Innovation Fund and Innovation Programme projects

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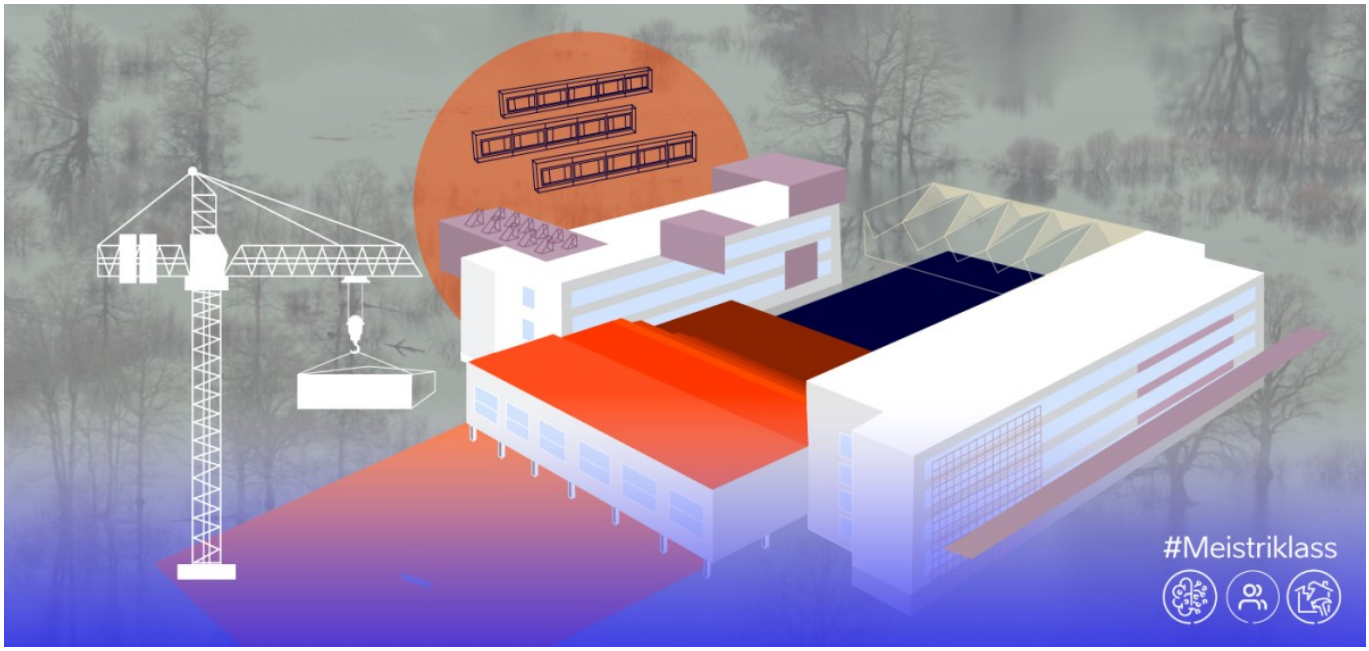
1.1.1. Modern Learning and Energy-Efficient Industrial Renovation of Estonia’s Standardised School Buildings



School buildings constructed according to standard designs have become outdated, and their rigid spatial layouts do not support modern approaches to learning. The project focuses on the rapid and energy-efficient reconstruction of standardised school buildings using industrialised renovation methods, thereby reducing construction time and disruptions to everyday activities. It includes the development and implementation of technological solutions that can be applied more broadly in the

modernisation of educational facilities. Industrialised renovation is an alternative renovation method that differs from conventional practices by using prefabricated façade elements manufactured off-site. Its main advantages include a significantly shorter construction period, higher product and construction quality, less disruption for building users, and reduced waste generation.

Project duration: 2025–2027
The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund.

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Read more about the project on the website of the Ministry of Education and Research (in Estonian): **Meistriklass: Eesti masstoodetud koolihoonete tehaselise renoveerimise innovatsiooniprojekt**

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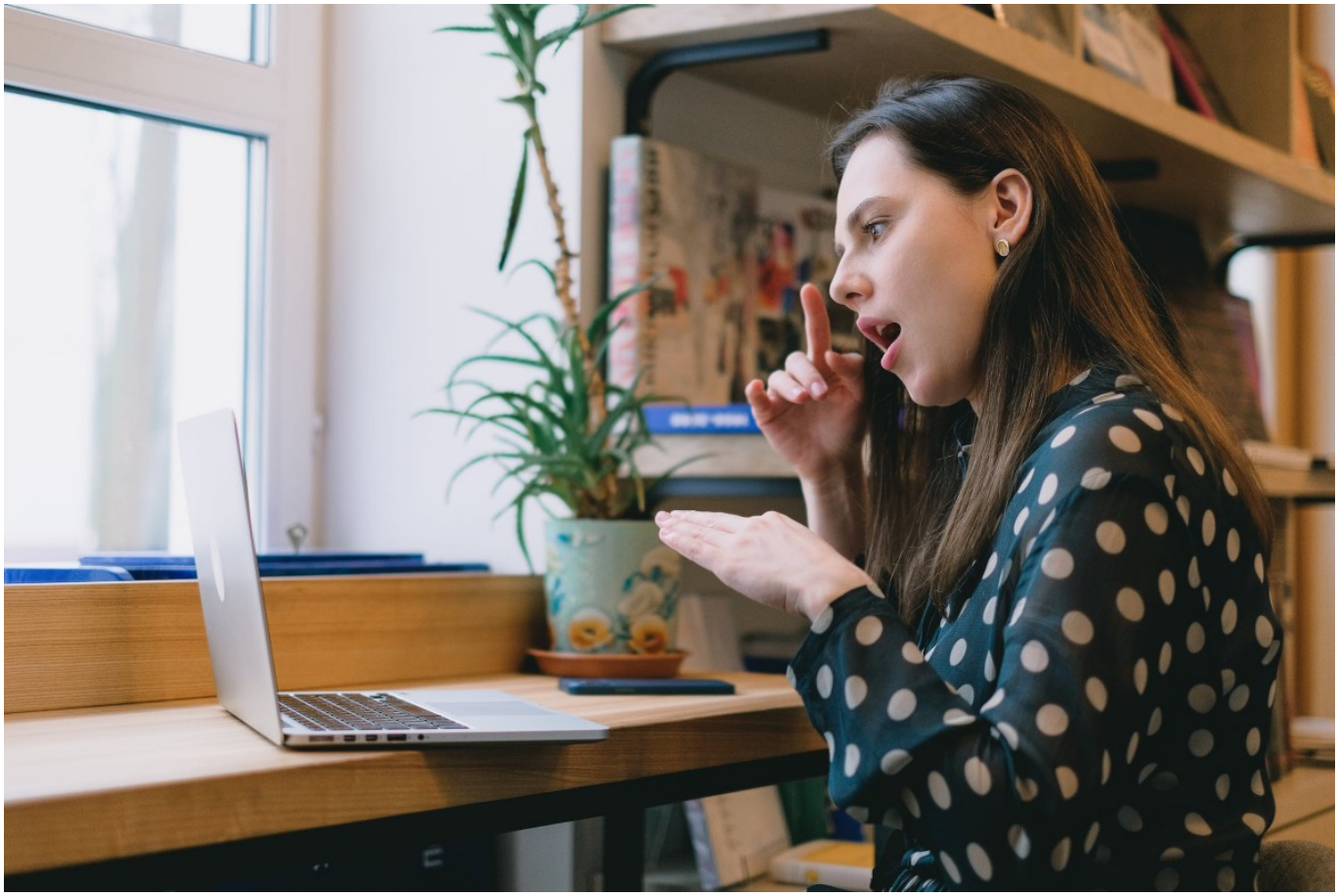
1.1.2. Estonian Sign Language Translation Robot



The aim of the project is to develop a prototype Estonian Sign Language translation robot that could be used directly, or further developed, to make public services, culture and information more accessible through media and other digital communication channels.

Project duration: 2024–2028
The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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Read more about the project (In Estonian): **Eesti viipekeelne tõlkerobot**

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1.1.3. Developing a Dissemination Model and Technical Prototype

for Digital Learning Resources and Management Environments

The project analysed a digital learning resource marketplace that would enable teachers, as well as other interested users, to explore available learning materials and quickly and conveniently obtain the resources they need at a particular time. The solution the team aspired to develop would combine a payment system with a mechanism for verifying compliance with minimum quality standards. As a result, teachers would then be able to save time by comparing a range of reliable learning resources in one place and selecting the materials best suited to their students.

Project duration: 2024–2026

The project was funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund.

Read more (in Estonian): **Digitaalse õppevara ja –halduskeskkondade levikumudeli ja tehnilise prototüübi loomine**

Last updated on 29.09.2025

1.2. Justice Sector (Innovation Fund)

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1.2.1. Innovative Technological Solutions for Detecting Prohibited Items and Substances in Prisons

Prisons face a significant challenge in detecting prohibited substances and items brought in by visitors or sent in packages. In 2022, prisons received more than 11,000 visitors, at least 3,000 of whom took part in long-term visits with prisoners. Statistics show that the number of criminal proceedings related to narcotic substances increased by 345% in 2022 compared with the previous year. Most of these proceedings were initiated after prisoners who had participated in long-term visits tested positive in urine tests.

Project duration: 2023–2025

The project was funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund.

Read more (in Estonian): **Uudsed tehnoloogilised lahendused keelatud esemete ja ainete avastamiseks vanglates**

Last updated on 29.09.2025

1.3. Climate and Environment (Innovation Fund)

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1.3.1. Development and Testing of Environmentally Friendly Asphalt Pavement: The Viimsi Case

Road construction generates significant greenhouse gas emissions. One way to reduce this impact is to use materials with a lower carbon footprint. Replacing as much bitumen as possible in asphalt would reduce its adverse environmental impact and also help address periodic supply shortages and price fluctuations.

Project duration: 2023–2025
The project was funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund.

Read more (in Estonian): **Keskkonnasõbraliku asfaltteekatendi väljatöötamine ja katsetamine Viimsi näitel**

Last updated on 30.09.2025

1.3.2. Development of a Circular Model for Reusable Packaging

Packaging waste remains extensive and continues to grow despite the increasing use of lighter packaging materials. The consumption of single-use products and products intended for rapid consumption has also risen steadily. Promoting reusable packaging has been identified as the most

effective way to reduce packaging waste. The state has attempted to encourage this transition through regulation and financial support, but these measures have not been sufficient. Although the first providers of reusable packaging solutions have entered the market, the solutions are not interoperable. As a result, adoption among retailers and consumers remains limited, and market volumes are still low.

Project duration: 2023
The project was funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

Read more (in Estonian): **Korduskasutatavate pakendite ringlusmudeli arendamine**

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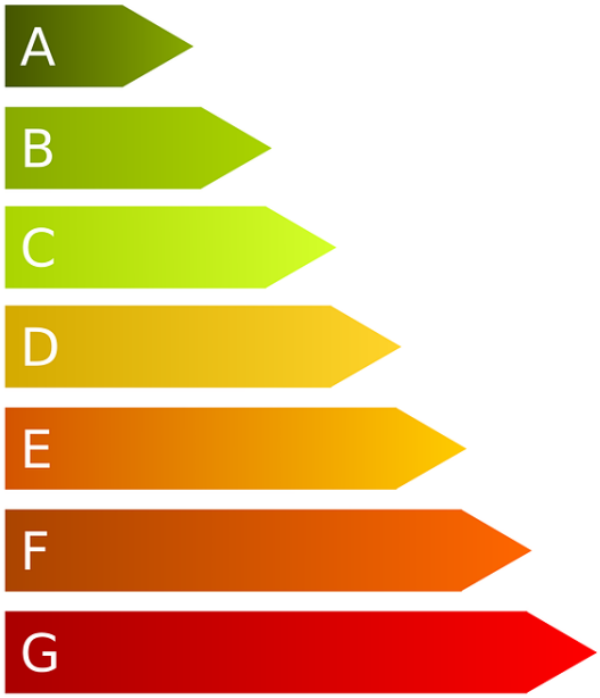
1.3.3. Real-Time Determination of a Building's Indicative Energy Performance Class and Automation of Energy Performance Indicator Monitoring



The aim of the project is to gain a better overview of the energy performance of Estonia's building stock, increase the number and reliability of energy performance certificates, and improve both the quality of

calculated energy performance certificates and construction quality. The project supports the objectives set out in the Estonia 2035 strategy and the European Union’s broader climate policy, helping Estonia move towards climate neutrality. As part of the project, automated solutions will be tested and developed to improve the collection, analysis and verification of data on the energy performance of the building stock.

