

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Estonian Information Systems' Authority ("RIA") of the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government Digital Service ("GDS") of Her Majesty's Government, hereinafter referred to as "The Participants".

In recognition of the fact that:

(i) RIA is an Estonian government agency under the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications. It is responsible for coordinating the development and administration of the state's information systems, organising activities related to information security, and handling the security incidents that have occurred in Estonian computer networks.

(ii) GDS is a core part of the Efficiency and Reform Group in the Cabinet Office. Its remit is to transform government digital services.

(iii) RIA aims to help the state provide the best possible services to citizens.

(iv) GDS aims to ensure that the Government offers world-class digital products that meet user needs.

(v) Both participants are interested in mutually supporting each others' goals to provide better digital public services that are *digital by default* - that is to say, so straightforward and convenient that people prefer to use them.

The Participants have reached the following understandings:

The RIA and GDS (together, the "Participants") will cooperate on the exchange of information and experiences concerning the development of digital government services by

- 1 promoting contact and exchange of public officials and experts, and organising joint events;
- 2 sharing knowledge and capability in design, architecture and security of public information systems and initiating joint (pilot) projects in this realm;
- 3 collaborating to ensure that both participants will have effective capability and development streams when developing digital public services.

The Participants will agree on a case by case basis how initiatives will be funded and resourced.

Participants can, as appropriate, designate another institution or institutions to lead or participate in the initiatives.

This Memorandum of Understanding is not legally binding. It will come into effect on the date of the signature of both Participants and will continue to have effect for a period of five (5) years unless terminated by either Participant giving three (3) months written notice to the other. The Memorandum may be renewed for a period of five (5) years at a time. The Memorandum may be amended by mutual consent of the Participants through an Exchange of Notes between the Participants.

The Participants aim to monitor and review progress of activities carried out under this Memorandum at least annually via meeting or written correspondence.

Signed in duplicate in Riga, Latvia on the 28th of February, 2013 in English.

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