

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Digital Government Authority of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
And
Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs of the Republic of Estonia
For
Digital Government Cooperation

The Digital Government Authority of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs of the Republic of Estonia (hereinafter referred to as a “Participant” and jointly as the “Participants”);

RECOGNIZING the existing important role of the bilateral cooperation between both countries and in the pursuit of enhancing cooperation in the realms of digital government, that would develop government work methods and promote economic development in both countries;

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1
Objective

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as “MoU”) is intended to establish a comprehensive framework for collaboration between both Participants within the domain of digital government. The objective is to enhance and advance pertinent systems and procedures within the Participants, utilizing their respective capabilities and in compliance with the prevailing regulations and laws in force in their respective countries.

Article 2
Areas of Cooperation

The Participants will work to enhance mutual cooperation and communication in the field of digital government, specifically in regards to the following areas:

1. Exchange information on best practices, policies and regulations related to digital government business issues such as: digital transformation, digital government industry development, interoperability standards, and emerging technologies.

2. Cooperation and joint work on joint initiatives to promote and support the growth of government digital services and standards, including digital platforms, electronic signatures and authentication, transferable electronic records, and electronic billing frameworks.
3. Exchange information about developing government digital services.
4. Exchange knowledge and experiences in building more programs aimed at developing government digital services.
5. Cooperate, exchange of experiences and knowledge, building capabilities and best practices regarding the following:
 - a. Training, human capital development, and exchange visits by specialists in all areas of digital government.
 - b. Digital inclusion of vulnerable groups in government digital services.
 - c. Research, innovation, and forming research teams to study topics of mutual interest to develop digital government services.
 - d. Developing and transferring knowledge in the areas of digital identity and trust services.

Article 3

Means of Cooperation

The Participants may conduct cooperative activities in respect to the areas of cooperation identified in Article 2 of this MoU, including, but not limited to:

1. Official visits.
2. Expert groups.
3. Joint projects.
4. Bilateral dialogues, webinars, conferences and visits exchanges.
5. Any other forms of cooperation as jointly decided by both Participants.

Article 4

Status of the MoU

1. This MoU is a non-binding agreement and does not create any rights or obligations on the Participants under international law, treaties or agreements.
2. All cooperative activities under this MoU will be conducted in accordance with the applicable national laws, regulations, rules and policies of each Participant (side).
3. The Participants will be responsible for their own costs arising from implementing the MoU according to the available resources.

Article 5
Confidentiality

The Participants undertake to use the information and documents exchanged between them for the intended purposes only according to their agreement. Such information and documents will not be transferred to a third party without the written consent of the Party who provided them.

Article 6
Intellectual Property

1. The Participants will commit to taking requisite measures to safeguard intellectual property rights arising from any activity covered by this MoU. Such measures will be in accordance with applicable regulations, laws, and international conventions to which either or both of them are signatories.
2. Each Participant is committed not to use the joint intellectual property rights resulting from this MoU except with the written approval of the other party.

Article 7
Settlement of Differences

Any differences that may arise out of or from the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this MoU will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Participants.

Article 8
Implementation

Each Participant will designate a focal point — in writing — for the execution and oversight of cooperation established under this MoU, unless otherwise agreed by both Participants.

Article 9
Entry into effect, Duration and Termination

1. This MoU will become effective upon the date of the last mutual notification exchanged between the Participants through diplomatic channels, confirming conclusion of internal statutory procedures necessary for implementation thereof.
2. The term of this MoU is five years and will be automatically extended for the same duration, unless either party communicates in writing, through diplomatic channels, its intention of termination or not renewal thereof, at least ninety (90) days before the scheduled expiration or termination date.

3. In the event of termination or non-renewal of this MoU, its provisions will remain applicable to programs or activities that have been established under this MoU, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Participants.
4. Amendments to this MoU may be made by written agreement between the Participants and will become effective following the procedure outlined in Paragraph (1) of this Article.

This MoU was signed in the city of Riyadh on 18/3/1448 Hijri, corresponding to 31/8/2026 Gregorian in duplicate in Arabic, Estonian, and English languages. In case of discrepancy of interpretation of the provisions, the English text will prevail.

**For and on Behalf of the Digital
Government Authority of the
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

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**H.E. Abdullah Alswaha
Minister of Communication and
Information Technology
Chairman of Digital Government
Authority**

**For and on Behalf of Ministry
Justice and Digital Affairs of the
Republic of Estonia**

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**H.E. Liisa-Ly Pakosta
Minister of Justice and Digital
Affairs**