Project duration: 2024–2026
The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund.

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Read more (in Estonian): **Hoonete energiatõhusus**

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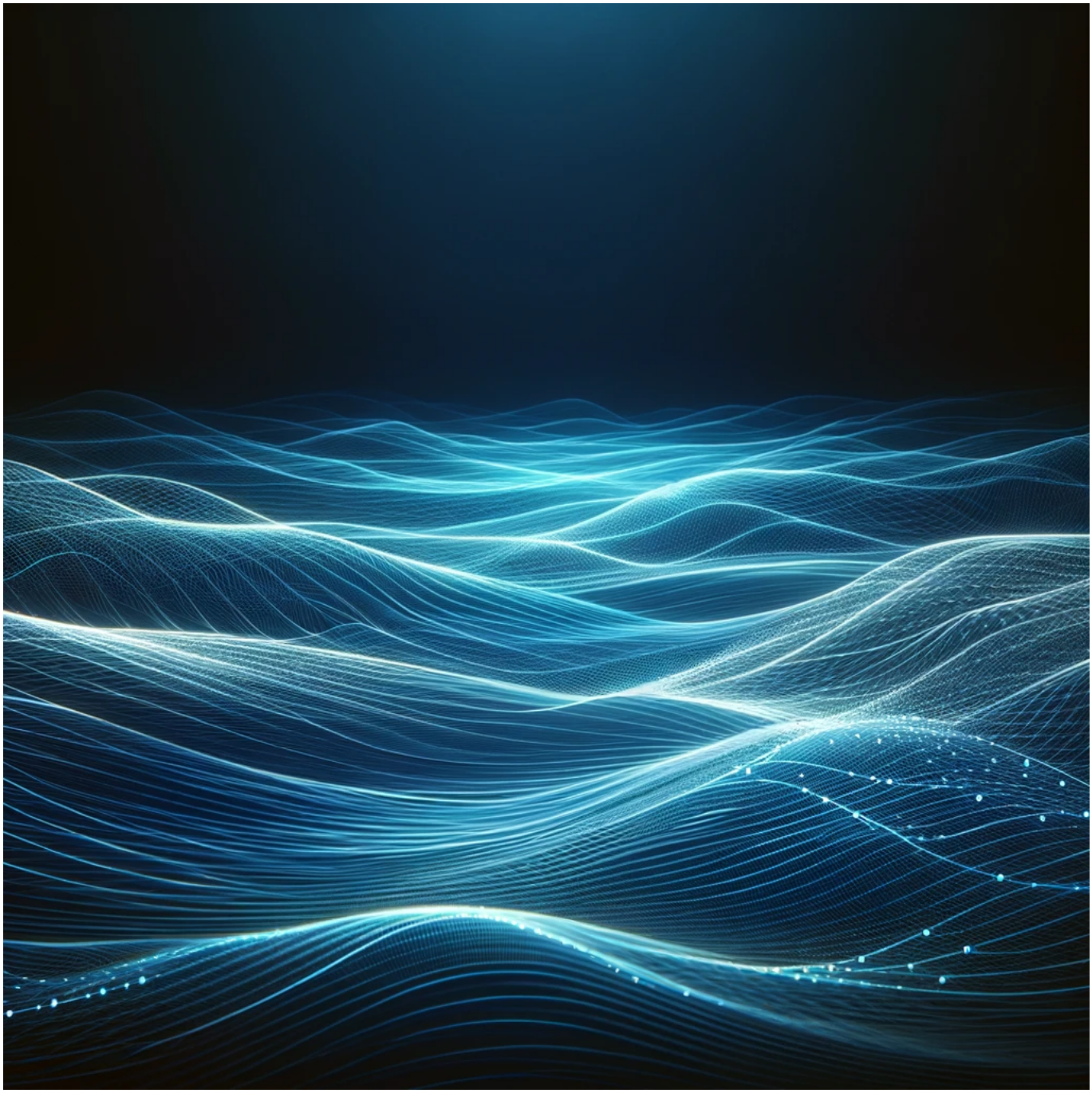
1.3.4. Development of a Smart Buoy Network



High-quality environmental and navigational information covering the entire maritime area is essential for a modern blue economy, the sustainable management of the marine environment, and maritime security and safety. Real-time information helps prevent maritime accidents cost-effectively, enables a rapid response to marine pollution incidents before they reach the shore, and improves maritime situational awareness from a security perspective.

Project duration: 2024–2028

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Read more (in Estonian): **Nutipoide võrgustik**

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1.3.5. Development of a Model for Assessing the Accuracy of Waste Data and the Impacts and Outcomes of Waste Collection and Treatment

The project focuses on addressing challenges related to waste management data by developing a set of tools in the form of a municipal dashboard. The dashboard will enable waste management activities and data to be monitored and measured in near real time, ensure access to accurate and relevant data, and allow performance to be assessed against defined indicators. Digitised, near-real-time data on waste treatment operations will make the entire treatment chain more transparent and comparable, while reducing the administrative burden on stakeholders associated with collecting and reporting waste data.

The development of a model for assessing the accuracy of waste data and the impacts and outcomes of waste collection and treatment will:

- address shortcomings in verifying the accuracy of municipal waste treatment data and identifying the results achieved through waste treatment;
- reduce the time spent by waste sector supervisory authorities on identifying and processing problematic cases through near-real-time data management.

The project will be implemented in Tartu Rural Municipality.

Project duration: 2025–2027

The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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Read more (in Estonian): **Jäätmeandmete tõesuse ning jäätmete kogumise ja käitlemisega seotud mõjude ja tulemuste hindamise mudeli loomine**

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1.4. Culture and Sport (Innovation Fund)

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1.4.1. Liikumisretsepti sekkumise väljatöötamine ja katsetamine

Although life expectancy in Estonia has increased rapidly, growth in the number of healthy life years has

slowed. One of the key risk factors is insufficient physical activity, which adversely affects people's ability to carry out everyday activities and participate in the labour market. Physical inactivity also increases healthcare expenditure.

The aim of the project is to develop and test a physical activity prescription designed to increase physical activity and reduce sedentary behaviour among patients with health risks or specific diagnoses.

By providing personalised guidance, support from exercise professionals, and digital solutions to help people become more physically active, the intervention could improve health outcomes and help curb the growth of healthcare costs.

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Project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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1.5. Agriculture (Innovation Fund)

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1.5.1. Kestliku toidusüsteemi rohefoor

Greenhouse gas emissions from Estonia’s agricultural sector have generally been on an upward trend in recent years. The sector therefore faces the challenge of reshaping its activities to meet environmental and climate objectives while also increasing productivity. This requires making greater use of the data held in existing databases to support informed decisions on how to progress towards achieving the objectives of the European Green Deal.

Project duration: 2024–2028

The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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Read more (in Estonian): **Kestliku toidusüsteemi rohefoor**

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1.5.1. Sustainable Food System Sustainability Dashboard

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Read more (in Estonian): **Kestliku toidusüsteemi rohefoor**

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1.6. Public Finance and Administration (Innovation Fund)

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1.6.1. Secure Cross-Sector Data Use

Estonia’s data economy has considerable potential, but its development is hindered by a lack of sufficiently secure and flexible solutions that would enable data to be reused effectively across sectors. Close cooperation between the public and private sectors is needed to develop innovative solutions for the active, secure and transparent use of data.

The project team aims to develop a methodological, technical and legal framework that enables secure data sharing across sectors, supports the development of the data economy, and reduces the amount of data currently collected. The project results would help both the public and private sectors create better data-driven services.

Project duration: 2025–2027
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Read more (in Estonian): **Innofondi projekt**
Last updated on 30.09.2025

1.6.2. Smart Text Search Solution to Support Policy Decision-Making

There is a clear societal expectation that policy decisions should be evidence-based. At the same time, the volume of available data is growing and decision-making processes are becoming faster. Making use of all relevant information when preparing decisions therefore requires the ability to process increasingly large amounts of information within shorter timeframes.

Project duration: 2023–2025

The project was funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

Read more (in Estonian): **Tekstiandmete targa otsingu lahendus**

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1.6.3. Network-Based Risk Analysis

The aim of the Estonian Tax and Customs Board's project is to automate and improve data analysis in order to better identify and manage tax-related risks. The system is intended to detect significant relationships, patterns and risks in data, produce more accurate forecasts, and identify ways to improve work processes. This includes reducing the administrative burden on businesses and minimising unnecessary interactions with the Estonian Tax and Customs Board.

Project duration: 2024–2025

The project was funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

Read more (in Estonian): **Võrgustikupõhine riskianalüüs**

Last updated on 30.09.2025

1.6.4. Prototype of a Crisis-Resilient Government Working Tool

The aim of the project is to develop a prototype of a next-generation, crisis-resilient working tool for the Government of the Republic. The tool will support the organisation of government work in a range of different situations. The solution will use modern technologies and artificial intelligence to support high-quality and transparent decision-making, reduce manual work in the government session process, and optimise the use of data.

The project will explore and test the technical feasibility of the tool by developing a functional prototype.

Project duration: 2025–2027
Project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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Read more (in Estonian): **valitsuse kriisikindla töövahendi prototüüp**

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1.6.5. Applications of Deep Learning in Spatial Data Acquisition

The average age of map data is 10 years, meaning that maps do not accurately reflect rapidly changing features. At the same time, users' needs are increasingly real-time and continue to grow each year. A significant share of map data remains outdated every year because there are not enough mapping specialists available on the labour market. Increasing the number of specialists is not a sustainable solution. Smarter approaches are therefore needed to reduce the amount of manual work.

Project duration: 2024–2028

The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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Read more (in Estonian): **Süvaõppe kasutusvõimalused ruumiandmete hõivel**

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1.6.6. Reason Reserve

The aim of the Reason Reserve project, is to develop the rules and technical solutions needed to enable Estonia’s public sector to use autonomous AI assistants safely in the future.

Today, people interact with the state themselves by completing applications, navigating between portals and managing information. In the future, these tasks will increasingly be carried out by AI assistants that act on people’s behalf automatically and in the background.

The illustration was created using artificial intelligence

The project will address how tasks can be delegated to AI assistants securely, how they can be granted authorisation, engage in dialogue and carry out legally binding actions.

The project will also pilot at least one fully automated service between the public and private sectors, or involving an agent acting on behalf of an individual, without requiring human intervention. This could include applying for a permit or carrying out a procedure related to spatial planning.

Project duration: 2026-2028

The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund.

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Read more (in Estonian): **Aruait | RIA**

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1.6.7. "RuumiHuub" - Spatial Data Hub

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"Spatial Data Hub" is the umbrella name for three projects that aim to harmonise and accelerate land-use decisions and planning processes for development projects through data-driven and automated tools. By making these processes more predictable, the projects also help strengthen investor confidence in Estonia.

