



EU support to Digital transformation in Botswana

EU contribution: € 4 700 000 (approx. BWP 67.7 Million).

Period of implementation: 2024-2027

Location: Botswana, country wide

Implementing organisation(s): Expertise France, Estonian Centre for International Development (ESTDEV) and HAUS Finnish Institute of Public Management.

Project objectives and description:

This programme aims to accelerate Botswana's digital transformation by fostering an open, inclusive, and people-centred shift towards a digitally enabled society. To achieve this, it focuses on strengthening the legal, regulatory, and institutional frameworks necessary to support a fair and equitable digital transition. Additionally, the initiative seeks to improve citizens' access to transparent, user-friendly, and inclusive digital public services, ensuring that technology benefits all segments of society. A key priority is also to stimulate digital innovation and entrepreneurship, with a particular emphasis on creating opportunities for women and youth to drive economic growth and participation in the digital economy.

Project outputs and expected results:

The programme is expected to result in strengthened digital governance through improved mapping, monitoring, and coordination of legal, regulatory, institutional, and technical frameworks supporting Botswana's digital transition.

Advisory services, monitoring tools, and data-driven dashboards will support evidence-based policymaking, inter-ministerial coordination, and public-private partnerships, while targeted capacity-building initiatives will enhance leadership, technical, and operational skills across public institutions.

Citizens' access to transparent, inclusive, and user-centred digital public services will be improved through enhanced interoperability frameworks, aligned standards and guidelines, and more efficient data exchange between government systems. Core registries and back-office processes will be modernised, and a digital-by-default approach will be implemented through the identification and rollout of high-impact e-services supported by a coherent communication strategy.

Digital innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems will be strengthened through increased private sector participation and improved coordination among ecosystem actors. Updated mappings and strategic reviews will support more inclusive and effective support structures for digital entrepreneurship, with a particular focus on women- and youth-led initiatives.

Upcoming/past events

- Open Data Hackathon (March 2026) <https://www.facebook.com/euinbotswana/posts/-highlights-from-the-botswana-national-open-data-hackathon-on-20th-22nd-march-th/949678070781155/>

Project website / Social media account links:

- https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/botswana/european-union-and-botswana-partner-digital-transformation_en
- <https://www.expertisefrance.fr/en/projects/digital-transformation-botswana>