

National plan of simplification of procedures

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The Invest in Greece Law reforms and improves digital policy in public administration, as it introduces three (3) new authorities within the Ministry of Digital Governance: the High Level Committee for the Digital and Administrative Transformation of Greece, the Emergency Policy Planning Division and the General Directorate for Cyber-Security.

- 1) The High Level Committee for the Digital and Administrative Transformation of Greece will support the services of the Ministry of Digital Governance through organizational and coordinating interventions aiming to the digital reform of the Greek public administration. The Committee will propose new legislative measures and procedures and will coordinate all other competent services and authorities for the simplification of bureaucratic procedures and the promotion of the widespread use of digital tools in all authorities and all transactions within public sector. The Committee will also cooperate with the Committee “Greece 2021”, which will organize and oversee the events that will take place for the celebration of 200 years since the 1821 Greek War of Independence.
- 2) The functions of the Greek Ministry of Digital Governance will also be

enriched with the Emergency Policy Planning Division. The new Division will be responsible for the effective application of the Greek and EU legislation on the fields of security, defense and crisis management.

- 3) The newly established General Directorate for Cyber-Security will undertake the implementation of the EU Directive 2016/1148 concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across EU.

The spearhead of the digital modernization of public administration will be the “Uniform Digital Portal of Public Administration” accessible at gov.gr. That will be the central portal for all public services and digital applications available to the public. All other existing separate portals and applications of the various public services will be abolished.

Amongst many other organizational issues of the Ministry of Digital Governance, it is also being stipulated that all central electronic application and informational systems of all Ministries, public sector authorities and bodies must be installed to the central cloud computing system, Governmental Cloud -“G-Cloud” by January 1st, 2022, with the exception of the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Citizen

Protection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Maritime and Island Policy, the Hellenic Coast Guard, the National Intelligence Service and the General Secretariat of Citizenship of the Ministry of the Interior.

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