1. **Efficient Data Model-Based Planning Procedures** focuses on accelerating planning decisions through data-driven planning, with the standardisation of planning data at its core.
2. **Data Interoperability and Automated Preliminary Development Decisions** focuses on ensuring interoperability between planning and construction data and data from the land cadastre, land register and environmental impact assessments. The project will test how developers, local authorities and other stakeholders can access standardised information in one place about restrictions and conditions established under different laws, and how automated spatial data tools can support decision-making at different stages of the planning process.
3. **From Restrictions to Construction, Faster** develops and tests preliminary decision-making solutions and automated checks based on spatial data from different fields, including data on private-law agreements, heritage protection, nature conservation and geology. The project will validate best practices and prototype decision-support tools that provide all stakeholders with a clear overview of the opportunities, restrictions and rules associated with a particular location. This will help accelerate decisions relating to construction and land use.

Project durations: 2026 - 2029

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1.6.8. Secure On-Premises Estonian-Language AI Solution for Transcription and Text Processing

The illustration was created using artificial intelligence

The aim of the project is to test and pilot an in-house AI-based solution for processing restricted-access data and to assess its suitability for supporting the collection, processing and use of diplomatic information in real-life workflows.

Project duration: 2026–2027

The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund.

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Read more (in Estonian): **Välisrahastus | Välisministeerium**

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1.7. Internal Security and Crisis Resilience (Innovation Fund)

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1.7.1. Taskusireen: kiire, täpne ja toimepidev ohuteavitus igaühe põues

Pocket Siren is a unique technology that would deliver alerts instantly to recipients' smartphones and signal a serious threat through sound, light and vibration. It would work even when the phone is set to silent mode or the mobile operator's network is unavailable. In this way, it would function like a personal siren carried in every phone owner's pocket.

Pocket Siren technology is based on 5G broadcast capabilities using high transmission towers. No such solution is currently in use anywhere in the world. Estonia's aim is to test this innovative technology and deploy it if it proves suitable. If the trial is successful, the solution could also have significant export potential in the current security environment.

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1.7.1. Pocket Siren: Fast, Accurate and Resilient Emergency Alerts for Everyone

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1.7.2. Autonoomne mehitamata õhusõiduki süsteem linnaruumis

The Estonian Police and Border Guard Board aims to develop an autonomous unmanned aircraft system capable of responding to a range of incidents, such as traffic accidents without injuries. The innovative solution would enable incident scenes to be documented more quickly and accurately than by staffed patrol units. Aircraft deployed from urban bases would collect the necessary data and transmit it automatically for further processing. The system would save valuable police personnel resources, allowing them to be redirected to more important tasks such as criminal investigations and maintaining public order.

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1.7.3. Autonomous Robotic Vessel for Border Waters along Estonia’s Eastern Border

Politsei- ja Piirivalveamet

The aim of the project is to strengthen border surveillance capabilities on border waters through a new automated integrated solution. The solution would help address capability gaps underwater, on the surface and in the air, improve the border guard’s situational awareness, and provide the best possible real-time overview of activities at the border and on border waters.

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1.7.4. Digiplatvormide süsteemsete riskide analüüsi tööriist

TARBIJAKAITSE JA TEHNILISE JÄRELEVALVE AMET

The aim of the project is to reduce the negative impact on democratic processes and social cohesion caused by foreign influence operations, fraud and illegal content disseminated through social media platforms.

Project duration: 2025–2028
The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund
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1.7.4. Tool for Analysing Systemic Risks of Digital Platforms

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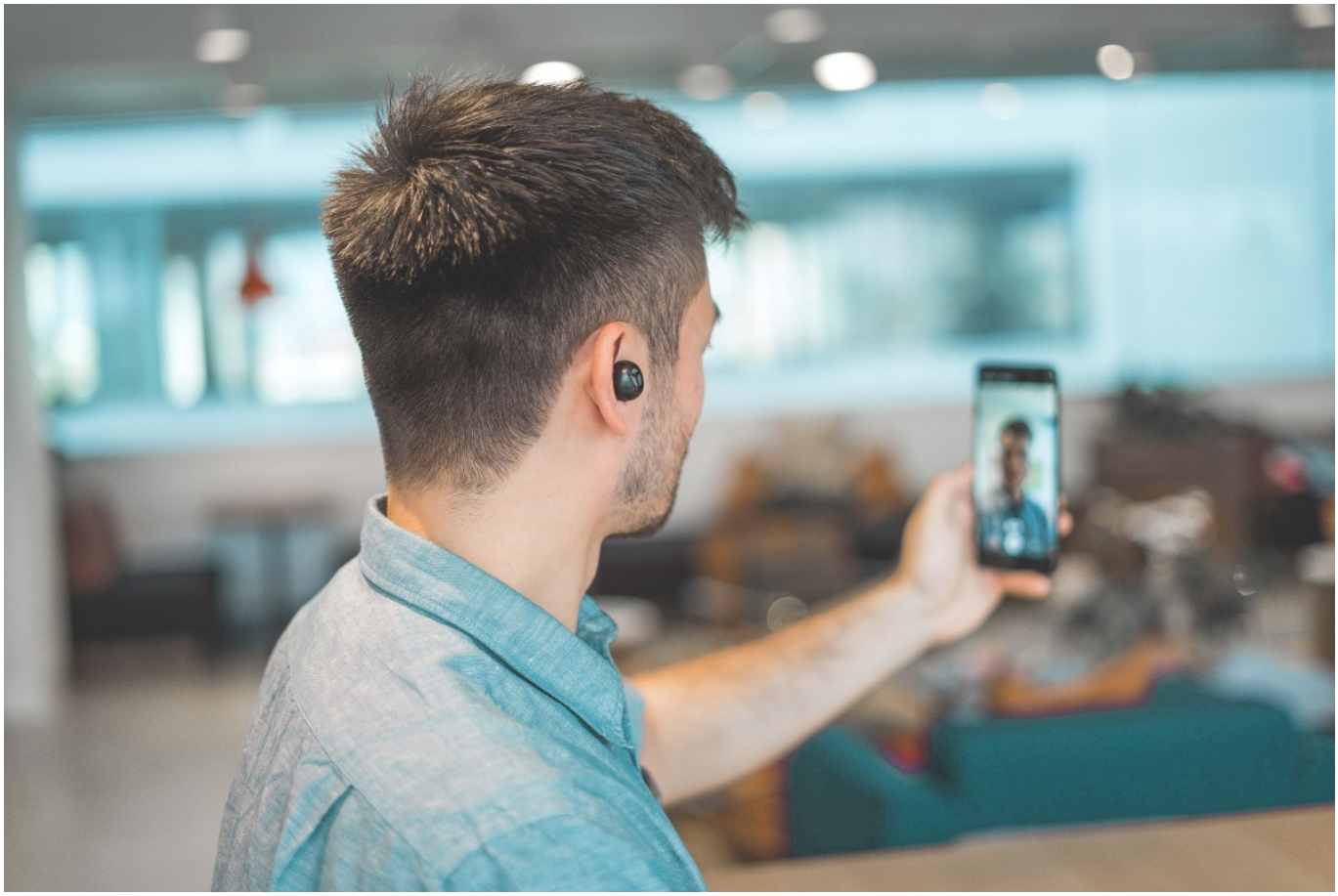
1.7.5. Uue põlvkonna 112: kaasaegne ligipääsetav hädaabiühendus kõigile



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A new and modern 112 service must ensure access for people who are hard of hearing, people with multiple disabilities, people who speak foreign languages, victims of violence, and others by introducing additional communication channels, such as video calls with interpretation options and real-time text chat.

These new solutions may also be better suited to younger generations.

In addition, the solution must provide emergency medical services, the police, rescue services, and other emergency response authorities with access to additional sources of information.

Project duration: 2023–2026

The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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Read more (in Estonian): **Uue põlvkonna 112**

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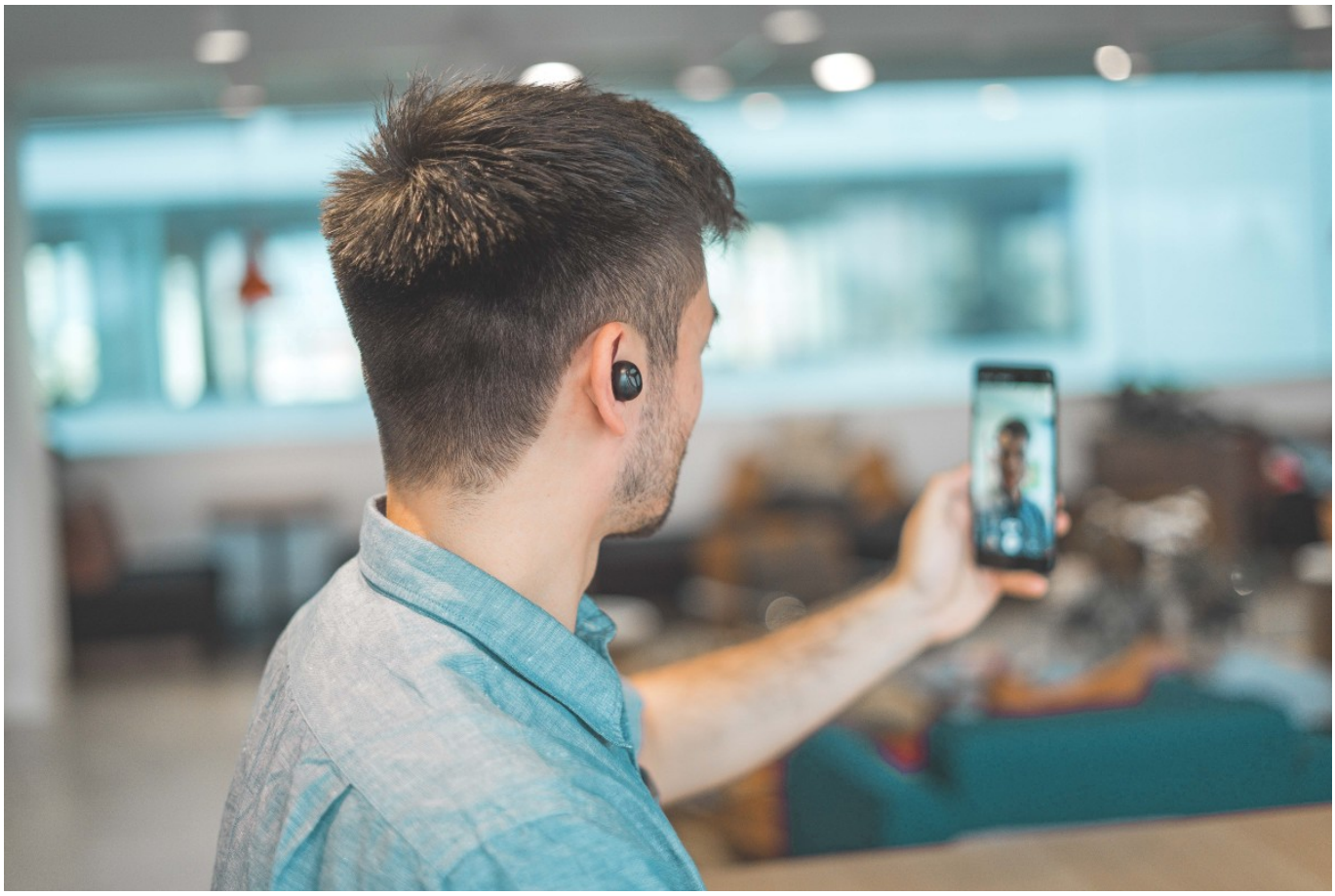
1.7.5. Next-Generation 112: Modern and Accessible Emergency Communications for Everyone



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1.7.6. LifeSaver – hädaabiteenuste strateegilise juhtimise platvormi arendamine

Eestis on kõigil inimestel õigus saada erakorralist arstiabi, kuid praegune hädaabiteenuste süsteem seisab silmitsi mitmete probleemidega. Suurenev väljakutsete arv, kasvavad kulud ja pikenevad

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Projekti kestus: 2025–2027
Projekti rahastatakse avaliku sektori innovatsioonifondist

Projekti kontakt Riigikantseleis: Kadi Villers, 5665 3148, kadi.villers@riigikantselei.ee

Loe projektist lähemalt Terviseameti kodulehelt: **Lifesaver**

Uuendatud 30.09.2025

1.7.7. TarkRisk - tehisaru abiline kriisivalmiduse tõstmisel

The aim of the project is to develop and test an AI-based prototype in at least three local authorities to support the preparation of risk assessments, capability assessments and crisis plans.

