

**Expression of Interest for Future Cooperation
on eGovernment Research Funding**

I hereby confirm our interest on behalf of the (*name of funding body, name of country*) to participate in the preparation of a cooperation alliance addressing the funding of eGovernment research with a set of suggested themes.

We confirm the basic motivation and need for further work in order to foster:

- High quality research results, in the chosen common field of research, that will contribute to the development of national and pan-European e-government eServices of better quality, trust and security, return on investment, and measurable value for both administrations and citizens.
- European Research Area initiatives
- The use of opportunities that the eGOVERNMENT network and project results have opened up
 - European eGovernment Research Programme Framework
 - EU eGovernment Research Barometer

The basic principles for the cooperation model include:

- informal coordination
- synergies between national and other projects
- use of existing national funding and financing mechanisms

We hereby wish to give our support by this Expression of Interest to the furtherance of this initiative.

This Expression of Interest for Future Cooperation represents the desires and understandings of this cooperation alliance, but is not in any way legally binding.

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