

CLAIMS

1. A method of authenticating a real geographical position of a user₁ with the aid of a database comprising a set of georeferenced photographs, said user being ~~furnished~~ equipped with a device able to ~~perform~~ take photographs, characterized in that said authentication method comprises ~~the steps of~~:

- ~~- obtaining a theoretical geographical position of the user by~~
from a navigation system or by from said user;
- ~~- receiving from the device~~ capable of taking photographs at least one photograph of the ~~user's environment of the user~~, said at least one photograph being taken at ~~a random instant in proximity~~ times close to the real geographical position to ~~be authenticated~~, so that the user cannot anticipate the exact position at which said photograph is taken;
- ~~- comparing said at least one photograph of the environment~~
with taken at random times to at least one georeferenced photograph ~~in of~~
of the database, said at least one georeferenced photograph corresponding to the obtained theoretical geographical position ~~obtained~~; and
- ~~- validating the~~ obtained theoretical geographical position obtained as being the ~~user's real geographical position of the user~~ if said at least one photograph ~~of the environment~~ taken at random times corresponds to said at least one georeferenced photograph₁ or ~~invalidating said theoretical geographical position in the converse case~~ otherwise.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that, during the receiving step, said at least one photograph is encrypted.