Automated data flow and processing for financial auditing



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Why do we need automated data flow?

- Less manual work and time for more value-adding tasks
- Secure data transfer
- Possibility to use pseudonymized data
- Possibility to use financial data across the field, for other auditors

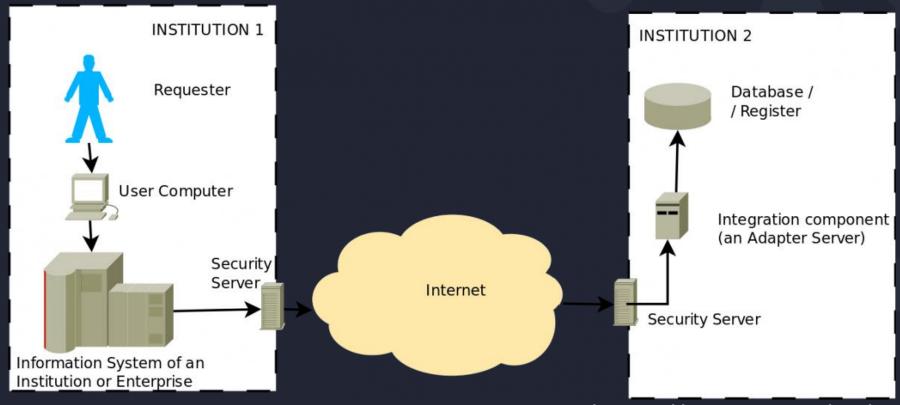
And of course

All the prerequisites to utilize the solution have been met!

The possibilities provided in digital society: X-tee

The X-tee is the backbone of the Estonian State because the absolute majority of registers and databases kept by the Estonian State, are made available via X-tee.

Without X-tee, if the State wanted to store and exchange its data it would have to build a Central SuperDatabase or establish a horse sleigh company © to move data storage devices between municipalities and agencies across Estonia.



https://www.ria.ee/en/introduction-x-tee

X-tee and National Audit Office



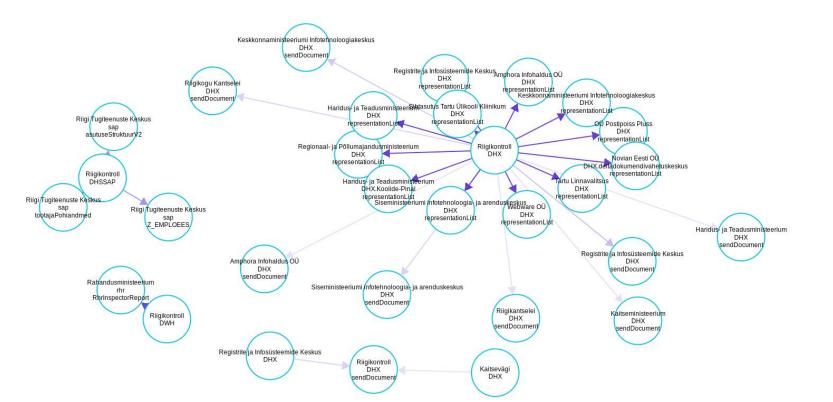
X-Road Metrics: X-Road Networking Visualization for instance EE, from 2024-11-20 to 2024-11-30

Service level



X-TEE

X-Road Metrics: X-Road Networking Visualization for instance EE



As of 1 Dec 2024 Q Requests this month* 41,563,273 European Paris Investiga (any post filter) Latest month* Previous year Requests to date* 271.977.590 2.413.571.598 17.431.577.275 consecutive days of smooth As of 2001, the protocol has been amended only 4 times * Based on data from 1 Dec 2024 The X-tee in Estonia has: Number of services that can be used via the X-tee 867 institutions and enterprises 189 public sector institutions 3,468 ca 52,000 organizations as indirect users of X-tee services 1,841 interfaced information systems 184 security servers installed by members Every party who provides services offers 4 services on average * Based on active X-tee member data Designed to be secure X-tee implements the following security technologies Traditional attacking vectors cannot be used XAdES, ASiC, VPN, RSA, with the X-tee due to its structure and architecture TSL, RFC3161, OCSP, PKI Q 5 most popular* service providers Most popular platforms of information systems that have 32.966.042 EE/GOV/70009770/digilugu been interfaced with the X-tee 29.342.618 EE/GOV/74000091/kirst 21.732.649 FE/GOV/74000091/rets 19,775,728 EE/GOV/70008440/rr 15.184.846 EE/GOV/70001490/liiklusreaister * By query count towards the service provider in last month 3% of requests on X-tee are submitted by citizen. Assuming that every request saves 15 minutes - those