The pilot will assess whether the AI solution can speed up the preparation of risk plans, improve consistency in their quality and strengthen data-driven decision-making. The results of a successful pilot will provide a basis for further development of the solution and its potential use in other local authorities.

Project duration: 2026-2028

Project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

Project contact at the Government Office: Eneli Saabas, **eneli.saabas@riigikantselei.ee**, 5675 4144

Read more (in Estonian): **https://riigikantselei.ee/tarkrisk-tehisaru-abiline-kriisivalmiduse-tostmisel**

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1.7.7. "TarkRisk" - AI Assistant for Improving Crisis Preparedness

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1.8. Health and Social Affairs (Innovation Fund)

Last updated on 29.09.2025

1.8.1. Vähivaldkonna andmepõhise otsustamise juhtimislaua arendamine ja katsetamine

Cancer is increasingly becoming a chronic disease, and its incidence continues to rise. By 2030, the number of new cancer cases is projected to reach approximately 11,000 per year, which is 25% more than in 2015. This will place a significant additional burden on Estonia's healthcare system.

At present, structured, high-quality, patient-level cancer data collected in real time is not available.

The data is dispersed across different information systems, and there are no nationally standardised datasets or agreed definitions for collecting the data. As a result, the information cannot be processed effectively.

These challenges can be addressed by improving data collection and management, enabling healthcare professionals to make better and faster decisions and thereby helping to reduce the burden on the healthcare system.

Project duration: 2025–2028
The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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Read more (in Estonian): **Vähivaldkonna andmepõhise otsustamise juhtimislaud**

Last updated on 30.09.2025

1.8.1. Development and Testing of a Data-Driven Decision-Making Dashboard for Cancer Care

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Read more (in Estonian): **Vähivaldkonna andmepõhise otsustamise juhtimislaud**

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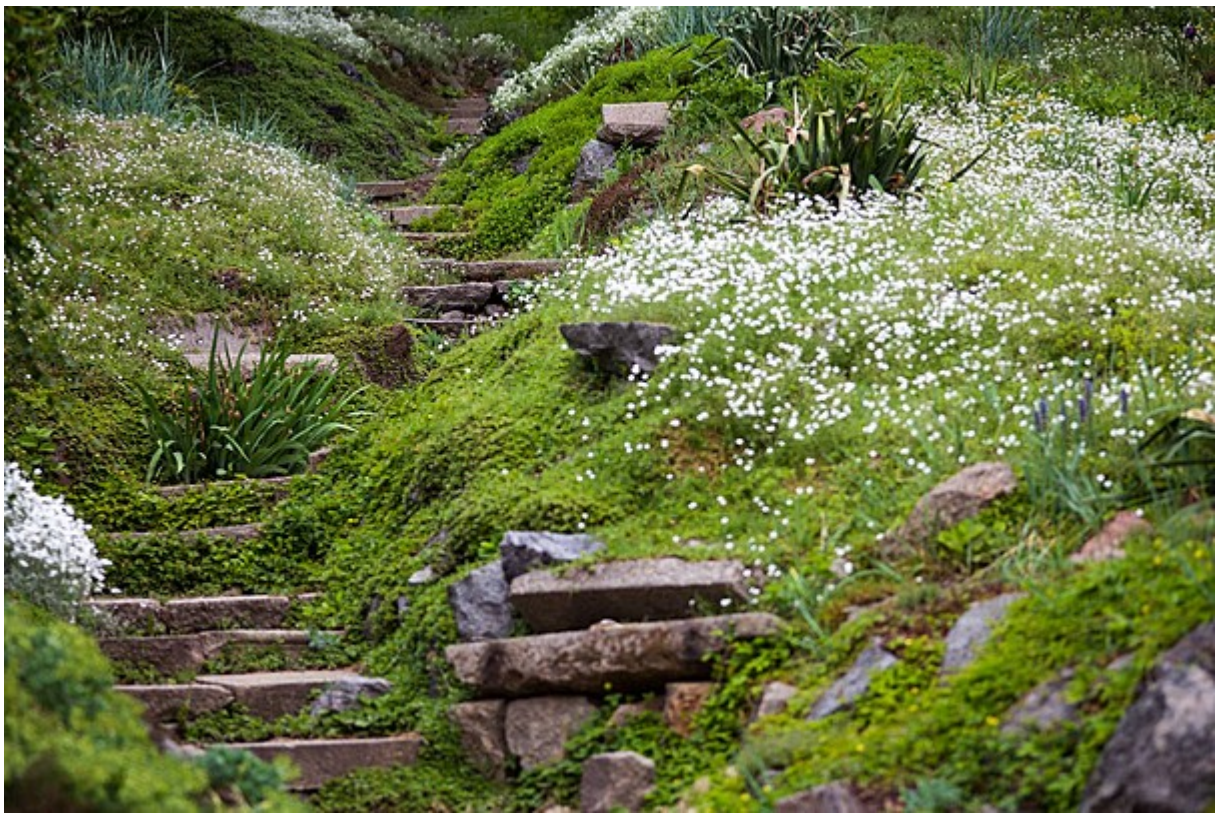
1.8.2. Vaimse tervise astmelise abi piloteerimine



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At the same time, access to mental health services remains limited, as the current matched-care model has not been able to adapt to growing demand. The system continues to be affected by long-standing challenges, including a shortage of specialists, long waiting times and unequal access to services across regions.

Addressing these issues requires a systematic redesign of services based on the stepped-care approach, together with the introduction of smart solutions.

Project duration: 2025–2029
Project is fundede by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

Project contact at the Government Office: Elisabeth Luisk, elisabeth.luisk@riigikantselei.ee, 5390 5063

Read more (in Estonian): **Vaimse tervise astmelise abi piloteerimine**

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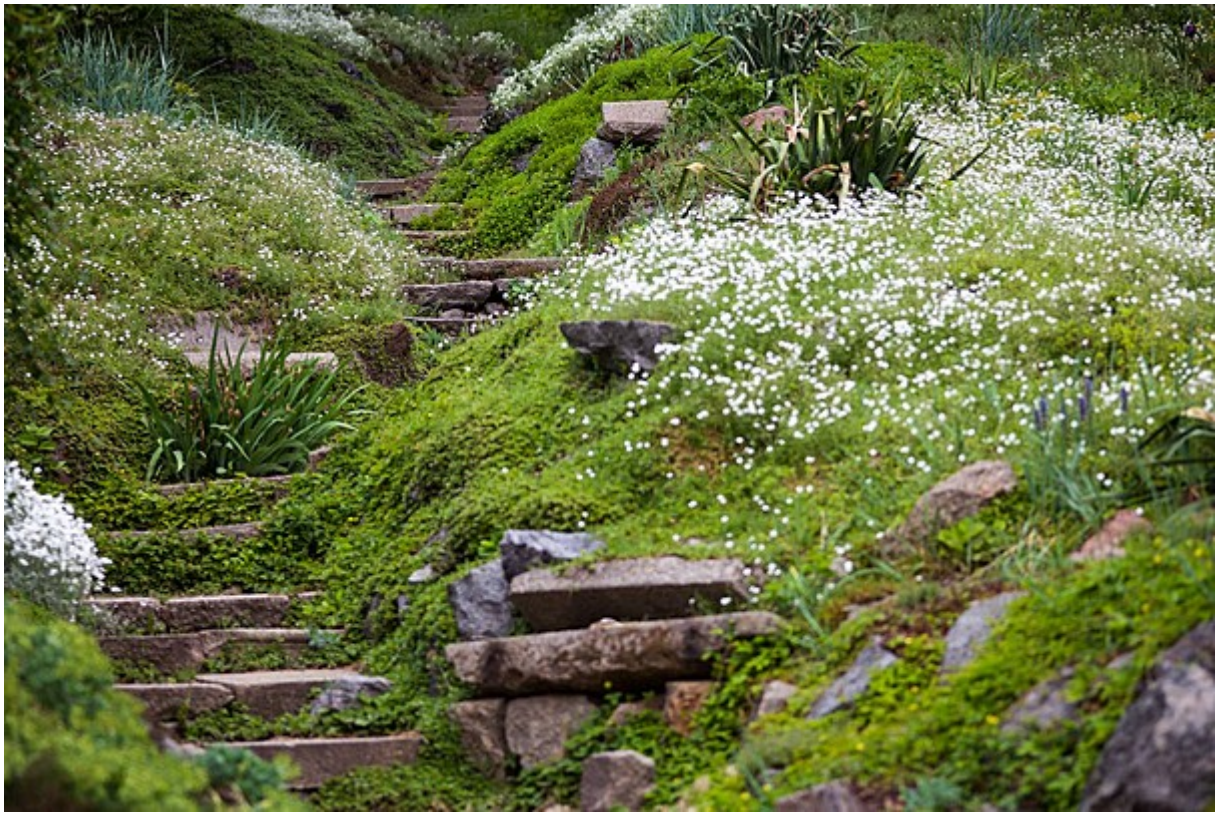
1.8.2. Piloting a Stepped-Care Model for Mental Health Services



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1.8.3. Kõnetuvastus radioloogidele

A speech recognition software solution for radiologists addresses the challenge of a significant share of working time being spent manually typing examination reports, which slows down the processing of examinations and contributes to longer waiting times.

Estonia already faces a shortage of radiologists and other medical professionals, making it necessary to introduce tools that simplify workflows. At present, there is no speech recognition solution capable of reliably supporting radiologists while accurately handling field-specific medical terminology.

Project duration: 2015–2027

The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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Read more (in Estonian): **Kõnetuvastus radioloogidele | Regionaalhaigla**

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Project duration: 2015–2027

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Read more (in Estonian): **Kõnetuvastus radioloogidele | Regionaalhaigla**

Last updated on 05.11.2025

1.9. Transport and Infrastructure (Innovation Fund)

Last updated on 29.09.2025

1.9.1. Sildade toimivuse ja konstruktsiooni seisukorra hindamise eksperimentaalarendus

The Estonian Transport Administration currently lacks effective technical tools for assessing the condition of bridges. Existing practice is largely limited to evaluating visible external damage, based on which a decision is made as to whether the bridge can be repaired or must be demolished and replaced with a new one.

Project duration: 2023–2026

The project was funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

Read more (in Estonian): **Sildade toimivuse ja seisukorra hindamise eksperimentaalarendus**

Last updated on 30.09.2025

1.9.1. Experimental Development for Assessing Bridge Condition

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Last updated on 30.09.2025

1.9.2. Äärealade veeringsüsteemi arendamine

Approximately 12.4% of Estonia’s population receives drinking water from private water supply systems, whose water quality is not directly monitored by the state.

A study commissioned by the Ministry of the Environment in 2019 found that the water in dug wells and drilled wells in sparsely populated areas met the applicable quality requirements in only 29% of the wells tested.

The situation is particularly concerning in areas where groundwater is unprotected or only weakly protected. These areas cover approximately 50% of Estonia’s territory, including Northern Estonia and the islands of Western Estonia. This poses a direct risk to the quality of drinking water in sparsely populated areas. Viimsi Rural Municipality has therefore been actively exploring ways to protect groundwater within the municipality and launched a project focused on developing and testing a water recycling system for remote areas.

