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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

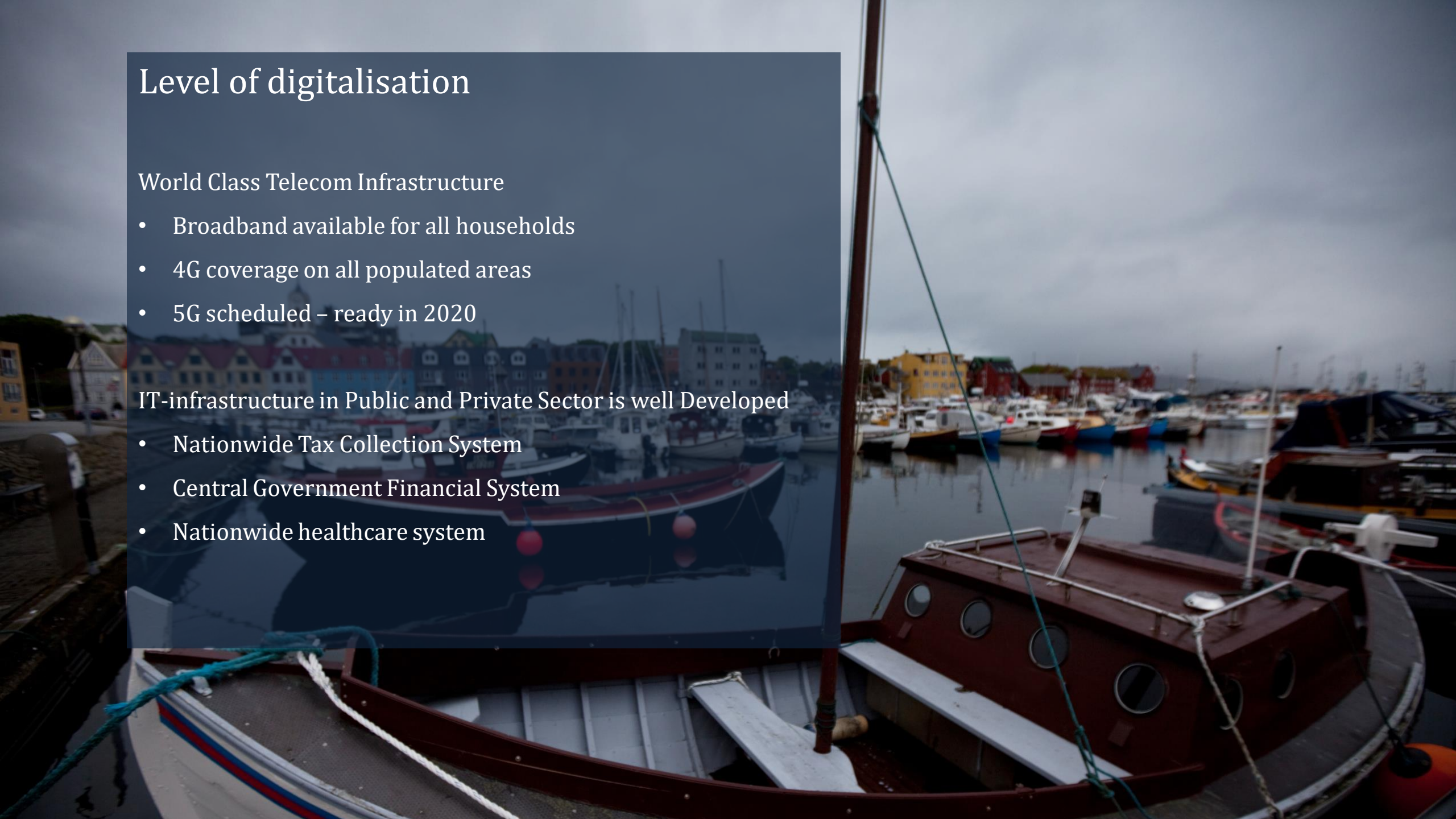
Level of digitalisation

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

