



BALTIC-NORDIC-POLISH READY FOR eFTI INITIATIVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

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Hereby, the undersigned, representatives of the associations, businesses, logistics and IT companies alike, within the current and growing awareness and support of public authorities' and necessity of cooperation, express their joint effort in applying electronic and seamless freight transport information exchange and early adoption of the eFTI Regulation¹ in the Nordic-Baltic-Poland corridor.

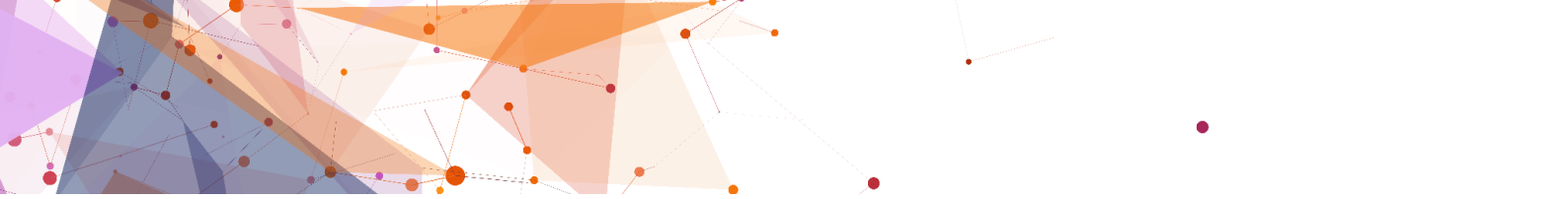
The joint target of this MoU is to **create an umbrella initiative and cluster to foster cross-border and cross-sectoral cooperation for freight transport information exchange** between the region's competent authorities and businesses allowing the region to establish seamless data sharing between Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland while also seeking interoperability and smooth extension to connected corridors.

The current MoU seeks to support and be prepared as early as possible for the implementation of eFTI Regulation in 2025, successful uptake during the first years into and preparedness for further steps between 2025 and 2030, then growingly also beyond.

Within that aim, the partners and the undersigned, jointly:

1. Foster GROWTH, SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCY of electronic information exchange for both industries, service providers and public authorities alike;
2. Address and align the regional, national and European Union visions, strategies and guidelines as well as JOINT STUDIES, ROADMAPS and ACTION PLANS on the domain to support the smooth and cost-efficient preparation, uptake and use of various technological solutions;
3. Strengthen the STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, coordination and discussions, studies and communication on best practices and alignment;
4. Endorse highlighted COOPERATION and COMMUNITY BUILDING on gathering and communicating input and feedback on the application of eFTI Regulation (EU) 2020/1056 prior and after 2025;
5. Provide DIRECT FEEDBACK AND CONTINUOUS JOINT ELABORATION on the eFTI architecture including wider business-to-business and business-to-government data exchange implementations that interact with eFTI ecosystem in the process of preparing for the eFTI delegated and implementing acts, the application and feedback on the further evolution;
6. Work and aim for the SETUP OF INTEROPERABILITY of eFTI platforms, Access Points and the NETWORK OF ACCESS POINTS with support to each member state's individual technologies within the ecosystem;
7. Take steps for eFTI interoperability implementation in the TEN-T SMART CORRIDORS to guarantee timely and efficient take off of eFTI platforms and Access Points within and beyond the region;
8. Set up and work towards the DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION of new solutions, allowing joint testing, new pilots and testbeds for both businesses and public authorities through individual and joint actions;

¹ Regulation (EU) 2020/1056 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2020 on electronic freight transport information, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2020/1056>

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9. Keep the principle of TEST BEFORE INVEST and within create a network of testbeds and sandboxes, mock solutions and prototypes, including the indexing prototype to the extent needed;
 10. Further evolve and apply TRUST SERVICES AND e-SOLUTIONS such as eSignatures, eSeals, eArchives, internationally recognised timestamps and regional, CEF or international building blocks to mitigate data immutability and security,
 11. Take high effort IN RUNNING JOINT PROJECTS AND GRANTING FINANCING to the abovementioned priorities, including addressing national, regional and European Union funding calls;
 12. Run ONBOARDING ACTIVITIES between authorities, eFTI platform developers, Economic Operators, other companies and SMEs for scaling up eFTI uptake;
 13. Dedicate to COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SHARING in the region and beyond both on the cooperation as well as eFTI;
 14. When possible and relevant, extend the approach and aims within their own communities, associations, networks, further clusters and projects beyond the current MoU partnerships.

The initiative builds upon the principles of creating cross-border and cross-domain vision on digitalisation of supply chains by Single Window Initiative Estonia and on network and practical outputs of DIGINNO, DIGINNO-Proto, DINNOCAP projects as well as FEDeRATED, FENIX, CaaS Nordic, IBA and NDPTL projects.

The MoU targets to empower the digitalisation of transport and efficiency of supply chains within the European Green Deal and Smart and Sustainable Mobility Strategy, the Baltic Sea Region strategies, Northern Dimension Priorities with ambitions of the increased efficiency of North-Sea Baltic TEN-T corridor and Nordic-Baltic-Poland region as a whole. For that, the focus of the MoU is on the uptake and maximum use of the opportunities provided by the electronic freight transport information exchange (eFTI) Regulation.

THE UNDERSIGNED

**Associations and companies from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Finland
with further engagement of extended partners beyond the region**

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22 June 2022

Signed electronically with qualified electronic signatures (QES) within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 (eIDAS Regulation)