Using Prangli Island as a pilot site, the project aims to develop and test a smart wastewater treatment and reuse system. In addition to treating wastewater, the system would return it to households for reuse, thereby reducing groundwater consumption.

Project duration: 2025–2026

The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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1.9.2. Development of a Mobility System for Remote Areas

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Read more (in Estonian): **Äärealade veeringsüsteemi arendamine | Viimsi vald**

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1.9.3. Liikuvusteenuste ja piletimüügi integreeritud andmevahetusplatvormi MaaS X-tee arendamine

Today, the transport system operates in silos, with trains, trams, buses, cars, ferries, aircraft, light mobility vehicles and other modes functioning separately, without a comprehensive overview. Passengers find it difficult to navigate between different modes of transport, making end-to-end journey planning and ticket purchasing a cumbersome process that requires considerable time and knowledge.

Different modes of transport—including trains, buses, ferries, micromobility services, urban and regional public transport, commercial routes, and short-term car rental—use separate booking and ticketing channels, and their application programming interfaces (APIs) are not interoperable. There is also no centralised solution for connecting these different APIs. As a result, Estonia currently lacks a single platform that would allow users to plan journeys combining public transport and alternative mobility options and purchase all the necessary tickets in one transaction.

Project duration: 2024–2026
The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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Read more (in Estonian): **Maas X-tee arendamine**

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1.9.3. Development of the MaaS (mobility as a service) Integrated Data Exchange Platform for Mobility

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1.9.4. Kauglootsimise pilootprojekt

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1.9.5. Dünaamiline liiklusjuhtimine Tallinnas

The project focuses on developing a dynamic traffic management system for the City of Tallinn by addressing the problem of blocked intersections, introducing demand-responsive traffic signal programmes, and integrating them into traffic modelling software.

The project centres on smart technological solutions that enable real-time traffic flow management and optimisation. It will also assess whether, and on which key roads in Tallinn, a coordinated green-wave traffic signal system should be implemented during emergencies.

Project duration: 2025–2028
The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

Projekti contact at the Government Office: Kairit Viidalepp, kairit.viidalepp@riigikantselei.ee, 5646 7281

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Read more (in Estonian): **Dünaamiline liiklusjuhtimine Tallinnas**

Last updated on 08.12.2025

1.9.6. DigiVesi: digitööriistad ühisveevärgi ja -kanalisatsiooni

arengu juhtimiseks

The project focuses on the digitalisation of water management systems and the development of data-driven decision-support tools. It will develop and test innovative digital solutions for collecting, managing and analysing water management data in real time.

This includes monitoring the condition of water supply and sewerage infrastructure, planning investments and supporting operational management, while taking into account the physical ageing of infrastructure, changing demand and environmental conditions.

Project duration: 2025–2027
The project is funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund

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Read more (in Estonian): **Digivesi**

Last updated on 30.09.2025

1.9.6. "DigiVesi": Digital Tools for Managing the Development of Public Water Supply and Sewerage Systems

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2. Projects launched through the Innovation Programme

In this section, you will find projects by policy area that have been funded through the Public Sector Innovation Programme.

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2.1. Education and Research (Innovation Programme)

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2.1.1. Needs-Based Estonian Language Training and Counselling for Adults of Other Nationalities

The Estonian language learning project for adults focused on the needs of different learners and their language learning journeys. One of the solutions developed was a prototype of a digital gateway bringing together Estonian language learning services.

The project also introduced an innovative short-conversation format called Keelerulett, which enables participants to practise Estonian for one hour in randomly formed groups using predetermined discussion topics.

The project involved the Ministry of Culture, the Integration Foundation, the Ministry of Education and Research, the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund, and the Ministry of the Interior.

Project took place in 2020

The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme

Read more (in Estonian):

Vajaduspõhine eesti keele õpe - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 3.94 MB | pdf

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2.2. Justice Sector (Innovation Programme)

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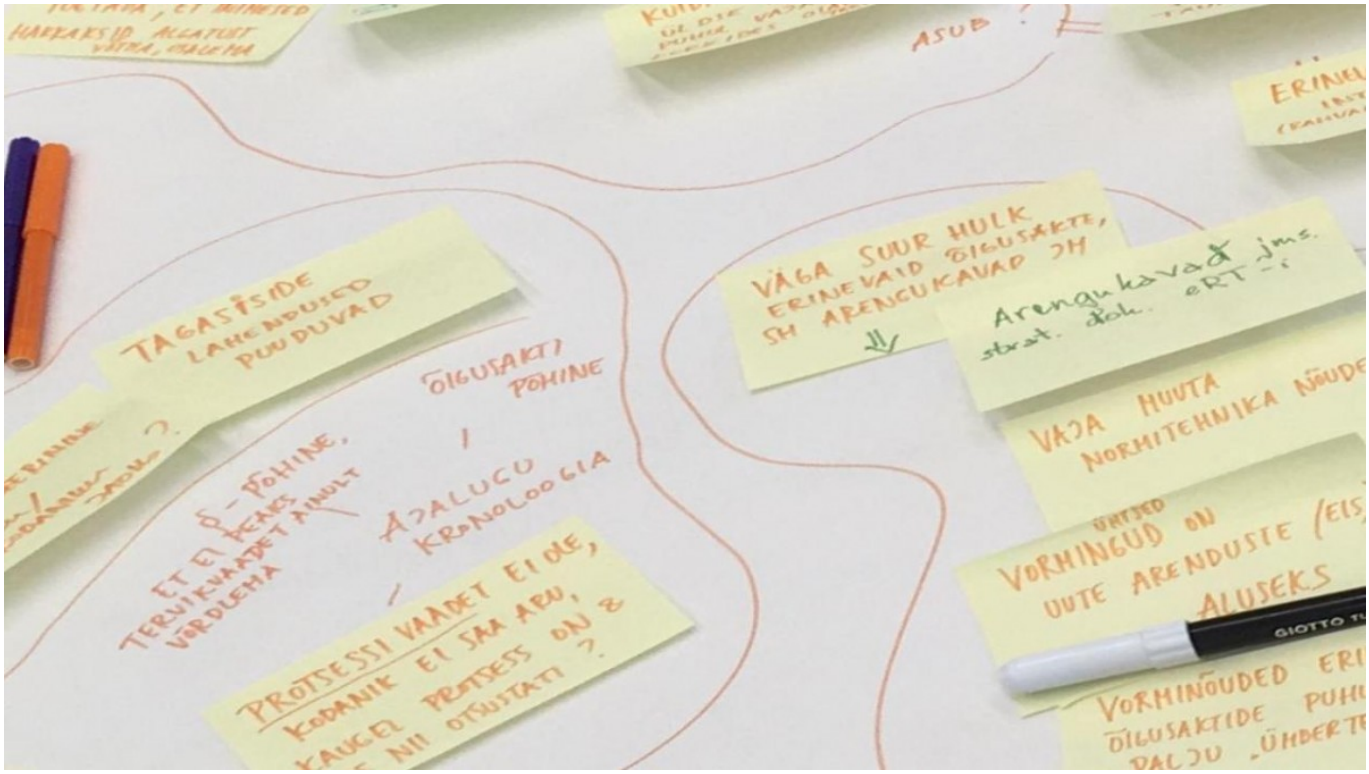
2.2.1. Improving the Efficiency of Legislative Drafting



The aim was to develop a prototype of a user-friendly IT platform that would support the entire legislative and policymaking process and enable a transparent co-creation process involving legislative drafters and other stakeholders interested in Estonia’s development.

Project took place in 2019

The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme

Read more (in Estonian):
Õigusloome tõhustamine - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 2 MB | pdf

Last updated on 29.09.2025

2.3. Defence Sector (Innovation Programme)

Last updated on 12.02.2026

2.3.1. I Want to Join the Estonian Defence Forces

One in four young men currently fails to attend the medical examination required before compulsory military service, while avoiding military service is often met with a relatively understanding attitude among their peers.

The project focused specifically on the perspective of young people and explored how compulsory military service could be made more meaningful and valued in their eyes.

The team developed solutions to reduce barriers and concerns both before compulsory military service and upon arrival at a military unit:

- ✓ Inspired by the success of the earlier “Compulsory Military Service with Your Class” project, we introduced the concept of joining with a group of friends. Young people can now begin their military

- service together with their closest friends. We also tested whether attending the medical examination together with classmates would make the process more reassuring and encourage young people to complete their military service earlier rather than later. It is clear that the older a person is when beginning military service, the more practical obstacles they are likely to face.

- Recognising that young people need support in preparing for military service and in identifying and overcoming various barriers, we also reviewed the activities of the Defence Resources Agency. Its advisers help young people understand the practical preparations required before entering military service and, where necessary, provide guidance on matters such as loan obligations, legal issues and financial arrangements.

- We redesigned the process of arrival and induction at military units to reduce uncertainty and anxiety among new conscripts. As part of the pilot, professional military personnel and drill sergeants at two units received training focused on psychology and team-building exercises. The aim was to help them better support the rapid adjustment of young soldiers, the development of more cohesive units, improved learning outcomes and stronger, more sustained motivation.

- We also developed a prototype certificate of completion for compulsory military service. The certificate has two purposes: to help young people recall, reflect on and describe their experience to prospective employers, and to help employers understand the practical knowledge and skills acquired during military service.

Team Members

Defence Resources Agency: Astrid-Helena Teär, Marke Teppor, Merle Ulst
Estonian Defence Forces: Keith Tarakanov
Ministry of Defence: Laura Toodu
Ministry of Education and Research: Karl Andreas Sprenk
Team mentor from the Innovation Team: Helelyn Tammsaar
Contributors to the development of the solutions: Grete Arro, Margus Tarmo Pihlakas and Hannes Praks

The project took place in 2021.
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme

Read more (in Estonian):
Tahan ajateenistusse - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 10.31 MB | pdf

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2.4. Climate and Environment (Innovation Programme)

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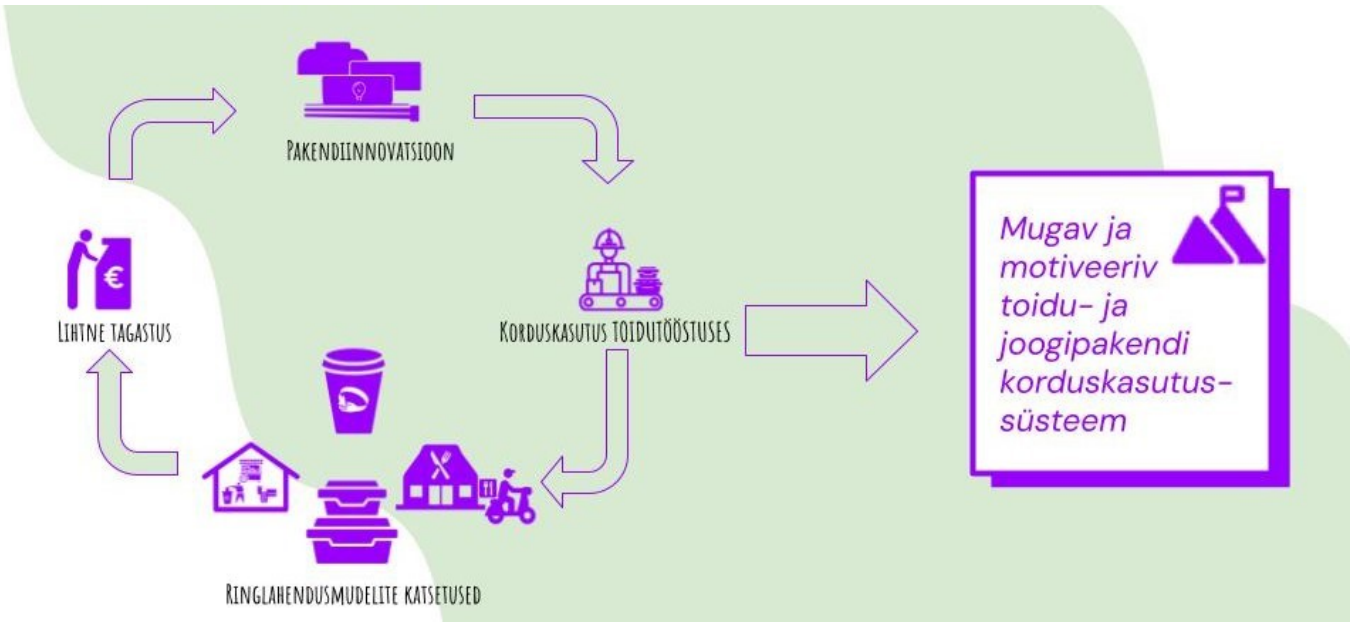
2.4.1. Less Single-Use Plastic



How can we make reusable packaging everyone’s first choice by 2026?

