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The Government of Åland becomes a partner of NIIS

The [Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions \(NIIS\)](#) members have approved the [Government of Åland](#) as a NIIS partner. The official partnership is the second for NIIS after the [Faroe Islands](#) first joined NIIS as a partner in 2019.

As a partner of NIIS, the Åland Islands wish to share information about the X-Road® and other components relating to the e-government core infrastructure, participate in respective discussions, and help promote the scope of NIIS. Åland will also join the technical X-Road working group.

"We are delighted to have been granted this opportunity to become a partner

of NIIS. This will increase the interoperability and set the path for Åland's digitalisation journey with our Nordic neighbours", says Francois Maugis, Chief Digital Officer of the Åland Government.

Åland is utilising X-Road® technology through the use of the [Suomi.fi Data Exchange Layer](#), the Finnish X-Road environment maintained by the [Finnish Digital Agency \(DVV\)](#). Åland Government and DVV together aim to advance X-Road use in Åland, an autonomous, demilitarised, Swedish-speaking region of Finland.

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.

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