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There are no estimates on the rest of the queries

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https://logs.x-tee.ee/visualizer/?profile=EE

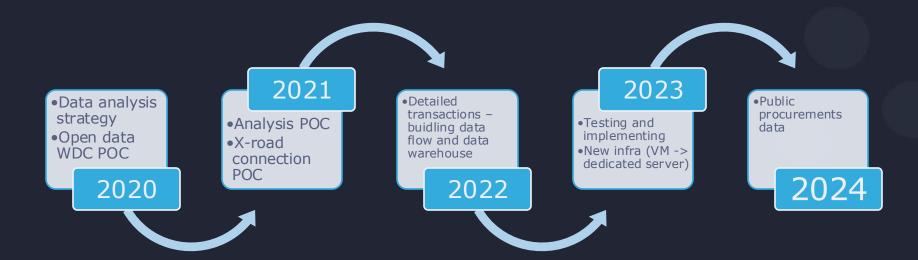
Strategic approach in NAOE

Digitalization strategy

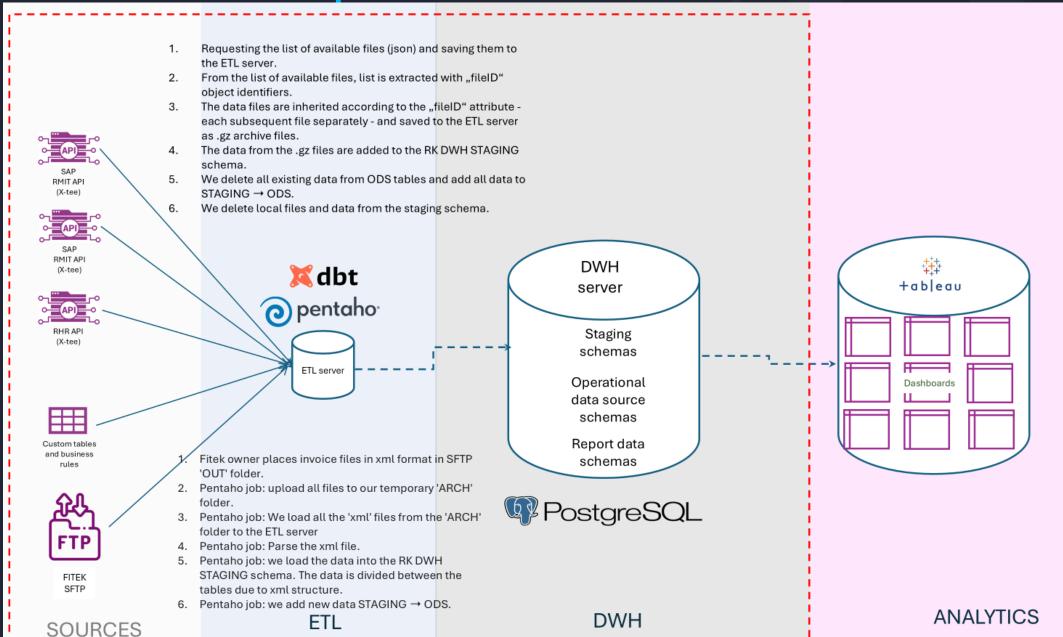
- 1. Possession of relevant data
- 2. Automation of monitoring
- 3. Being a frontrunner in effective e-service and data management
- 4. Standardizing and automating audit processes
- 5. Promoting the use of big data
- 6. Accessibility and effective utilization of open data
- 7. Capacity building
- 8. International cooperation
- 9. Vizualizaton and new format for audits

Timeline

- 2021 Development of first prototypes HR budget management & public procurements (data on Excel and Tableau for visualization)
- >> 2022 Data exchange projects via X-road and sftp
- Starting development of analysis for detailed transactions (including data warehouse)
- >> 2023 Finalizing analysis for detailed transactions
- Implementing HR budget management based on data from X-road
- >> 2024 public procurements data transfer via x-road



