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Bahrain Steps Toward Innovation

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Introduction – Innovation & its importance

Innovation is the application of new ideas to produce better outcomes.

**At national level,
Innovation is essential for**



**Enhanced
economic
performance**



**Enhanced
Social Welfare**



**Ensure Environmental
Sustainability**

**At organizational level,
Innovation is essential for**



**Organizational
efficiency**



**Improved
Services**



**Reduced
Costs**



Drivers of Innovation in Public Sector

Innovation is motivated and driven by a variety of short, medium and long term factors.

*NEW & CHANGING
GOVERNMENT &
COMMUNITY
EXPECTATIONS*

*NEED FOR
COORDINATED
APPROACHES*

*DEMAND FOR
EFFICIENCIES*

*SHORTER TIME
FRAME & CALLS
FOR IMPROVED
SERVICE
DELIVERY*



Countries leading Innovation in Public Sector



Govt. of Bahrain is also undertaking various innovations in the Public Sector.



Elements of Innovation in Public Sector of Bahrain

Infrastructure Readiness

Mature infrastructure to foster the innovation

Laws and Legislations

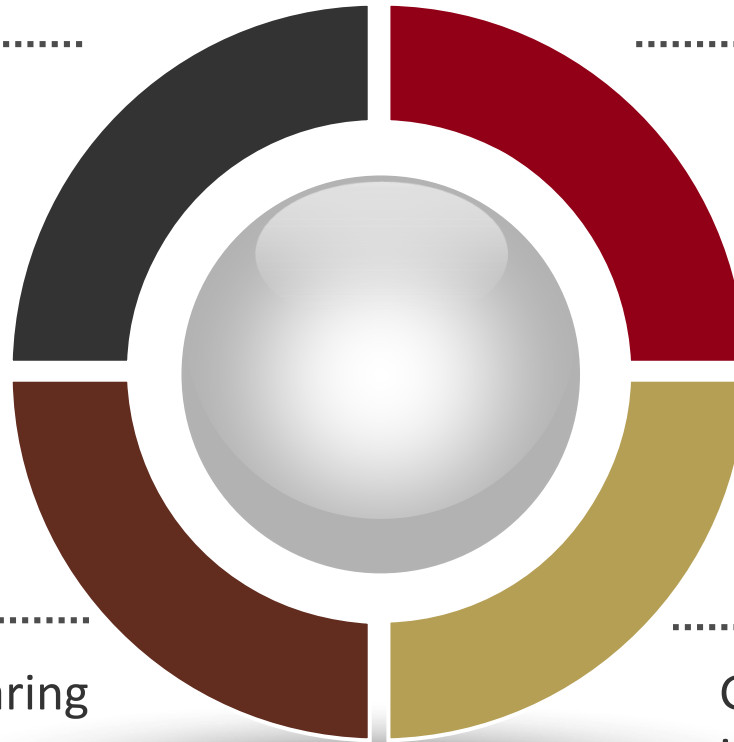
Laws & legislations that supports Innovations

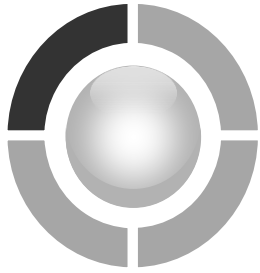
Nurture skills & knowledge

Facilitate knowledge sharing and innovation skills

Initiatives that supports Innovation

Government initiatives that nurture innovation





High Mature infrastructure to foster the innovation

Nurture Innovation



Financing innovative ideas through partnership with private and government entities

Advance Business Process Outsource



Excellence in Business Process Outsource within the region

International Excellence in ICT infrastructure



- Ranked First in the Arabic Region & 11 internationally based on (TII)
- Ranked First in the Arab region and 27 internationally based on the "IDI"





Laws & legislations that supports Innovations

Virtual Addresses



Offices with virtual Addresses to facilitate commercial transactions

Working from home



• Adopt the idea of flexible working hours and working from home

Shelf-Companies



Establishment of company and then selling them to avoid going through the process of establishing a new company

Bankruptcy Law

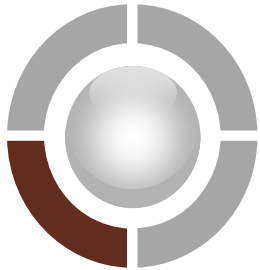


Modification and enhancements of Bankruptcy Law

Virtual Commercial Registration



- Started one year ago
- It allows 24 commercial activities to be conducted without the need to have physical office



Facilitate Knowledge Enrichment & Innovation Skills

Support Graduation Projects



Support graduation projects from different universities by providing consultancy and guidance

Technopreneur Program



Nurture and incubate entrepreneurs by providing a funding of BHD 20,000 for each initiative to help in transforming it into a business

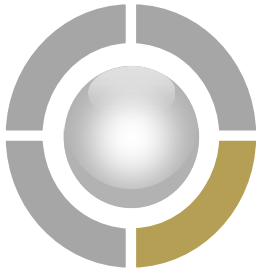
eContent Management Program



Arrange comprehensive training session to support the innovation in eContent Management



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Government initiatives that nurture innovation

eGovernment Excellence Award



Encourage innovation and competition in the Government services by involving citizens and NGO

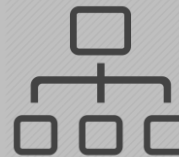


National Complaints & Suggestion System



Engage the citizens in process of suggesting and enhancing the government services and processes

Change Management and BPR



Establishment new directorate for the change management and Business Process Reengineering

Microsoft Imagine Cup Award



- Lunched since 2003 till now
- Bahrain was qualified for the final and obtain advance ranking



Initiatives that support innovation



Other Government initiatives that nurture innovation

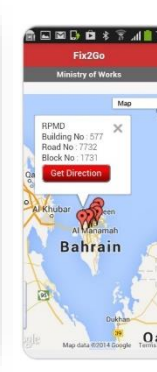
Bahrain Open Data Initiative



Expose public, non sensitive data to allow businesses and the general public to develop web and smart phone applications, increasing innovation and eParticipation

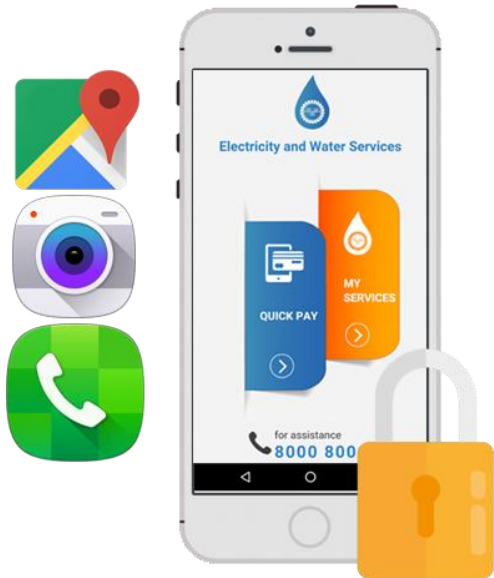
National Portal & Mobile Apps

More than 300+ online services and 20 plus mobile apps



Initiatives that support innovation

National Strategy for Smart Devices



Utilizing Smart Device functions (Maps, GPS, Notifications)



Simplicity and Accessibility



Providing integrated App that contains multiple services across different entities





“Advancing Bahrain to New Heights”

Thank You

