

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND
COMMUNICATIONS OF ESTONIA
AND
ABU DHABI DIGITAL AUTHORITY

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia (hereinafter referred to as “GOE”) and **Abu Dhabi Digital Authority** (hereinafter referred to as “ADDA”), hereinafter individually referred to as “Participant” and jointly referred to as “Participants”;

WHEREAS ADDA is a Government entity with vested powers *vis-a-vis* the Digital Government and the Digital Transformation as a virtue of the incorporation law No (16) of 2019; and

WHEREAS Estonia is keen to share and enhance experience with ADDA;

THEREFORE both Participants agree to enter into this MOU based on the following:

SECTION 1

Basic principles and objective

1. The objective of this MoU is to develop cooperation and to promote relations and mutual understanding between the Participants.
2. This Memorandum is a statement of intent of the Participants and it will not create any binding legal obligations for either Participant. The provisions of this MoU will not give rise to any legal claim on behalf of either Participants or any third party. The provisions of this MoU do not prejudice or assume any particular decisions or undertakings.
3. Any differences between Participants in the interpretation or application of this MoU will be settled amicably by mutual consultation.

SECTION 2

Areas of cooperation

Both Participants agree to exchange experience in the ICT Sector at different areas, inter alia, the following “Common Areas”:

1. Cybersecurity;
2. Government solutions;
3. Government services;
4. Data Management and Applied Intelligence;
5. Digital innovation.

SECTION 3

Implementation

1. The Participants will appoint persons of contact (POC) to facilitate, monitor and review the implementation of this MoU.
2. Both Participants may endeavor to venture for experience exchange in the Common Areas in different schemes.
3. Both Participants, at discretion, may deploy and dedicate an *ad hoc* team as a focal point to explore the optimal ways of cooperation and forward the relevant recommendation towards advanced understanding of the Participants. To that extent, both Participants might elect for regular meetings and other cooperation protocols.
4. Schemes may vary based on the nature and level of interest including but not limited to: partnerships, research and development initiatives, hosting initiatives etc.

SECTION 4

Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

1. Each Participant will protect, within its territory, intellectual property rights of the other Participant in accordance with the domestic law in force in their respective countries.
2. In case specific arrangement, programs of projects may affect any intellectual property rights, the Participants will conclude separate arrangement in accordance with their respective regulations.

SECTION 6

Communications

Both Participants agree to communicate in English via any medium or communication tool including but not limited to: e mails, tele calls, letters etc. As deemed appropriate, any Participant may assign communication in respect to this MOU to a specific entity within its organization and respectively share the contact details with the other Participant.

SECTION 7
Confidentiality

The Common Areas and any evolving cooperation or communication between the Participants will be considered confidential and respectively treated with professional confidentiality standards. To that extent, the Participants will not share any information with any third party or make available any information as so relevant to the MOU or the Common Areas unless collecting prior written approval from the other Participant.

SECTION 8
Use of Name and Logo

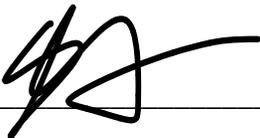
No Participant will use the name of another Participant as an endorsement, or the other Participant's logo (or any variation thereof), without first obtaining the relevant Participant's written consent.

SECTION 9
Entry into Effect, Duration and Termination

1. This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signing and may be terminated by either Participant giving ten days notice in writing.
2. This MoU may be reviewed and amended at any time. By mutual written consent of the Participants. Such amendment will come into effect on such date as may be determined by the Participants and will form an integral part of this MoU.
3. The termination of this MoU will not affect this validity and duration of any arrangements, programs, activities or projects made under this MoU until the completion of such arrangements, programs, activities or projects unless the Participants decided otherwise.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Participants, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding, on this 5th day of September 2019, in two original copies in the English language.

**For and on behalf of
the Ministry of Economic Affairs and
Communications of Estonia**



Mr. Siim Sikkut
Government Chief Information Officer
Deputy Secretary General for IT and Telecom

For and on behalf of ADDA



H.E. Dr. Rauda Saeed Al Saadi
Director General of the Abu Dhabi Digital
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