

Abstract**Putting a Digital Certificate into Service**

5 The invention relates to a method for putting a digital certificate of a field device (1) into service on a terminal (2), which comprises the following steps: Sending an inquiry for transmitting the digital certificate to the field device (1) by way of the terminal (2), receiving the inquiry for transmitting the digital certificate by the field device (1), in response to receiving the inquiry for transmitting the digital
10 certificate, sending executable certificate data via the field device (1) to the terminal (2), wherein the executable certificate data comprise executable instructions and the digital certificate, receiving the executable certificate data by the terminal (2), and after the executable certificate data have been received by the terminal (2), executing the executable certificate data by the terminal (2), as
15 a consequence of which the digital certificate is installed on the terminal (2). Further proposed is a field device (1) that can be used while executing the aforementioned method, as well as a computer-implemented method for execution on this field device (1).

20 Figure 1