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Standardization of Geographical Names in Estonia

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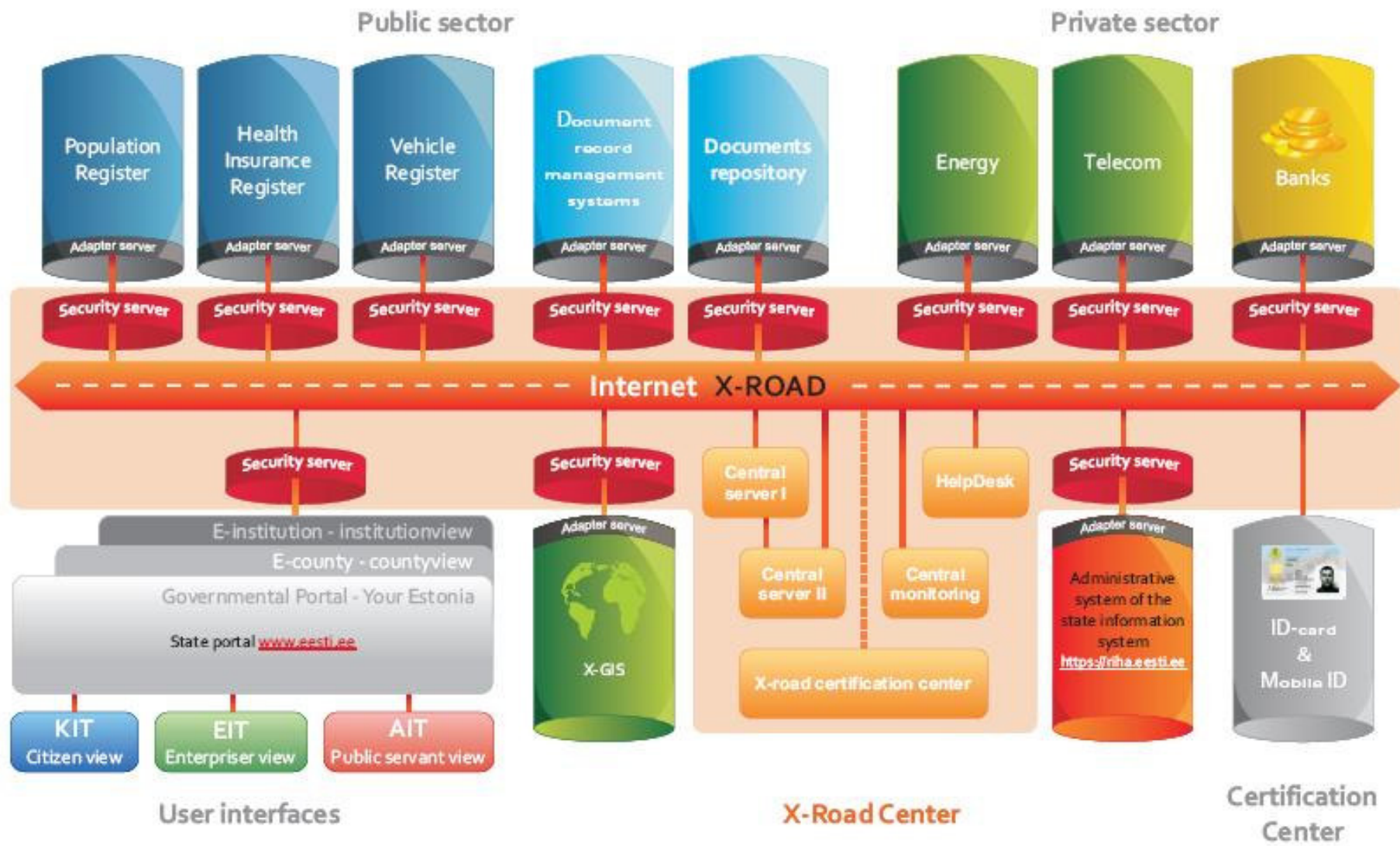


Place Names Act ↔ Place Names Board



Place Names Register

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Place Names Act was passed in 2004

- ◆ We updated the act on 1 July 2013 by making the following improvements:



New Concepts

- ◆ Geometry of the named feature
 - ◆ the shape of the street
- ◆ Names can be given to groups of features
 - ◆ Archipelagos or bus stops
- ◆ The place name data -
the data which describes the language features of a name, the geometry and also the establishment of a place name.



An entry into the Place Names Register may now be based on the data of another state database that maintains the named feature as basic data.



Restored Historical Place Names in Estonia

- ◆ In 2012 and 2013, the status of 3 villages, Kõlitse, Rääni and Vasula, were changed into small boroughs
- ◆ and there are three new villages: Koidu, Sandimetsa and Uuesalu.



The Merger of Local Governments

- ◆ When the local governments (226 at the moment) merge, they choose a new name for themselves. As of October, there will be 215 local governments and three of those will have new municipality names: Lääne-Nigula, Hiiu and Viljandi.



Thank you for your attention!

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