On average, Estonia generates 200,000 tonnes of packaging waste each year.

According to a waste composition study conducted in 2020, packaging waste accounts for approximately 30% of mixed municipal waste, with plastic packaging making up the largest share. Over the past ten years, the proportion of packaging waste in mixed municipal waste has not decreased.

The problem is highly complex, as packaging manufacturers, food producers, retailers, restaurants, circular solution providers and end consumers all have a role to play in reducing packaging waste.

DURING THE PROJECT, WE SOUGHT TO ACCELERATE THE ADOPTION OF REUSABLE PACKAGING SYSTEMS FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT ANGLES.

- ✓ We supported Ringo Eco OÜ in submitting an application to Enterprise Estonia for a feasibility study. Unfortunately, the application was not approved.

- ✓ We sought to establish a local reusable packaging system involving multiple stakeholders in Elva Municipality. Unfortunately, we were unable to engage enough local restaurants and cafés for the system to operate effectively.

- ✓ We also sought to establish an interoperable reuse system that would allow consumers to return reusable packaging to the collection point of any reuse-system provider. The first pilot was planned with service stations along the Tallinn–Tartu highway and would have tested the interoperable system using reusable coffee cups. However, when preparations began, it became clear that not all service station chains were ready to participate in a joint pilot. The project is therefore currently on hold.

The project involved the Ministry of Climate, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, the City of Tallinn, the Responsible Business Forum, Teeme Ära Foundation, the Estonian Food Industry Association and Selver.

The project took place in 2022
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme

Read more (in Estonian):
Vähem ühekordset plastikut - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 5.49 MB | pdf

Last updated on 11.09.2025

2.4.2. Reducing Food Waste

How can we reduce food waste in households?

In Estonia, 167 tonnes of food are discarded each year, 41% of it by households.

Thanks to Estonia's high food production standards, many food products remain safe to consume even after their "use by" date. As a potentially high-impact solution, the team therefore initiated a transition from "use by" to "best before" labelling for products made by Estonian dairy producers.

As a second solution, a "smart fridge" approach was tested in families with children. Food that needed to be eaten first was placed in a specially marked area of the refrigerator to prevent it from being thrown away.

The project involved the Ministry of Rural Affairs, the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Saaremaa Rural Municipality and the Estonian Union of Co-operative Housing Associations.
The project mentor was Maarja Mõtus.

Project duration: 2021
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Toidu raiskamise vähendamine - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 3.92 MB | pdf

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2.4.3. Waste Sorting

How can people be encouraged to sort their waste?

Interviews with 26 people across Estonia showed that the current waste-sorting system is fragmented and inconvenient.

We tested new ways to encourage people to sort their waste. A waste-sorting experiment in Kuressaare showed that nearly one quarter of people who had not previously sorted their waste were willing to start if the process was made easy for them.

All three packaging recovery organisations operating in Estonia have since adopted standardised waste labels and sorting guidelines.

Project duration: 2019
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Prügi_sorteerimine - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 6.82 MB | pdf

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2.5. Economy (Innovation Programme)

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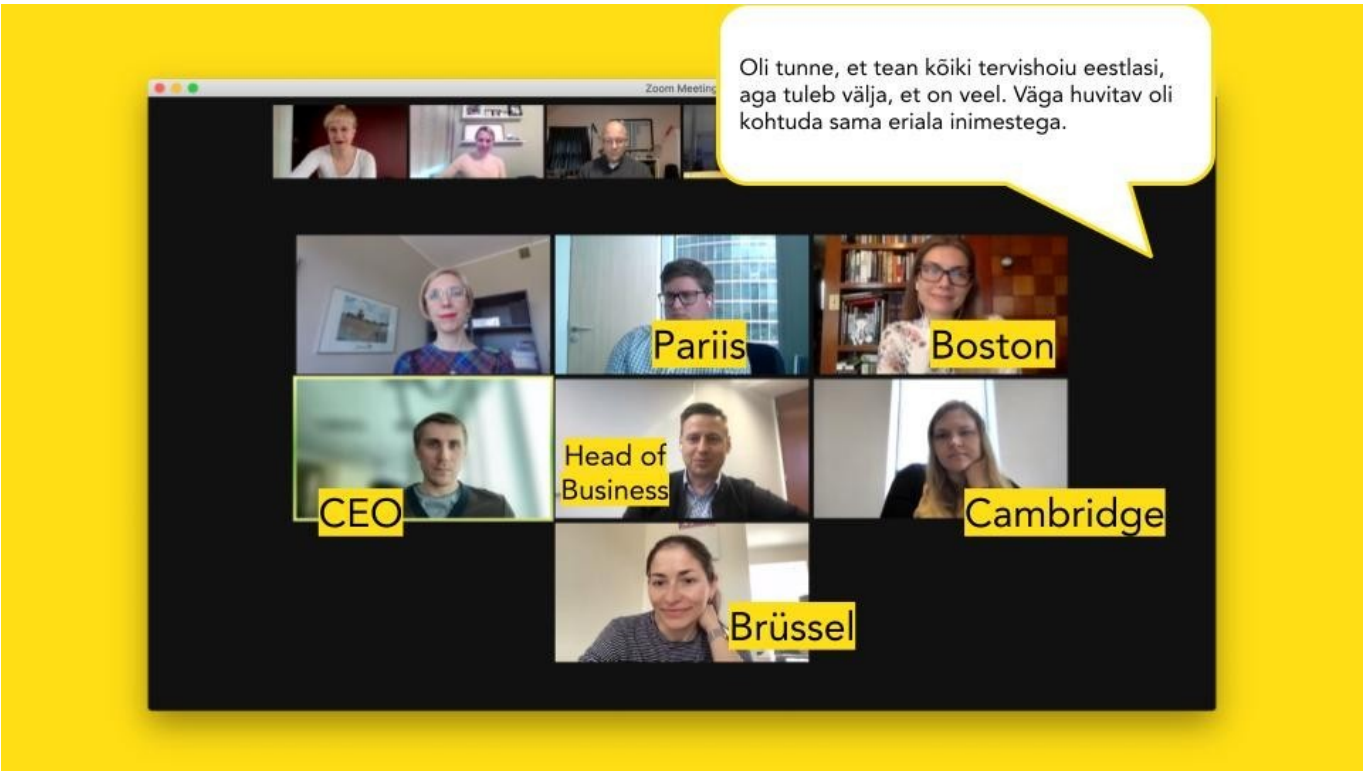
2.5.1. The Estonian Diaspora in Business Diplomacy



How can we make Estonians living around the world part of Estonia's business networks?

An estimated 200,000 people of Estonian origin live around the world.

Until now, the state has primarily sought to engage Estonians living around the world through their national identity by providing resources, opportunities and support for preserving the Estonian language and culture. However, less systematic attention has been paid to the diverse professional expertise of Estonians living abroad and their potential to contribute to strengthening Estonia's economy.

The team tested solutions for identifying, connecting and activating a network of global Estonians interested in contributing to life in Estonia through their professional knowledge and skills.

The project involved the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Education and Youth Board, the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of the Interior.

The project mentor was Ave Habakuk.

Project duration: 2021

The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Hajala eestlased äridiplomaatias - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 6.02 MB | pdf

Last updated on 30.09.2025

2.5.2. Single Point of Contact for Entrepreneurs

We are exploring solutions that help new entrepreneurs get their businesses off the ground. The longer-term goal is to bring together the information, services and obligations relevant to entrepreneurs in a single point of access.

Project duration: 2019
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):

Ettevõtja kontaktpunkt - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 2.98 MB | pdf

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2.5.3. Electronic Accommodation Registration Card

The aim of the project was to make the registration of guests at accommodation establishments faster and more convenient, while also contributing to better protection of national security.

Project duration: 2019

The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Elektroonne majutuskaart - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 2.91 MB | pdf

Last updated on 30.09.2025

2.6. Agriculture (Innovation Programme)

Last updated on 12.02.2026

2.6.1. Climate-Neutral Food Production

This led to the question of how climate-neutral food production could be achieved. The Ministry of Rural Affairs, the Centre of Estonian Rural Research and Knowledge, the Ministry of the Environment and the Rural Development Foundation worked together to explore possible answers.

The project found that, for many agricultural producers, remaining economically viable takes precedence over environmental and climate objectives. This is especially the case when producers feel that those who do not operate sustainably are placed at an advantage. Instead of punitive measures, producers expect support and guidance from the state, as well as clear communication on how climate objectives are to be achieved.

One of the proposed solutions was a sustainability traffic-light e-service that would enable agricultural producers to assess the current sustainability of their production and identify changes that could help them move towards more sustainable food production.

The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture has received funding from the Public Sector Innovation Fund to develop the methodology and create a prototype of the sustainability traffic-light system. More

information on the project's current status is available here (in Estonian): **Sustainable Food System Sustainability Dashboard**

Project duration: 2022
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Kliimaneutraalne toidutootmine - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 3.03 MB | pdf

Last updated on 30.09.2025

2.6.2. Misuse of Special-Purpose Diesel Fuel

The agricultural and fisheries sectors are permitted to use special-purpose diesel fuel subject to a reduced excise duty rate. Due to significant misuse, the state currently loses approximately €4.7 million in excise duty revenue each year.

The aim of the project is to gain a deeper understanding of the mechanisms and underlying causes of misuse, as well as to determine the criteria that should be used to define legitimate use.

The team tested several different solutions:

- the feasibility of establishing a register of authorised users was analysed;
- a tax refund scheme was considered as an alternative to the register;
- a simple checklist was developed for fuel retailers to help reduce misuse;
- an email experiment was conducted to discourage misuse.

Representatives of the Ministry of Rural Affairs, the Agricultural Registers and Information Board, the Ministry of Finance, the Estonian Tax and Customs Board, and the Estonian Farmers' Federation worked together to develop solutions to the widespread misuse of special-purpose diesel fuel.

Project duration: 2020
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Eriotstarbelise diislikütuse väärkasutamine - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 1.81 MB | pdf

Last updated on 30.09.2025

2.7. Regional Development (Innovation Programme)

Last updated on 29.09.2025

2.7.1. Local Governments in the Green Transition

How can we ensure that local governments have the knowledge, motivation and skills needed to implement the green transition?

The organisations involved in the discussions were the Environmental Investment Centre, the Ministry of Finance, the Environmental Board, the Environment Agency, Tallinn University of Technology, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, the Association of Estonian Cities and Municipalities, Elva Rural Municipality and the City of Tartu.

THE PROJECT REVEALED THAT:

- ✓ The substance of the green transition and the role of local governments in it remain unclear, including their roles as role models and leaders, supervisors and facilitators.