Technical setup



Business use

Topics

- 1. Brief overview of Estonian accounting and budgeting
- 2. What do we audit
- 3. Analytical desktops of financial audit:
 - ✓ Desktop of the public procurements
 - ✓ Desktop of the labour costs
 - ✓ Desktop of the financial auditing

How is accounting and budgeting organized

- » Accrual-based accounting (2004)
- » Accrual-based state budget (2017)
- » Activity-based budget (2020) (pilots 2016/2018)
- One accounting system for all ministries (2012)
- State Shared Service Centre (2013)
- State account system for ministries as well as state owned companies
- >> Remote access

What do we audit?

- >> One state audit, two opinions
 - accuracy of annual accounts,
 - regularity of transactions.
- One audit report +

audit memos to ministries (an overview of the work done in the audit, minor errors, weaknesses in internal control)

- »Number of auditees:
 - 11 governing areas,
 - 4 constitutional institutions and Government Office,
 - State Forest Management Centre,
 - 61 State Foundations,
 - 28 state-owned companies.

Technical support (State's IT tools and systems

State level:

- >> Procurement register (semi-public)
- >> Financial statements database (semi-public)
 - consolidation is an automatic process in this database
- State's accounting data (SAP)
- System of electronic invoices (FitekIn)

Ministry level

- Document management systems
- Governing area specific systems for revenues (rare)

Analytical desktops of financial audit

- Desktop (Tableau)
- ... of the public procurements
- ... of the labour costs
- ... of the financial accounting

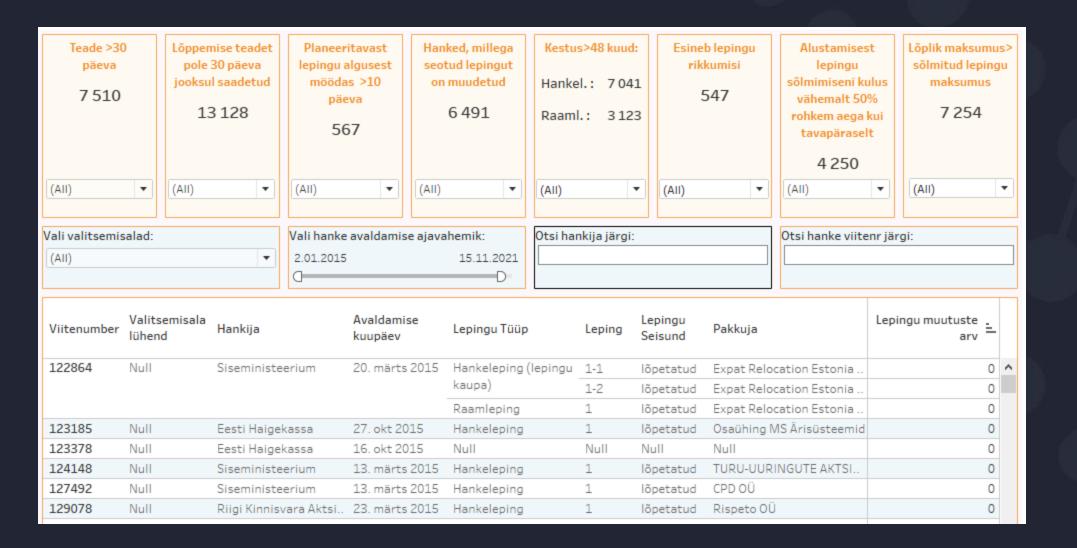
In the future:

- desktop of the budget implementation
- »AI collecting documents from the agencies' document management systems, e.g. internal rules of accounting, procurement procedure, directives etc-

Desktop of the public procurements (1)

- >> Data from the procurement register once a month
- Statistical analysis by types, content, contract volumes etc.
- Different control questions,
 - For example, whether the final cost of the procurement contract exceeds the cost agreed in the contract
 - >> whether procurement notices/reports have been published at the time specified by law
 - ≫etc.

