

Building AI powered government

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| OBJECTIVE | Best experience | | | |
| LEAPS | Switch to life-event based and proactive services | AI-powered government | Human-centric digital government | Green digital government |
| FOUNDATIONS | Management and user-centricity of public services | Data-driven governance and reuse of data | Futureproof digital government platforms | Centrally provided basic IT services |
| | Systematic experimentation with new ways | Open innovation and development of govtech community | Empowering digital change in public sector | Targeted international cooperation |

AI strategies

National AI strategy for 2019-2021:

- public sector
- private sector
- legal system
- education+R&D

National AI strategy for 2022-2023:

- public sector
- private sector
- legal system
- education+R&D
- data as an enabler

National AI strategy for 2024-2025:

- collaboration
- reusability...

AI in the public sector

Number of AI projects

120+

Reusable AI components
koodivaramu.eesti.ee

40+

Number of organisations

40+

Fully automated processes

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AI use-cases

Identifying residential buildings that are fire hazards

The Rescue Board

Training / internships, etc. impact on employment and wages

Unemployment agency

AI solution for optimizing teaching

Ministry of Education

Customer call analysis

SKA, Unemployment Insurance Fund, Statistics Estonia, Health Insurance Fund and others.

Controlling the names of medicines

State Agency of Medicines

Identification of clear-cutting, height, tree species, crops

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Bürokratt in a nutshell

Bürokratt is the vision of how digital public services should work in the age of artificial intelligence (AI)

All government services and information available from one place via virtual assistants:

- by voice
- in Estonian language (+ more)
- in any most common device and channel
- proactively
- open-source and free
- Personalized services (both public- and private sector)



Privacy and trust



Implementation

- AI Strategies
- Data tracker
- Data governance requirements
- Privacy-by-design



Solutions

- PETs
- Synthetic data
- Data tracker
- Consent service
- Anonymisation



Focus on hands-on practical support

- Competence centre for AI and data reuse
- AI support toolbox initiative Expert
- Higher education and up- and re-skilling
- Data literacy skills
- Expert knowledge exchanges



Impact assessment

- Principles of responsible data processing
- Algorithm impact assessment methodology

lessons learned

- + **Data-first strategy**
- + **Data governance brought to management level**
- + **It is necessary to ask the right questions!**
- + **Improve search and access to data**
- + **Reusability and practical cooperation**
- + **Keep it simple!**



Thank you!

