

**Memorandum of Understanding in the Field of Technology in Education
between
the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia
and
the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland**

The Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants");

Believing in the potential of modern technologies to further education and taking advantage of ICT to enrich learning and teaching;

Desiring to strengthen the cooperation between Estonia and Finland in the field of ICT in education, in particular to support the development and usage of digital learning resources in primary and secondary education;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Participants shall execute this Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with national regulations, policies and the existing rules applied in both countries, and enhance cooperation and development in the fields of technology in education.

Article II

The Participants shall endeavor to realize cooperation in the field of technology in education which includes, but is not limited to the following activities:

1. encourage technological cooperation between the two countries in the development and adoption of the cloud technology in primary and secondary education;
2. cooperate and exchange information on setting up a learning ecosystem based on digital resources by agreeing on standards, ensuring interoperability and developing a shared concept;
3. facilitate educational collaboration by fostering joint conferences and workshops for administrative staff in education and for head teachers, teachers and educational technologists;
4. encourage the dissemination of best practices by visits of representatives, educationalists and researchers of the two countries;

5. examine the opportunities of teacher exchange to promote cooperation;
6. encourage the development and sharing of learning resources.

Article III

The Participants shall nominate their coordinators and establish a joint ministerial working group (or groups) for carrying out the activities listed in Article II of this Memorandum of Understanding within one month after the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding at the latest.

Article IV

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect on the date of its signing and remain in effect until December 31, 2020.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended in writing by mutual consent of the Participants.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by one of the Participants by informing the other Participants in writing at least six months in advance.

Unless otherwise decided by both participants, the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the continued implementation of the plans and projects decided upon by both participants, until they have been completed in full.

Signed at Tallinn on 29 January 2014 in two originals in the English language, both texts are equally authentic.

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