Desktop of the public procurements (2)



Desktop of the public procurements (3)

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Desktop of the public procurements (4)



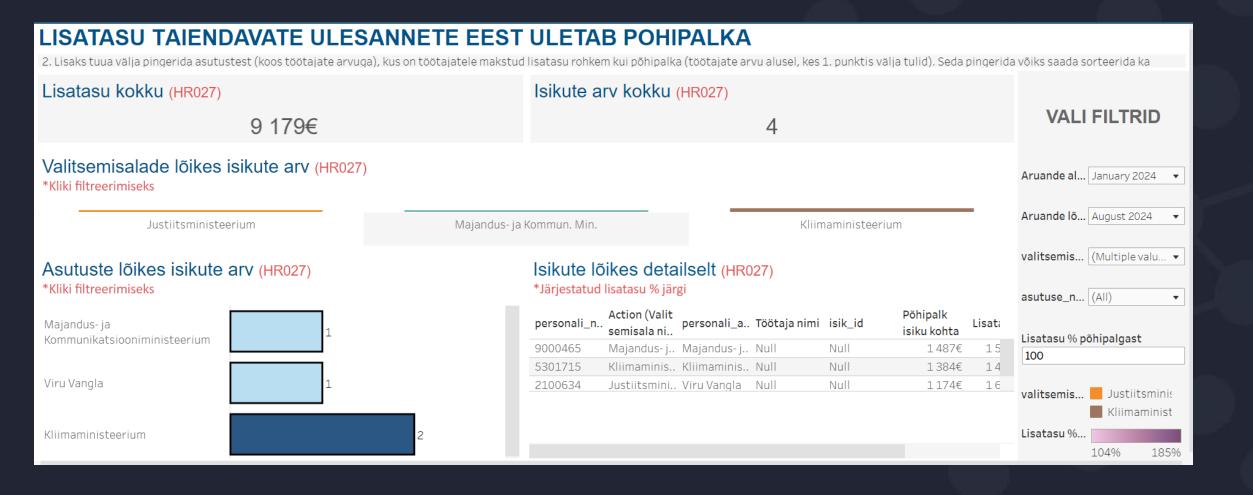
Desktop of the labour costs (1)

- >Unpersonalized data from the state's accounting database every month
- >> Personal data is replaced by a pseudonym
- >> HR resources accounting and payroll analyse
 - comparison with the previous two years
- Personalized information is not compared with other registers, e.g. the tax office register (to hide undercover officers)
- Different control analyses, for example
 - whether the institution has concluded an additional contract with its employee
 - » whether the employee has not been paid a bonus of more than 20% of the basic salary
- Output of analyses transactions to be tested in detail

Desktop of the labour costs (2)

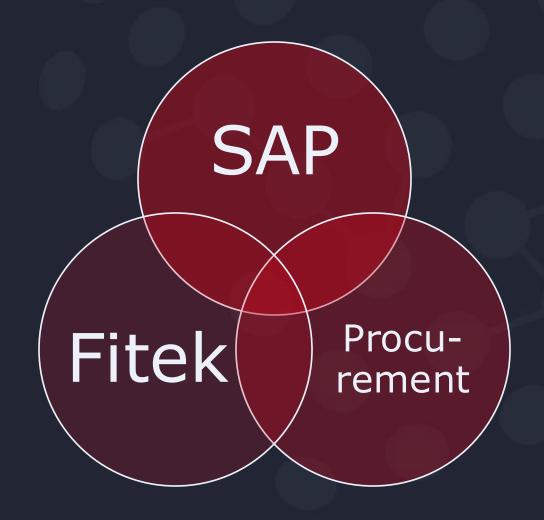


Desktop of the labour costs (3)



Desktop of the financial auditing (1)

- >> Every weekday
 - » detailed accounting entries and account balances
 - > data of electronic invoices (incl. transaction confirmation rounds
- Every month: data from the procurement register



Desktop of the financial auditing (2)

- On the basis of various dimensions, accounting data is combined with data from the system of electronic invoices and procurement register
- >>From the data flow we get reports of fixed assets, accounts receivable and payable etc
- General financial data analysis
 - comparison with the previous two years
- Opportunity to
 - >>move from the general balance to the detailed entry and from there to the public procurement data or invoice data
 - >> turn on comparison with materiality

