



The Minister

Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy
of the State of North-Rhine-Westphalia, 40190 Düsseldorf

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Dear Minister,

Thank you for your kind letter and your reflections on our close partnership between Estonia and North Rhine-Westphalia.

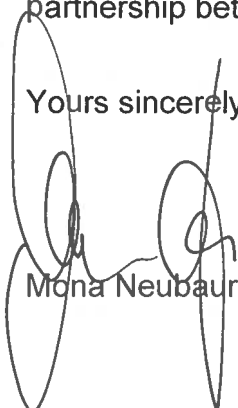
I greatly appreciate your understanding regarding the postponement of my planned visit to Estonia and I share your view that our regions have much to gain from strengthening cooperation, particularly in the fields of cybersecurity, digital transformation and the defence industry. These topics are of growing strategic importance for both our economies and our societies.

North Rhine-Westphalia highly values Estonia's internationally recognised expertise. I am open and interested in your paper prepared by Nortal and CR14. I assure that we will review the proposals with interest as soon as we get them.

Your proposal to visit North Rhine-Westphalia together with a delegation of Estonian business leaders is most welcome. Such an exchange provides an excellent opportunity to identify concrete initiatives and deepen the ties between our business communities.

I look forward to continuing our dialogue and to further strengthening the partnership between Estonia and North Rhine-Westphalia.

Yours sincerely,



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