

JOINT WORKING PLAN¹

for cooperation between the EU and Ukraine on electronic trust services with a view to a possible agreement based on approximation to the EU legislation and standards

#	Activity	Objectives	Responsible parties	Activity type	Indicative timeline
1.	Set criteria for compliance of Ukrainian trust services with the requirements of the EU eIDAS Regulation taking into account the International Preparedness project to be finalised by Commission at the beginning of 2021	The European Commission and Ministry of Digital Transformation agree on clear eligibility criteria for Ukrainian trust services. A checklist for compliance of the Ukrainian trust services with the EU eIDAS Regulation is delivered.	European Commission Ministry of Digital Transformation	Expert activity	01.03.2021
2.	Complete the eSignature pilot project launched by the EU4Digital ensuring proper validation of electronic signatures	Ensuring the proper validation of cross-border qualified electronic signatures	Ministry of Digital Transformation EU4Digital	Organizational activity	01.03.2021
3.	Launch a pilot eSignature mutual recognition arrangement ² between Ukraine and Estonia as a follow-up activity to the EU4Digital eSignature project	Presentation of the pilot and recommendations	EU Commission Ministry of Economic Affairs of Estonia Ministry of Digital Transformation	Expert activity	01.03.2021
4.	Launch an expert mission on trust services that will assess compliance with both regulatory and technological requirements.	Expert mission is launched and ready to conduct an assessment of compliance with both regulatory and technological	EU Commission Ministry of Digital Transformation	Expert activity	01.04.2021

¹ This Joint Working Plan is an informal document specifying the steps taken in advancing the EU-Ukraine co-operation in the area of electronic trust services. It is to be updated on a regular basis based on dialogue and the agreement of both sides.

² The mutual agreement is limited with the timeframe and application of the pilot.

		requirements.	EU4DigitalUA		
5.	Assess by expert mission the current legislative developments in the area of trust services in Ukraine based on the checklist	Assessment of the Ukrainian legislation in the field of trust services (including draft amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On electronic trust services”) is conducted. Respective recommendations are provided.	EU Commission Ministry of Digital Transformation EU4DigitalUA	Expert activity	Within 3 months after the launch of the expert mission on trust services and (see point 4)
6.	Conduct an assessment in the view of the technical interoperability standards and ENISA best practices guidelines, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the policy and security requirements; the technical criteria and specific requirements; the requirements on interoperable protocols and formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The equivalence is confirmed with respect to all the requirements as set out on the ‘international preparedness program’ 	EU Commission Ministry of Digital Transformation Administration of State Service of Special Communication and Information Protection Ministry of Digital Transformation EU4DigitalUA	Technical activity	01.09.2021
7.	Develop consultation and cooperation mechanism between the supervisory body of Ukraine and supervisory bodies of the EU Member States, as well as with ENISA and FESA	The consultation and cooperation mechanism between the supervisory body of Ukraine and supervisory bodies of the EU Member States, as well as with ENISA and FESA is set up.	EU Commission (facilitating role) ENISA FESA (Forum of European Supervisory Authorities for trust service providers) Administration of State Service of Special Communication and Information Protection	Expert activity	01.09.2021

			EU4DigitalUA Ministry of Digital Transformation		
8.	Share experience and provide recommendations for the procedure of conformity assessment of trust service providers and trust services they provide	Conformity assessment bodies of the EU Member States conduct consultations and trainings on best practices of conformity assessment of trust service providers and trust services they provide.	ENISA Administration of State Service of Special Communication and Information Protection Ministry of Digital Transformation EU4DigitalUA	Expert activity	01.09.2021
9.	Adopt and enforce the amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On electronic trust services”, based on the EU eIDAS Regulation and taking into account the assessment of the European Commission	The Law of Ukraine “On electronic trust services” is fully harmonized with the EU eIDAS Regulation	Ministry of Digital Transformation Administration of State Service of Special Communication and Information Protection	Legal activity	Within 6 months after the submission of the assessment report developed by the expert mission to the Ministry of Digital Transformation (see point 5)
10.	Review the Ukrainian trusted list against technical specifications and formats specified in Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1505	The Ukrainian trusted list is reviewed and respective recommendations are provided.	Ministry of Digital Transformation	Expert activity	Within 6 months from the date of adoption of the amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On electronic trust services” (see point 9)
11.	Adopt and enforce the secondary legislation act defining the circumstances, formats and	The circumstances, formats and procedures for publishing list of electronic identification	Ministry of Digital Transformation	Legal activity	Within 6 months from the date of adoption of the

	procedures for publishing list of electronic identification schemes, based on the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1984 and taking into account the assessment of the European Commission	schemes are defined.			amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On electronic trust services” (see point 9)
12.	Adopt and enforce the secondary legislation act laying down specifications relating to formats of advanced electronic signatures and advanced seals to be recognized by public sector bodies, based on the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1506 and taking into account the assessment of the European Commission	Specifications relating to formats of advanced electronic signatures and advanced seals to be recognized by public sector bodies are laid down.	Ministry of Digital Transformation	Legal activity	Within 6 months from the date of adoption of the amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On electronic trust services” (see point 9)
13.	Implement the creation/validation of XADES/PADES signatures encapsulating original documents and signatures in ASIC-e container using capabilities of Ukrainian local portals	Ukrainian local portals are capable to create and validate XADES/PADES signatures encapsulating original documents and signatures in ASIC-e container	Ministry of Digital Transformation	Technical activity	01.12.2021
14.	Assess interoperability of the Ukrainian qualified electronic signatures and seals, using specially designed Plugtests Portal for Electronic Signature developed by ETSI Centre for Testing and Interoperability	Interoperability of the Ukrainian qualified electronic signature and seal is confirmed.	European Commission ETSI Ministry of Digital Transformation EU4DigitalUA	Technical activity	01.12.2021
15.	Designate conformity assessment body (-ies) to perform a conformity assessment of the qualified trust service providers	A conformity assessment body (-ies) is (are) designated	Ministry of Digital Transformation Administration of State	Technical activity	Within 1 year from the date of adoption of the amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On electronic trust

			Service of Special Communication and Information Protection National Accreditation Agency of Ukraine		services” (see point 9)
16.	Preparation of the official EU assessment in the area of trust services	The legal and technical compliance with the requirements of the EU eIDAS Regulation is confirmed.	European Commission Ministry of Digital Transformation EU4DigitalUA	Expert activity	01.03.2022
17.	Presentation the final report of the assessment of the state of play in Ukraine in the area of electronic trust services to EU Member States with a view to a possible agreement based on approximation to the EU legislation and standards.	Agreement on the way forward on the EU-Ukraine co-operation in electronic trust services.	European Commission Member States	Legal activity	EU-Ukraine Summit 2022