**Decision of the Cooperation Committee of programme “Green ICT” regarding the appraisal of the predefined project “Open Cyber Range”**

**Date: 25.02.2021**

Cooperation Committee members:

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**Background**

According to condition set in Annex I of the Programme Agreement there is an obligation of the Programme Operator to carry out an external and independent appraisal of the predefined project, in order to verify its quality and contribution to the objectives of the Programme as well as compliance with EU and national legislation.

Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs as Programme Operator has asked the Information System Authority (hereinafter ISA) to go through the description and budget of the predefined Project “Open Cyber Range” in order to assess the suitability of the project with set requirements and give their independent opinion on planned project.

**ISA** has come to the following conclusion:

*According to ISA, this is a necessary project to enable the training of important IT competences. Based on the information provided for the assessment, there is no reason to argue that the implementation of the project would be unrealistic.*

*ISA points out that, if necessary, project promoter could consider to increase the number of people trained in the project.*

**Decision of the Cooperation Committee**

Programme Operator has sent the summary of the independent conclusion and proposal to finance the pre-defined project “Open Cyber Range” to members of the Cooperation Committee on 18.02.2021.

As there were no objections, the Cooperation Committee has made the following decision:

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| Relying on the conclusion of the independent expert we decide to finance the pre-defined project “Open Cyber Range” in amount of 3 331 765 euros as part of the programme EE-Innovation (“Green ICT”). We will closely monitor the reaching of project targets. Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications (Programme Operator) will conclude a trilateral project contract with Enterprise Estonia (Implementing Agency) and Ministry of Defence (Project Promoter) to agree all the specific terms for using the grant and implementing the pre-defined project “Open Cyber Range”. |

Final version of project description and budget are enclosed.

Minutes taken by

Tanel Tomson