

"The Nordic countries and the Baltic states, which are characterised by innovative thinking and experience in the development of e-governance, should take the leading role in implementing the goals of the European Union digital agenda," said the President Toomas Hendrik Ilves at the opening of the Nordic Digital Agendas Day today in Tallinn.

The Head of State introduced Estonia's e-governance opportunities, security and strengths to the participants of the conference, and noted that secure digital identity is the key issue for the development of well-working e-solutions. "We should strive to achieve a system of digital signatures that could be acceptable throughout the Nordic countries and Baltic states, as this would facilitate co-operation in the sphere of various e-services. Last year, Estonia and Finland entered into an agreement that will allow the citizens of both countries to enjoy similar digital services, among these the creation of a common e-prescription system," told President Ilves.

When speaking about the co-operation between the Nordic countries and the Baltic states, the Head of State stated: "In this region and the Nordic countries, we have all the technical and social prerequisites to continue with closer co-operation in the sphere of e-services. After some years, the cross-border e-services system could be extended to Europe in general. However, this demands political and not just technological willingness."

The Nordic Digital Agendas Day takes place in Estonia for the first time and is an event that is being launched within the framework of the programme of the international information and communication technology week, "Estonian ICT Week 2014". At the Nordic Digital Strategies Day, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Estonia will exchange experiences, learn from each other and compare digital strategies.

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