

“ I envision the DPI Safeguards initiative playing a crucial role in establishing a global (de facto) standard for designing and implementing DPIs. The most significant strategic challenge is the separation of wealthy, low, and middle-income countries in their DPI developments. I hope the initiative's progress can bridge this gap.”

**Ville Sirviö, Chief Executive Officer,  
Nordic Institute for  
Interoperability Solutions (NIIS)**



Aug 06, 2025 13:32 EEST

## NIIS CEO Ville Sirviö Appointed to the United Nations DPI Safeguards Strategic Advisory Board

The Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions (NIIS) is proud to announce that its CEO, Ville Sirviö, has joined the newly established Strategic Advisory Board of the UN DPI Safeguards initiative. This high-level board, convened by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office of the Envoy on Technology (OET), plays an essential role in providing independent guidance on the adoption, country-level implementation, and long-term evolution of the Universal DPI Safeguards Framework

“I’m honoured to join the DPI Safeguards Strategic Advisory Board,” said

Sirviö. “Together with an inspiring group of experts, we will help ensure that safeguards become the norm—not the exception—in how we build digital public infrastructure that leaves no one behind.”

The DPI Safeguards initiative seeks to ensure that DPI systems—such as digital ID, payments, and data exchange platforms—are developed in ways that are safe, inclusive, rights-based, and sustainable. The Strategic Advisory Board brings together global experts and thought leaders from the public and private sectors, academia, and civil society to advise on strategic direction, governance, and partnerships.

Learn more about the DPI Safeguards and the Strategic Advisory Board here: <https://www.dpi-safeguards.org>.

---

Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions (NIIS) is a non-profit association with the mission to ensure the development and strategic management of [X-Road®](#) and other cross-border solutions for digital government infrastructure.

NIIS is both a network and cooperation platform and executioner of IT developments in members’ common interests. The institute focuses on practical collaboration, sharing of experience and promoting innovation. The operating model of the institute is something unique in the world.

The republics of Estonia, Finland and Iceland are members of NIIS, and the Faroe Islands and the Government of Åland are partners of NIIS.

## Contacts



**Ville Sirviö**

Press Contact

CEO

[ville.sirvio@niis.org](mailto:ville.sirvio@niis.org)

+372 7130 801