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Berlin Declaration on Digital Society and Value-Based Digital Government

The “Berlin Declaration on Digital Society and Value-Based Digital Government“ was signed at a High-Level Conference at Ministerial Level on December 8th, 2020



The declaration is a **joint EU Member State Declaration**, negotiated under the German Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2020



It is the **flagship project of the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community** during the German Presidency of the Council of the EU in the area of digitalization

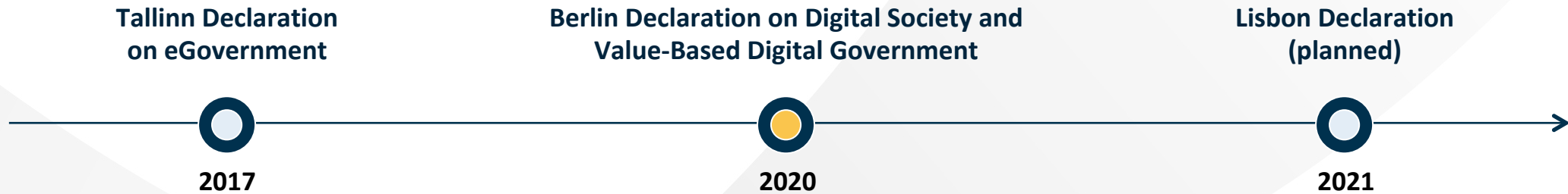



The **EU Member States agree on a number of concrete actions** to put the principles of the Declaration into practice





It **calls upon the European Commission and other EU institutions to make an equivalent contribution** by making concrete suggestions for action at EU level

The “Berlin Declaration on Digital Society and Value-Based Digital Government“ integrates coherently into a body of initiatives at EU-Level



 The Berlin Declaration builds on the Tallinn Declaration’s objective of high quality, user-centric and seamless cross-border digital public services

 Yet, the Berlin Declaration aims at **the socio-political dimension of digital change and the pioneering role of the public administration** for a value-based digital transformation

 The importance of value-based digital transformation for the economy will be at the heart of a planned Lisbon Declaration by the upcoming Portuguese Council Presidency

In the Declaration, EU Member States agree on a number of concrete actions that are aligned with the Declaration's principles

Principles of the Berlin Declaration

(1) Validity and respect of fundamental rights and democratic values

(2) Social participation and digital inclusion to shape the digital world

(3) Empowerment and digital literacy

(4) Trust and security in digital government interactions

(5) Digital sovereignty and interoperability

(6) Human-centred systems and innovative technologies in the public sector

(7) Towards a resilient and sustainable digital society



45 policy actions in 7 policy action areas that EU Member States agree on



A call upon the European Commission and other EU institutions to implement a number of concrete suggestions for action at EU level

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