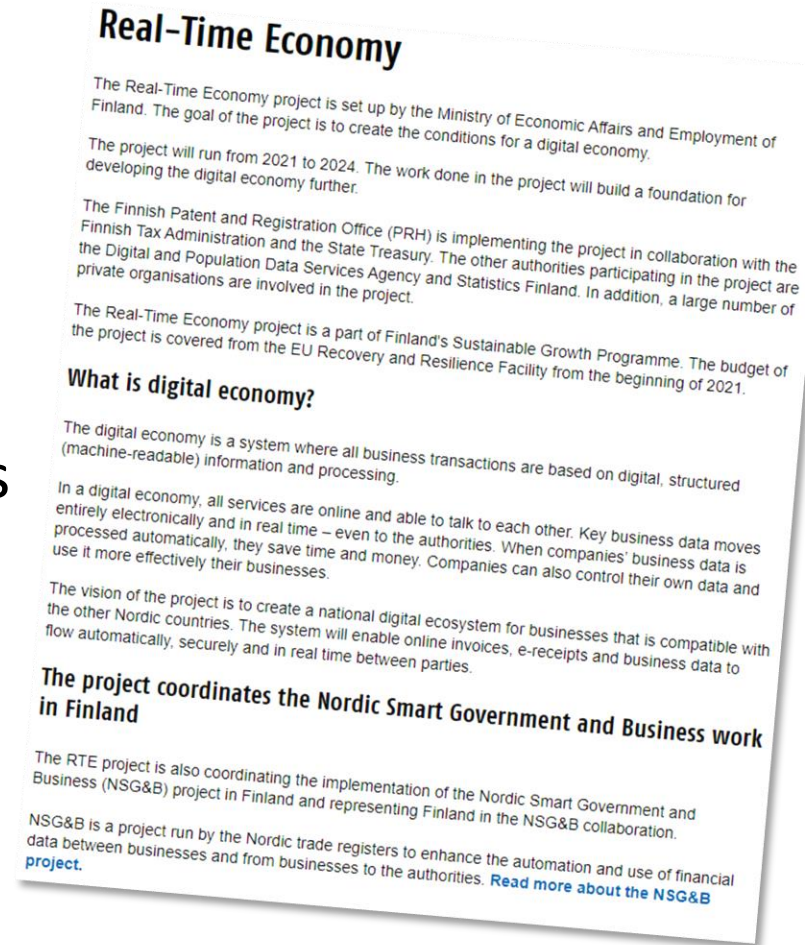


Digitalisation of tax administration Real time economy project

BusinessEurope perspective

Business focus

- **Early involvement and dialogue** with business
- **Use the existing data** without the need for adjustment by the businesses
- **Reasonable timetable** so business can incorporate required changes to systems through regular updates
- Businesses should have **flexibility to make corrections** of data as part of the ordinary business processes
- Trust-building design including integrated security with **transparency about who accesses data**



Business focus

- **Simplifying administration** should be primary purpose - control focus risks undermining this
- Should support **standardisation**
- Important to reflect different processes in **small and large companies**
- **Once-only principle** and reuse of data
- Authorities should **use access to data to create value** for the businesses

Nordic Smart Government and Business

Nordic Smart Government and Business (NSG&B) is a project run by the Nordic trade registers to enhance the automation and use of financial data between businesses and from businesses to the authorities.

In addition to the trade register offices, several other authorities, businesses and organisations are taking part in the project. The participants from Finland include the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Finnish Tax Administration, the State Treasury, and Statistics Finland.

Phase 4.0 of the project will run from 2021 to 2024.

The project is financed by Nordic Innovation, a company operating in close cooperation with the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Objectives of the project

The vision is to create a shared real-time economy in the Nordic countries. A digital economy, or digitalising financial administration, could lighten the administrative burden of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). On 1 September 2020, the Nordic Ministers of Economic Affairs approved a roadmap for the NSG project to implement a real-time economy in the Nordic countries.

The digital economy will make life simpler for SMEs and save money. Based on an estimate of the project, two million SMEs in the Nordic countries will save 500 million euros by 2025, if they use electronic business data and financial administration services.

In order to implement the digital economy, financial data, receipts, invoices and financial statements must be in electronic format. This will allow data to be transmitted automatically.

Phase 3.0 of the project examined how financial data could flow from one system to another in identical and machine-readable form and in real time.

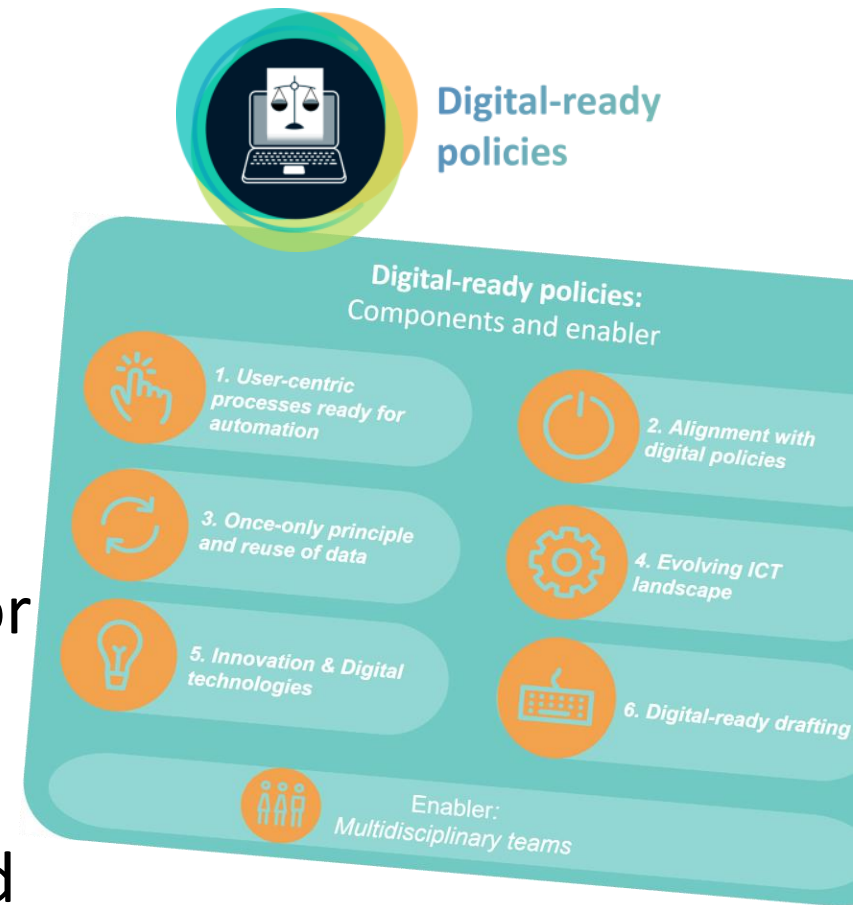
More information about the project

A video of the NSG&B project describes the digital economy from the SMEs perspective.

- [Watch the video on the PRH's YouTube channel \(in Finnish\).](#)
- [Watch the video on the NordicSmartGovernment website \(in English\).](#)

Business focus

- Use RTE project to support the countries' **coordinated implementation** of rules
- Should be designed for EU **efficient single market** and for **competitiveness in a global perspective**
- Good starting point in EU's existing principles for **Digital-ready policies (and legislative acts)**
- **Strengthened preparatory processes** for the development of future digital tax regulation and with increased collaboration across policy areas



Thank you

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