- ✓ There is a lack of understanding about where to begin, how to set priorities, how to measure the results of activities and how to secure funding. The many levels of municipal governance and the broad range of services provided also make the transition difficult to interpret and implement. Cooperation with universities and support organisations could create greater value.

- ✓ Even today, the work of municipal environmental specialists covers a very broad range of topics and is filled with everyday responsibilities, from snow removal and stray dogs to procurement, permits and supervision.

THE PROGRAMME RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING SOLUTION IDEAS:

- ✓ **R-Club:** A network of municipal decision-makers and key stakeholders that would provide inspiration, a sense of solidarity and a platform for developing joint projects.

- ✓ **Green Monitor:** Based on the principle that "what gets measured gets managed", funding could be allocated through a positive element of competition to encourage progress towards environmental and climate objectives. The broader aim is to support planning documents, projects and decisions based on data.

- ✓ **Green Support Team:** Municipalities that are less advanced need support and a personalised approach. Experts from research institutions and central government, together with mentors from more advanced municipalities, could help them understand the issues, establish an appropriate governance model and take the first steps towards systemic change.

- ✓ The design sprint also generated ideas that could be transferred to other fields, such as green public procurement, adapting university micro-credentials and curricula to the needs of municipal environmental specialists, and addressing waste management as a pressing and relatively achievable area for improvement. These ideas are being pursued through separate initiatives.

AS OF JUNE 2024, THE DEVELOPMENTS ARE AT THE FOLLOWING STATE:

- ✓ The R-Club has met five times, and 17 local governments have formally joined. Cooperation has also taken place with the Smart Cities Network of Southern Estonia. The club's steering group includes the Association of Estonian Cities and Municipalities, the Environmental Investment Centre, the Ministry of Climate and the local government holding the rotating chairmanship. Tallinn chaired the club in 2023, followed by Tartu in 2024–2025. The club mainly relies on in-kind contributions, including the provision of meeting spaces and the involvement of opinion leaders. Valuable synergies have also resulted from adding a local government coordinator to the Ministry of Climate's Green Reform Department and, more broadly, from the horizontal coordination of the green transition following the establishment of the Ministry of Climate.

- ✓ The development of the Green Monitor has been integrated into workstreams related to the Climate-Resilient Economy Act, the green transition, and the refinement of indicators used in climate and energy plans. This is helping to establish clearer directions and outputs for improving environmental indicators and making broader use of data. When designing new support measures, the Environmental Investment Centre can open the topic for discussion once the key indicators and policy areas have been more clearly aligned.

- ✓ The Green Support Team was not launched in its originally planned form. However, the Ministry of Climate has appointed a dedicated local government coordinator who has begun providing systematic support. A team-based support model may still be introduced in the future. Advisory arrangements have also emerged organically with several small and proactive local governments, helping them apply for direct EU funding aimed specifically at less advanced municipalities.

- ✓ The design sprint also generated ideas that could be transferred to other areas, including green public procurement, adapting university micro-credentials and curricula to better reflect the needs of local government environmental specialists, and addressing waste management as a pressing area where relatively quick progress could be achieved. These ideas are being pursued through separate initiatives.

Project duration: 2022
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):

KOVid rohepöördes - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 5.64 MB | pdf

Last updated on 09.09.2025

2.7.2. Demand- Responsive Transport

The aim is to increase spontaneous mobility for people living in rural areas, improve access to public services, support their return to the labour market, and thereby help reduce regional inequalities.

Project duration: 2021–2022
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Nõudetransport - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 34.43 MB | pdf

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2.8. Internal Security and Crisis Resilience (Innovation Programme)

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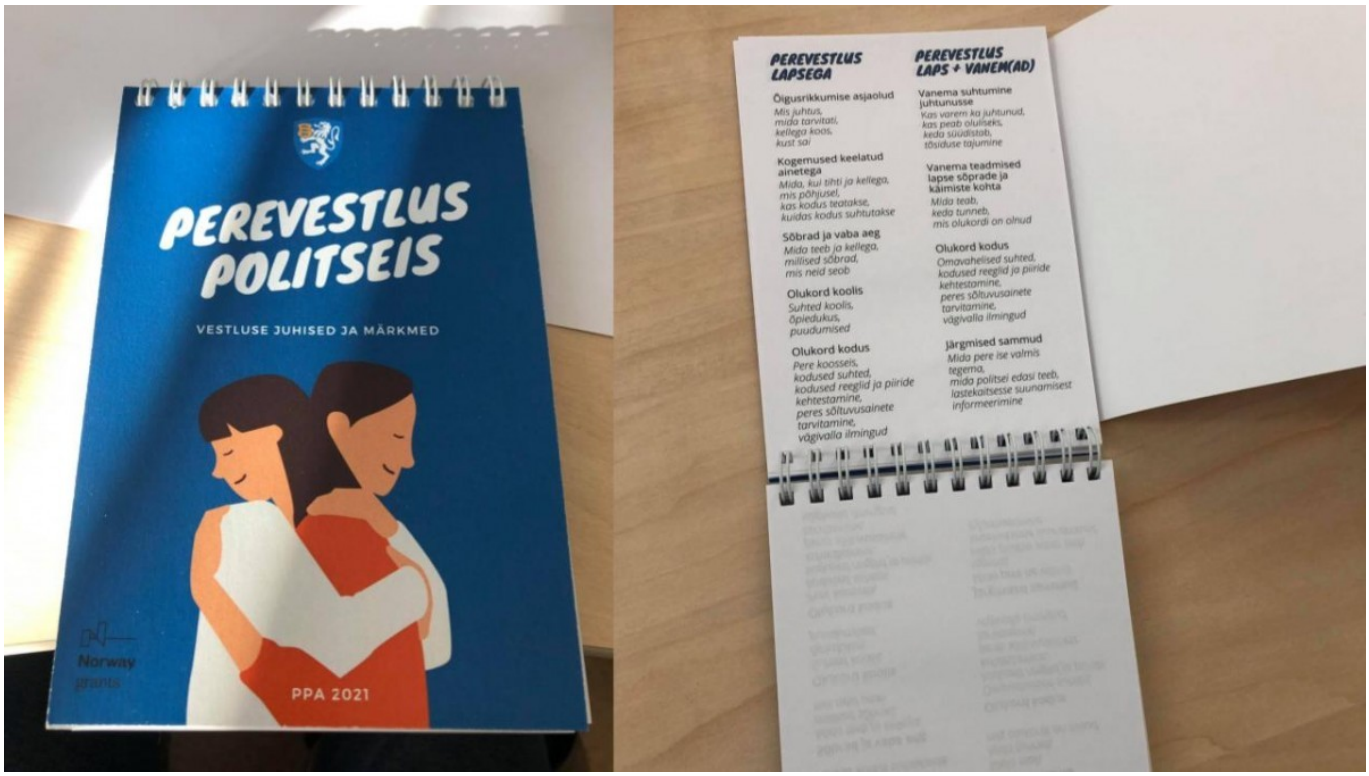
2.8.1. My First Time Getting Caught



Over the past twenty years, the proportion of 15- and 16-year-old students who have used an illicit drug at least once in their lives has steadily increased. Studies show that young people who use drugs more frequently are also more likely to commit offences or engage in risky sexual behaviour.

As part of the programme, the police sought to develop a brief intervention for minors caught with illegal substances for the first time. A family discussion format was developed to assess the young person's need for support and empower their parents. A discussion guide, including a list of warning signs, has since been completed and introduced into use.

The project team included representatives of the Police and Border Guard Board, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Social Affairs, the National Institute for Health Development, the Ministry of Education and Research, child protection specialists from Nõmme and Saku, and the Estonian Youth Work Centre.

Project duration: 2020

The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):

Minu esimene vahelejäämine - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 1.19 MB | pdf

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2.8.2. Reducing Speeding

The number of road traffic accidents involving injuries has not decreased in Estonia over the past decade. Following interviews with members of the public, the project team from the Government Office, the Ministry of the Interior, the Police and Border Guard Board, and the Road Administration concluded that speeding is a widely accepted social norm. Fines are often treated like routine bills that simply need to be paid, without influencing drivers' behaviour or attitudes. However, drivers clearly remembered their conversations with police officers and the time lost while being issued a fine at the roadside.

These insights led to trials of the "calming stop", which explored whether the loss of time could influence driving behaviour and serve as an alternative to a financial penalty. The project also gave rise to the

Trust Zone pilot in Viimsi and the idea of redesigning penalty notices to make them more effective in changing behaviour. The trials sparked public debate about speeding and the effectiveness of existing measures. They also encouraged the Police and Border Guard Board to test new, bold and user-centred approaches in its work, setting a positive example for the public sector.

The “calming stop” was featured in *The Economist*.: **Estonia has a new way to stop speeding motorists** and it was also selected for the Observatory of Public Sector Innovation’s collection of public sector innovation best practices.: **Win a Minute, Lose an Hour: Time-Out Station for Speeding Drivers**

Project duration: 2019
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

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2.8.3. Halving the Number of Fire-Related Deaths

How can we reduce the number of fire-related deaths in Estonia by at least half?

In the 1990s, three to four people died in fires in Estonia every week. Although the situation has improved considerably since then, the number of fire-related deaths remains too high: in 2020, fires claimed 36 lives.

The team explored new approaches to increase the likelihood of people escaping safely from a burning building. A package of solutions called **“A Life-Saving Home”** was developed to help save lives in high-fire-risk homes where changing residents’ lifestyles and fire-risk behaviours does not appear realistic.

The project involved the Estonian Rescue Board, the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority, the Social Insurance Board, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Tori Rural Municipality and Märjamaa Rural Municipality.

The project mentor was Laura Aaben.

Project duration: 2021
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Poole vähem tuleshukkunuid - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 1.76 MB | pdf

Last updated on 30.09.2025

2.9. Health and Social Affairs (Innovation Programme)

Last updated on 12.02.2026

2.9.1. Safer Nightlife

Could the state design a service related to illegal activity?

Yes—when it is a matter of life and death. Drugs have become a significant part of partying and entertainment, and their use is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to prevent. If we cannot stop it, we must work to reduce the harm associated with it.

With this starting point, the project—working under the title **"Safer Nightlife"**—participated in the 2022 Public Sector Innovation Programme. The core team included representatives of the National Institute for Health Development, the Police and Border Guard Board, and the HALL techno club. The team also collaborated with numerous event organisers and nightclubs. The project mentor from the Innovation Team was Helelyn Tammsaar.

As part of the project's background research, a wide range of interviews were conducted with event organisers, police officers, club and bar staff, as well as people participating in nightlife. The team also carried out participant observations in Tallinn's nightlife scene and at festivals with very different profiles.

KEY INSIGHTS:

- ✓ Society expects people to exercise self-control, yet the interviews clearly showed that nightlife is

- precisely where people want to do the opposite. They seek opportunities to relax and speak on "recharging" "getting away" "freedom" and "re-setting". Recent crises have played a role in this, as have growing mental health challenges. Nightlife is therefore a setting in which people don't want to restrain themselves.

- It is not that people are entirely unaware of how to avoid harm. However, when intoxicated, their perception of risk decreases and they are more likely to engage in risky behaviour.

- A person who has consumed too much alcohol and/or drugs may feel ashamed about losing self-control. People who begin to feel unwell often withdraw from others and isolate themselves, making it much harder for their need for help to be noticed—even by their friends. It is alarming how common it is for venues simply to put people who are severely intoxicated and unable to care for themselves out onto the street.

- A major problem is that people do not seek help themselves. In the case of drugs, this is often driven by fear: because the substance is illegal and the possession and use of drugs are punishable in Estonia, people face a difficult dilemma about whom they can safely turn to for help. What should I tell them? What if I get into trouble?

