

Minister Plešs Announces Digital Transformation for Next 100 Days Priority

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Today, March 26, during a press conference on 100 days as Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development, highlighting the future, Artūrs Toms Plešs highlighted the digital transformation as one of the most important priorities of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development. On the first step towards a comprehensive digital transformation, the Minister has defined centralisation.

☞ Minister Plešs : (AP!) *“The Covid-19 crisis has marked a paradigm shift – the digital environment has become a central place for the development of various socio-economic processes. The European Commission has declared the Digital Decade for the next decade, with ambitious digital objectives, including significant investments to achieve these goals. Consequently, the issue is increasingly pressing: how to maximise these digital environmental opportunities to improve our quality of life, build national competitiveness, enhance digital leadership and independence. VARAM therefore offer a vision for a comprehensive reform of digital transformation, and I have defined centralisation and joint management as a first step in the digital transformation agenda.*

Let us counter centralised decisions and coordinate digital policies, resource optimisation and efficient use; professionalisation, concentration of high-skilled competences, and the development of national solutions and enabling entrepreneurs to develop their digital solutions, develop existing services and create new ones. ”

The reform that VARAM implement will develop preconditions and serve as a catalyst for digital transformation in the commercial sector and society. Six priority actions have been identified:

1) *Introducing the principle of “building authority” for digital solutions in the public sector.* The objective is to promote the capacity and speed of the development of electronic services, to reduce the costs of developing systems, and to make greater use of the

possibilities of already developed information systems when sharing them.

2) *a reform of the architecture of information systems*. The aim is to reduce the costs of developing information systems, automate maintenance, and develop information systems in a way that is more environmentally friendly and less efficient server power and electricity.

3) *data management reform*. The person must have the right to access and decide on their use. . Similarly, data transfers between systems should become cheaper.

4) *consolidation of data centres, the establishment of interoperable and environmentally friendly computing centres at European Union level*. The aim of the action is to make server infrastructure more efficient and environmentally friendly.

5) *Profitualisation and Strengthening of Competencies*. The aim is to make it possible for the public administration to optimise the number of employees and to increase quality.

6) *development of a single network of customer service centres*. In the digital era, land-based support for public administration is declining, but many people need to provide face-to-face support for services.

Digitisation from the tool for productivity and accessibility should become a tool for higher value added reforms: the creation of innovative products and services, automation, the development of new economic sectors, the redeployment of public processes, the development of automation and algorithm-based decision-making, including the use of artificial intelligence. . In addition, the public sector can play a key role in the digital transformation of the economy I. At the same time, it can be seen that the public administration must also carry out a tectonic reshuffle so that the digital transformation takes place in the most efficient and sustainable way.

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