The National Digitalisation Programme
of the Faroe Islands

Digital Faroe Islands
Estonia
Land area: 45,000 km²
Population: 1,300,000

Faroe Islands:
Land area: 1,400 km²
Population: 51,000
The Faroe Islands

- A self-governing nation within the Kingdom of Denmark
- Own parliament for 1000 years
- Own language, flag, national anthem and national football team
- Own legislation on almost every area – industry, education, health, infrastructure, pensions etc.
- Own independent area regarding customs and taxation
- Not a member of the EU
- A fairly well digitalised country
Level of digitalisation

World Class Telecom Infrastructure
• Broadband available for all households
• 4G coverage on all populated areas
• 5G scheduled – ready in 2020

IT-infrastructure in Public and Private Sector is well Developed
• Nationwide Tax Collection System
• Central Government Financial System
• Nationwide healthcare system
The challenges
Challenges

- Small and isolated
- Monolithic economy – dominant fishing industry
- IT industry stagnated
- Lack of investment in public IT and digitalisation
- Decrease in population
- Wide age gap
- Young people moving to other countries
Digitalisation as driver
The motivations for investing in Digitalisation

- Increased Welfare
  From bureaucracy to welfare

- Modernisation
  Services will always be available and be faster and more secure

- Promotion of Trade
  Especially IT will get new and challenging assignments

- Immigration
  Attract Faroese citizens living in other countries

- Efficiency
  Procedures will be made more sensible and cost efficient

- Democracy
  Citizens will have a greater insight into their own information and get a bigger sense of trust on the government
Digital Faroe Islands
the national digital infrastructure
Lessons learnt

- Close co-operation with our local IT-industry
- Public-private-partnership has strengthen engagement and commitment among stakeholders
- Promoting the programme on a regular basis has strengthen trust among citizens
- Constant involvement of all relevant stakeholders to make sure everybody has a voice
- Being a late adapter, not a firstmover – learn from the best
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