

Joint Declaration of Intent

Between

the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland

and

**the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
of the Government of the Republic of India
on Cooperation in the field of Digitalization**

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of the Republic of Finland and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Participants" and individually as the "Participant"),

Welcoming the growing partnership between the Republic of Finland and the Republic of India, including the strengthening of collaboration in the field of digitalization both Participants share these interests:

Desiring to further develop and strengthen industrial, technological, commercial, research and innovation cooperation between the two countries;

Recognizing the potential for enhanced cooperation in the field of digitalization by leveraging their respective capabilities and competencies to mutual benefit;

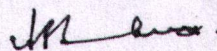
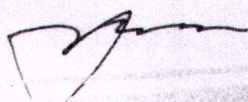
Seeking to make sustained efforts to facilitate and promote enhanced trade in goods and services, investments, joint initiatives and joint ventures in the field of digitalization;

Have reached the following understanding:

Section 1

The Objective of Cooperation

1. The objective of this Joint Declaration of Intent (herein after "Joint Declaration") is to establish a framework for the development of stronger relations and cooperation between the Participants in the field of digitalization.



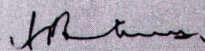
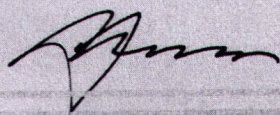
2. Establish partnerships in order to promote cooperation between private sector companies and the public sectors of Finland and India to address obstacles and challenges to greater trade, investment and manufacturing best practices in the field of digitalization between the two countries.

Section 2

Areas of Cooperation

The areas of cooperation between the Participants may include the following:

1. Information exchanges between private and public entities of both countries in the field of digital development and related public policy issues and practices;
2. Strengthening collaboration in areas such as eGovernment, m-Governance, smart infrastructure, eHealth and eEducation;
3. Promoting use of emerging technologies, including cloud computing, artificial intelligence, Internet of Things, Big Data, Blockchain, etc;
4. Promoting and identifying innovative ways of training and development including through education, distance learning and exchange programmes for researchers, experts and start ups in the field of digitalization;
5. Sharing best practices on e-Government project implementation, reuse of applications/products such as e-Office, e-court, e-Dashboard, e-Procurement application, among others with configuration flexibilities, for making them readily available with necessary customization;
6. Enhancing B2B cooperation in cyber security, and exploring possibilities for cooperation in cyber security related to emerging technologies. ;
7. Exchanging information on human resources management policies for deploying high-skilled IT professionals to ensure that companies in both countries have access to talent that fosters economic growth and innovation;
8. Promoting cooperation in areas of Electronics System Design and Manufacturing with a view to establishing economic efficiencies in manufacturing and collaborative hardware clusters;



9. Promoting SME and start-up ecosystems by sharing information on accelerators, venture capital and start-up incubators i.a. by establishing linkages between start-up hubs on both sides;
10. Cooperation on sharing knowledge on empowering individual rights for privacy in data collection, processing and use;
11. Participating in international events organized by each country, as appropriate.

Section 3

Funding and Resources

1. The implementation of cooperative activities under this Joint Declaration is subject to the availability of funds, manpower and other resources of the Participants.
2. The Participants anticipate sharing the cost of such cooperative activities, as determined jointly between them.

Section 4

Implementation

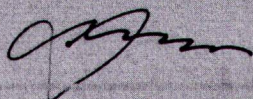
The Participants or, upon their authority, implementing agencies can nominate a coordinator for the purpose of coordinating cooperative activities under this Joint Declaration of Intent.

Implementation of this JDI involves facilitating networking and partnerships of business and research communities of the two countries.

Section 5

Commencement of Cooperation, Modification and Discontinuation

1. This Joint Declaration becomes operative on the date of its signature for a period of five years. Thereafter, the Participants may consider renewing the Joint Declaration for a further period.



2. This Joint Declaration may be terminated by either Participant giving six months written notice. The Participants will consult to determine how any outstanding matters should be dealt with. Termination will not affect the validity of any contract made under this Joint Declaration of Intent.
3. This Joint Declaration may be modified by mutual arrangement. The Participants expect that such modifications would apply from the date of the written confirmation by the Participants to each other. This Joint Declaration is not legally binding and is not intended to supersede national law or international obligations by which the Participants are bound.
4. This Joint Declaration is a framework for enabling discussions, visits, workshops and partnerships between business and research communities on various issues in the field of digitalization.

Section 6

Differences regarding the interpretation and application of the Joint Declaration of Intent

Any differences regarding the interpretation and application of this Joint Declaration will be resolved by consultations between the Participants and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement.

Signed at New Delhi on November 22, 2019 in two originals in the English language.

For and on behalf of the Ministry of
Electronics and Information Technology of
the Government of the Republic of India



Secretary

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Economic Affairs and Employment of
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Permanent Secretary