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Quick Check-In at the Calypso Leisure Centre in Saarbrücken, Germany

Since the end of last year regular visitors to the Calypso Leisure Centre in Saarbrücken, Germany have been able to move through the turnstile quickly and easily, without having to wait to pay, and use all the facilities at the centre without needing cash.

For a small initial purchase price, visitors get their own Calypso key in the form of a mafis® transponder armband from eccos pro. This combines the advantages of a traditional stored value card, such as discounted entry prices, with those of an admission key with further attractive additional functions. The transponder, on which a particular credit value is stored, is everything at once: admission key, locker key and a method of payment.

Once they have bought it, visitors can take their transponder armband home with them and can therefore, on their next visit to the centre, pass straight through the turnstile without having to wait to pay at a staffed desk, even at busy times. They can then secure their clothes and valuables in a locker, enjoy something to eat, moving as they please between all areas of the Calypso centre. When leaving the centre, visitors can choose whether to pay for the services they have consumed by using the stored credit value on the transponder, or with cash, or with a bank card or credit card.

In November 2006 the Calypso centre randomly selected 15 visitors who were already stored value card customers and let them trial the Calypso key for a month. Says managing director Gregor Korda: "It was right in the peak winter season that our visitors really appreciated the advantages of the quick check in system. Customer reaction was 100% positive. Everybody immediately wanted one."