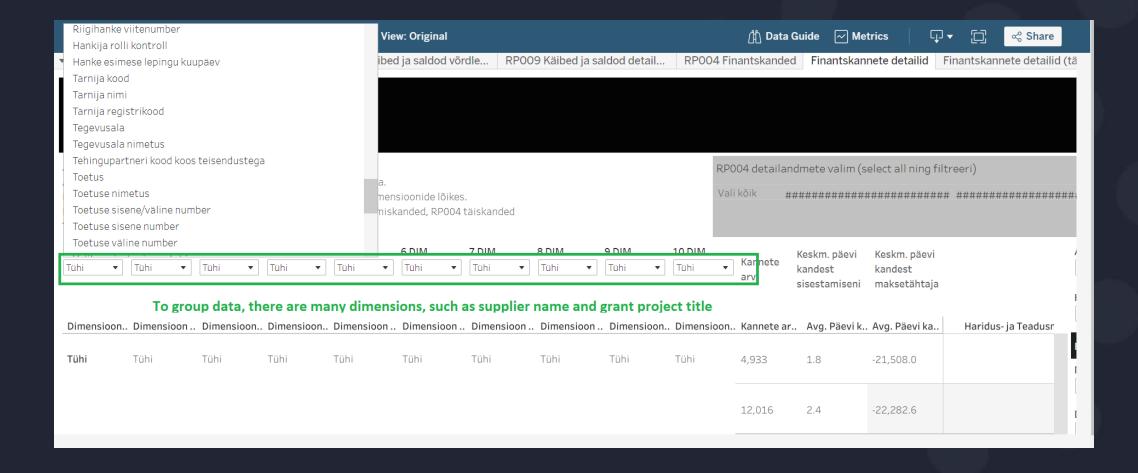
Desktop of the financial auditing (3)

- »Different control analyses, for example
 - the amount of the public procurement contract vs. the amount of the actual payments
 - whether the employees in the transaction confirmation circle were at work at the time of confirmation
- Description >> Opportunity to do random (stratified) sampling
- >> Output of analyses transactions to be tested in detail
- We import the list of tested transactions with the results of the tests back into the analysis
 - >>overview of problem areas
 - >> mapping of white (unaudited) areas

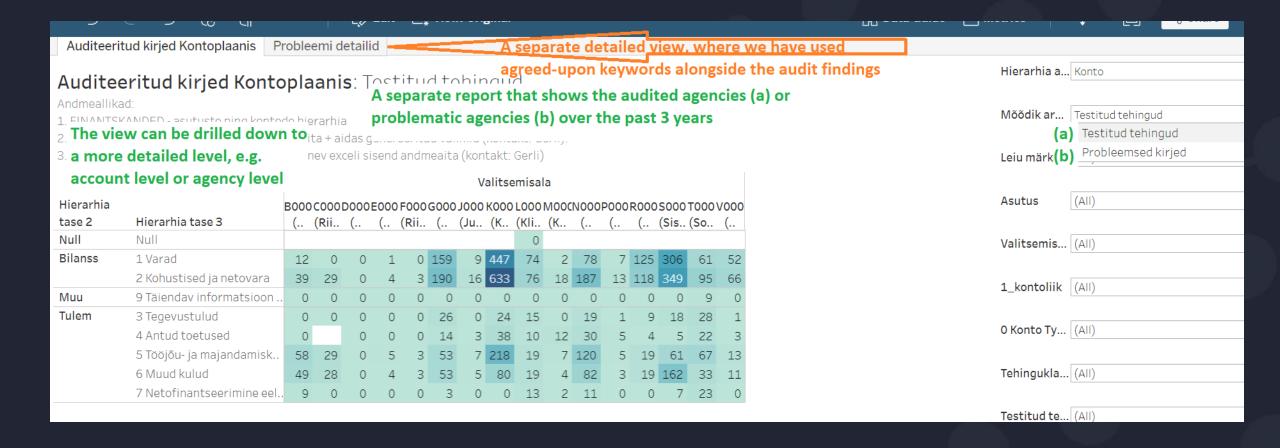
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Desktop of the financial auditing (5)



Desktop of the financial auditing (6)



Thank you!

» Any questions?