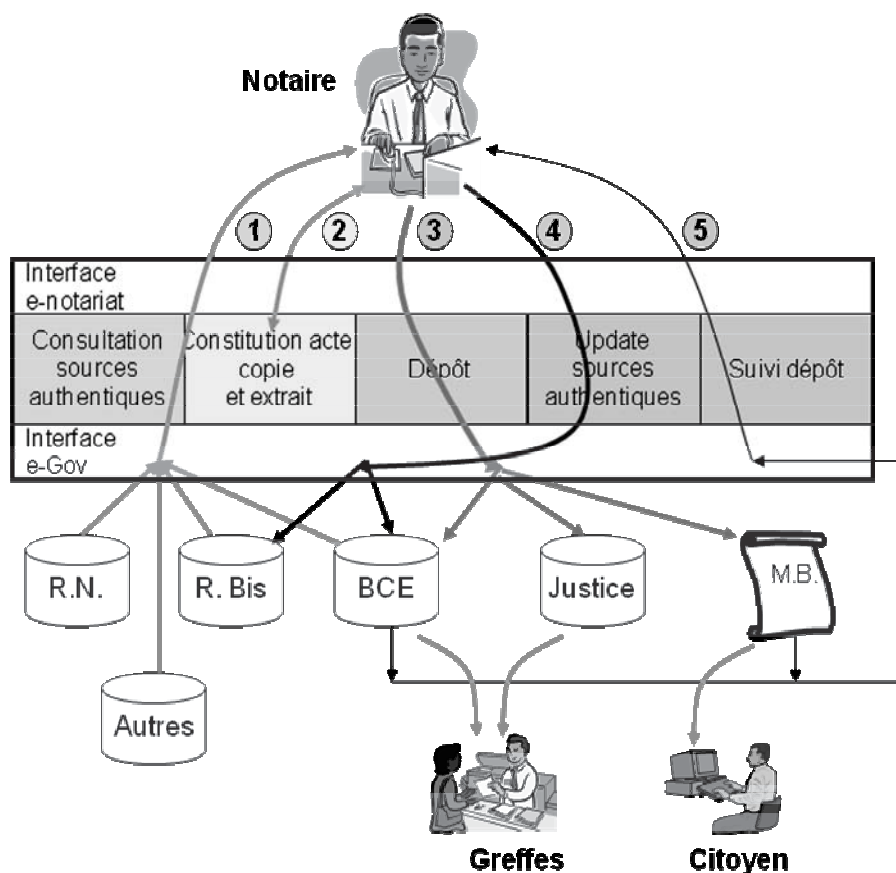


Annex D: E-depot

The “e-depot” system, which allows transactions via a notary to be processed electronically, was implemented in March 2007. The transformation of a paper-based process into an electronic process has reduced the time needed for completing the formalities for registering the creation of a company, from up to 56 days in 2004 to 3 days. Several minutes after the deposit, the notary receives the new company registration number which can then be electronically activated by the starting entrepreneur in any of the ten accredited enterprise offices in the country, and the new company can commence operations.

This initiative was a co-operative effort between the Royal Federation of Belgian Notaries, the Administrative Simplification Agency, *FEDICT* (the federal ICT agency), the Home Office (responsible for the civil register), the Ministry of Economy (in charge of the Belgian Public Crossroads Database of Enterprises) and the Ministry of Justice (responsible for both the Belgian Law Gazette in which company statutes are published and for the clerk of the court).



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