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Estonia and Finland explore ways to bring next digital components under joint development by the NIIS

The governments of Estonia and Finland convened together for the first time in history on 7th May 2018 in Tallinn, Estonia. The jubilee meeting reached agreement on many concrete measures by which digital connections between Estonia and Finland will be enhanced.

The governments decided to explore ways to bring next digital service infrastructure components under joint development into the Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions, and to support the Institute in efforts to find new member countries.

The governments also decided to ensure and take all the necessary actions that the ongoing data-exchange projects shall be completed in due time in 2018 and 2019, and the use-cases and roadmaps in next data exchange areas shall be identified by end of 2018.

The Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions is currently completing its first public procurement and starting development activities of the X-Road data exchange layer technology.

The Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions (NIIS) is an association founded jointly by Finland and Estonia. Its mission is to develop e-governance solutions, kicking off with the X-Road technology used nationwide in the Estonian *X-tee* and in the Finnish *Suomi.fi Data Exchange Layer* service.

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