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Mémorandum d'accord entre le Ministère de la réforme administrative et de la gouvernance électronique de la République hellénique et le Ministère des affaires économiques et des communications de la République d'Estonie relatif à la coopération en matière de lutte contre la corruption et la bureaucratie au moyen de l'administration en ligne et des technologies de l'information et de la communication. Thessalonique, 9 septembre 2011

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM AND ELECTRONIC
GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
AND
THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

ON COOPERATION IN WAYS OF COMBATING CORRUPTION AND
BUREAUCRACY THROUGH E-GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

The Ministry of Administrative Reform and Electronic Government of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Estonia, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Taking into account the long-standing friendship ties between their countries,

Taking also into account the close relationship existing between the two countries through their membership in the European Union,

Acknowledging the importance of combating corruption and bureaucracy,

Noting Estonia's experience and know-how in the fields of e-government and information and communication technologies,

Have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The Parties shall develop their cooperation in the field of e-government and information and communication technologies, by exchanging experience and know-how with the view to assist the Greek side in designing and implementing the strategic plan and actions framework that will meet the country-specific requirements for combating corruption and bureaucracy.

Cooperation will focus on the identification of the field relevant strategic agendas and key application initiatives along with the design and implementation of concrete and prioritised actions to allow for the development of an environment that will enable better access to public sector information and services,

transparency of public administration and active involvement of citizens and businesses in the policy-making process.

Both Parties will undertake roles and responsibilities in relation to the actions framework and will collaborate according to specific methodology and interactions.

Article 2

The Ministry of Administrative Reform and Electronic Government, from the Greek side, and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, from the Estonian side, shall be responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding. The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia can delegate the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding to e-Governance Academy.

Article 3

Cooperation shall in particular take place in the following fields:

- Transfer of Estonian knowledge concerning e-governance, e-democracy and the development of civil societies in order to assist the Greek Government to: increase the openness and transparency of governance, enhance responsiveness & accountability of public systems, insert and promote public administration reforms to result in citizen-centric systems through a common service layer.

- Forming the strategic plan of the Greek government for combating corruption and bureaucracy in the field of e-government and information and communication technologies. The strategic plan includes strategic directions, goals, components and principles along with generic implementation guidelines taking into consideration the e-Government Action Plan of the Digital Agenda for Europe in relation to the country specifics.

- Design of the e-government program for combating corruption and bureaucracy. The e-government program includes a roadmap of prioritized actions that implement the strategic plan, and provides frameworks, methodologies, quality assurance standards, check points and controlling mechanisms along with specific guidelines for managing the program and implementing the roadmap.

- Monitoring of the implementation progress of the e-government program for combating corruption and bureaucracy.

- Implementation of certain projects within the frame of the e-government program, with focus on those based on Estonian e-government best practices as well as those that implement major "building blocks" that will form the key enablers for the implementation of the e-government program (e.g. e-Identification, e-Signatures, e-Payment).

- Design and implementation of the three year education plan for e-government that will be executed by the National Centre for Public Administration & Local Government of the Ministry of Administrative Reform and Electronic Government.

- Design and implementation of the Greek interoperability framework for e-government.

- Review of current legislation in field specific domains (e.g. e-Identification, e-Procurement, e-Justice, e-Health, licensing) with focus on better regulation.

Article 4

The cooperation between the Parties shall be carried through:

- Training in Estonia of Greek public servants of high level competent within the Greek administration on questions of e-government and information and communication technologies;

- Supervision, on a provisional basis, of the application of the above training in the relevant Greek administrations by Estonian senior e-government officials;

- Exchange of relevant material;

- Organization of workshops, seminars and other activities;

- Presentations in Greece of Estonian best practices and case studies on successful stories relevant to the field;

- Providing Consultation to the policy making work team by Estonian senior e-government officials;

- Providing Consultation to design teams involved in the implementation of Greek e-government projects by Estonian e-government officials;

- Providing Consultation to the work team that designs the three year education plan for e-government by Estonian e-government officials;

- Organization of on-the-job training sessions in Estonia, within the frame of the implementation of Greek e-government projects that are based on Estonian best practices;