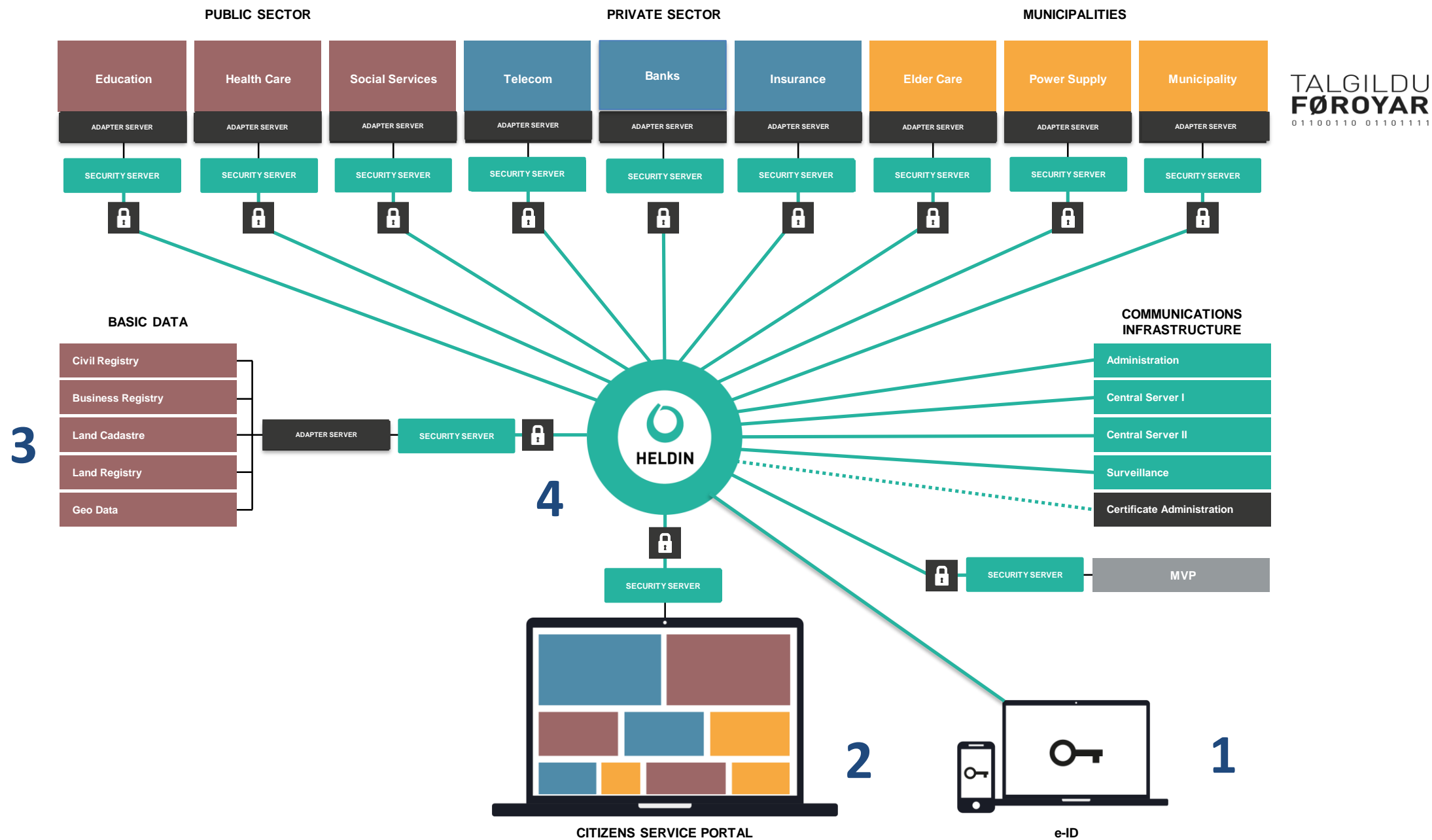


The motivations for investing in Digitalisation

- **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
- Promating 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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