In summary, a paradox emerges: people are not afraid to use dangerous and impure substances, yet they are afraid to ask for help or call for assistance.

SOLUTION: NIGHT FAIRIES

Nightlife involves a range of roles and positions, such as door staff, security personnel and bartenders. However, people in these roles often lack the knowledge needed to recognise signs of different types of drug use and the skills to respond appropriately. They may also not always see it as their responsibility to help partygoers who, as a result of substance use, have placed themselves or others in danger

Night Fairies are a new role in nightlife designed to fill this gap. They provide discreet support and assistance to people taking part in nightlife and build trust so that people feel more comfortable speaking openly about these issues and asking for help when needed. Night Fairies can be recognised by T-shirts bearing the words “All good?”. At festivals, they operate from a dedicated tent and use a highly visible “periodic table” style information matrix showing how different substances interact and which combinations should be avoided altogether.

Night Fairies are volunteers who have completed a training programme developed by the National Institute for Health Development. They also take part in follow-up training, which continues to be developed jointly. As of 2024, Night Fairies operate as a non-profit organisation. The service is available year-round in Tallinn and Tartu, and the network includes around 40 trained volunteers. Long-term partners include HALL nightclub and the Stiilipidu event series. The initiative also takes part in summer

festivals, including I Land Sound, Solstitium, KÕU, Valga Glow, Bling and Beach Grind. Cooperation has also begun with the City of Tallinn

SOLUTION: PROVIDING DRINKING WATER

As part of the project, event organisers and larger local authorities were engaged to promote the provision of free drinking water at parties and festivals across Estonia. To support this, a behavioural science-based toolkit was developed, offering a range of options for making drinking water easier and more appealing.

Read more (in Estonian):

Ööhaldjad turvalisema ööelu loojad.pdf | 1.16 MB | pdf
Ööhaldjad - lahendussuund VESI.pdf | 3.95 MB | pdf

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- ✓ In a public vote organised by ERGO insurance ja Postimees Night Fairies was named the most impactful prevention initiative of 2023.
- ✓ At the 2024 Estonian Student Awards, the initiative received the **Social Impact Initiative of the Year** award.

NIGHT FAIRIES IN THE MEDIA

Kes on ööhaldjad ja kuidas nad kirevas ööelus inimesi päästavad? | Kanal2, Õhtu
Pidudel narko- ja alkoholijoobes inimesi abistav ööhaldjas Marit: levib ohtlik väärarusaam, et MDMA-st pole võimalik üledoosi saada | Õhtuleht
Ööhaldjad turvalise ööelu jaoks | ERR
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Kas sul on kõik hästi? Ööhaldjad hakkasid suvel festivalihaldjateks, et hoida ära naokksurmasid | EPL
Ööhaldjad - turvalisema ööelu kindlustajad | teeviit.ee

Project duration: 2022
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

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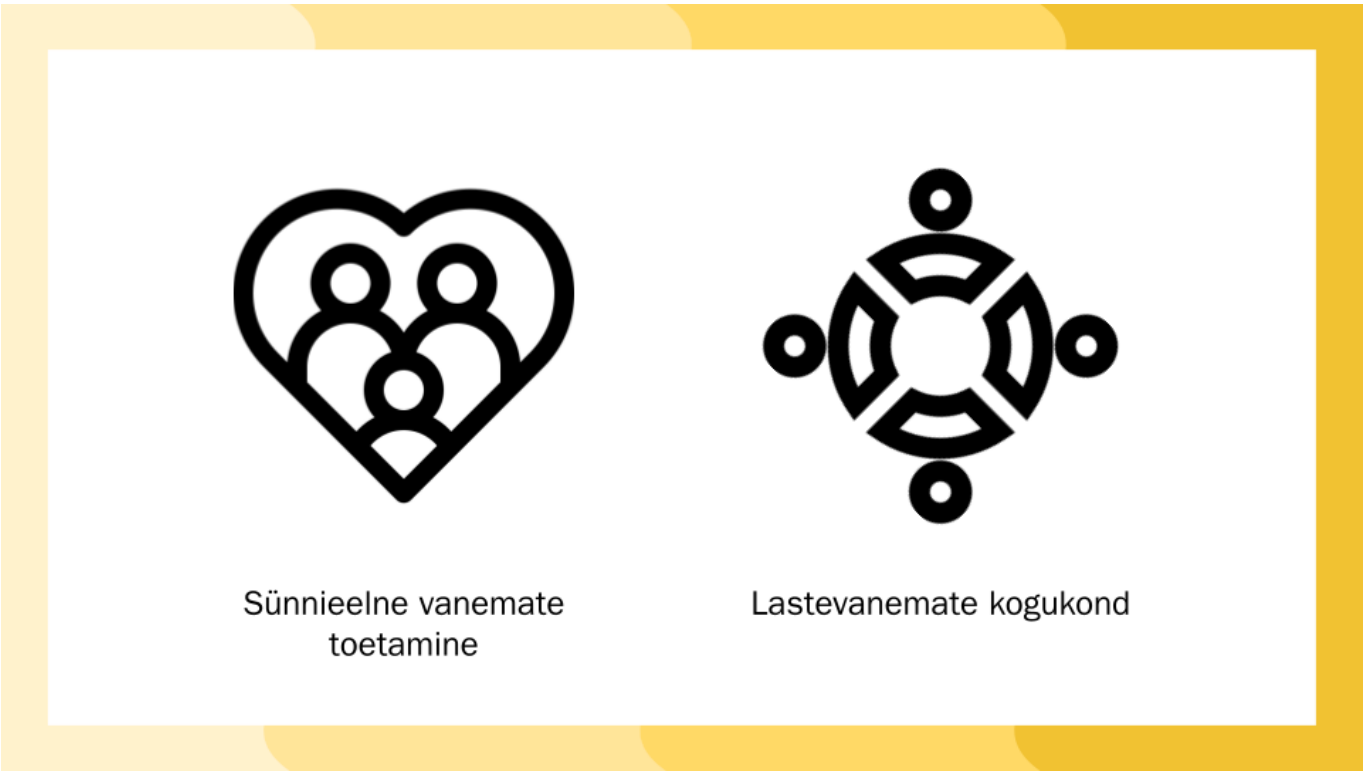
2.9.2. The Well-Being of Single Parents



In 2022, as part of the Innovation Programme, a team was formed to support single parents. The initiative was led by the Ministry of Social Affairs in cooperation with representatives of the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Justice, the Social Insurance Board and local governments.

The project developed solution ideas for supporting parents both before and after the birth of a child.

One of the team's key insights was that parents are often neither aware of nor adequately supported in preparing for the challenges of raising a child alone. Unless they have deliberately built a support network, the burden they must carry on their own can become overwhelming.

Parents are also often unaware of the legal consequences of not establishing paternity, and how this may affect the child, the mother and the father.

A SOLUTION IS PLANNED TO RAISE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FORMALLY ESTABLISHING PATERNITY AND TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON COPING WITH THE CHALLENGES OF RAISING A CHILD ALONE.

In practice, during a routine appointment, the midwife provides the expectant mother with guidance and relevant information about single parenthood and the formal establishment of paternity. If the consultation reveals that the mother or the family as a whole needs additional support from another specialist, the midwife can direct them to the appropriate source of further assistance or information. The solution involves a more deliberate approach by midwives to addressing these issues and sharing relevant information. Although it relates to parenting education more broadly, the project focused specifically on the period of pregnancy.

THE SECOND SOLUTION FOCUSED ON BUILDING A SUPPORT NETWORK

The aim was to make it easier for parents to come together and support one another by drawing on their individual strengths. To facilitate community-building, we used the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) approach. This work was carried out in cooperation with the Viljandi Perepesa family centre, operated by the Foundation for the Development of Child Well-Being. The support community now meets regularly and is planning new community initiatives. Following the pilot, the Foundation for the Development of Child Well-Being has also begun developing community-based approaches as a core area of activity across all of its Perepesa family centres in Estonia.

Read more (in Estonian):

Üksinda last kasvatavate vanemate heaolu - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 3.11 MB | pdf

ADDITIONAL READING (IN ESTONIAN):

Daniel Kotsjuba, Ulvi Tüllinen: "Igal lapsel on õigus kahele vanemale. Eestis on ligi 9200 isakandeta last" | Postimees
Iga lapse õigusest tunda mõlemat vanemat ja suhelda mõlemaga | **Ministry of Social Affairs**

Project duration: 2022
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

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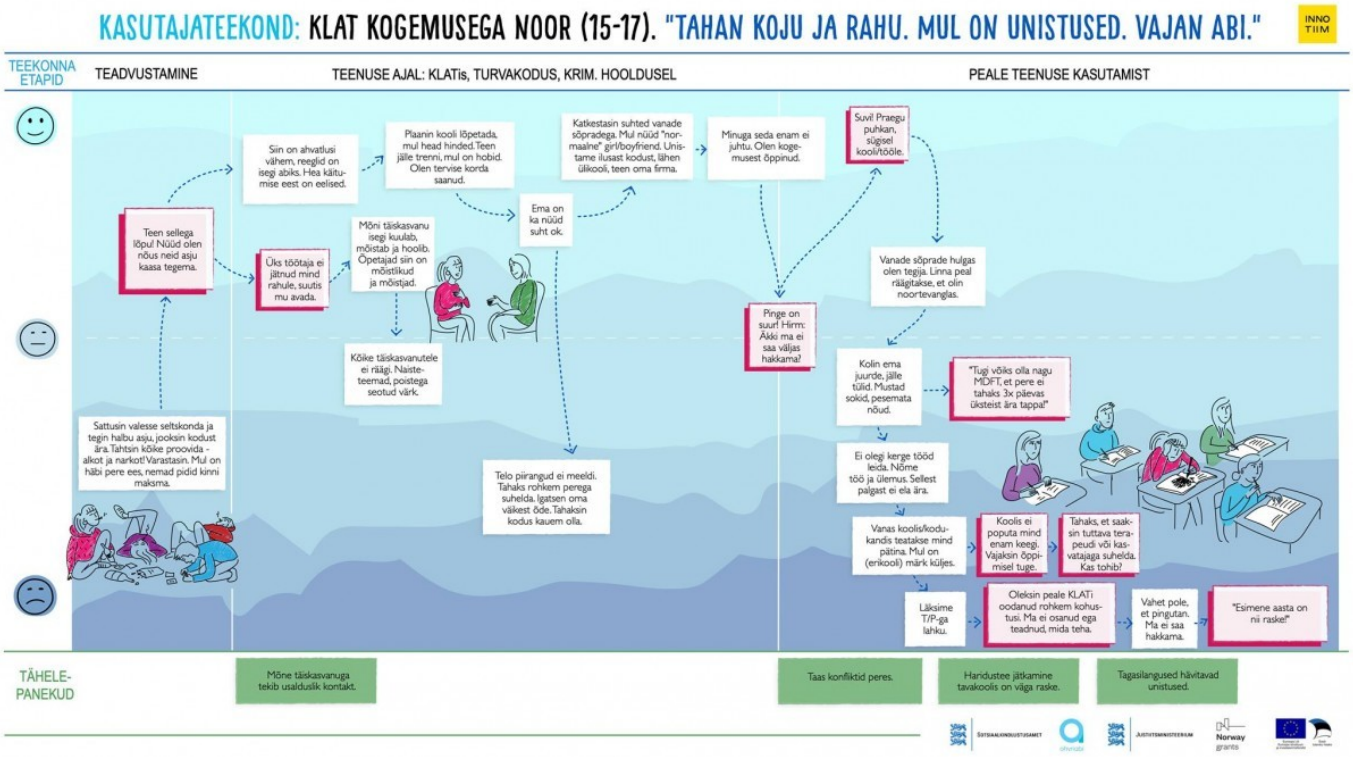
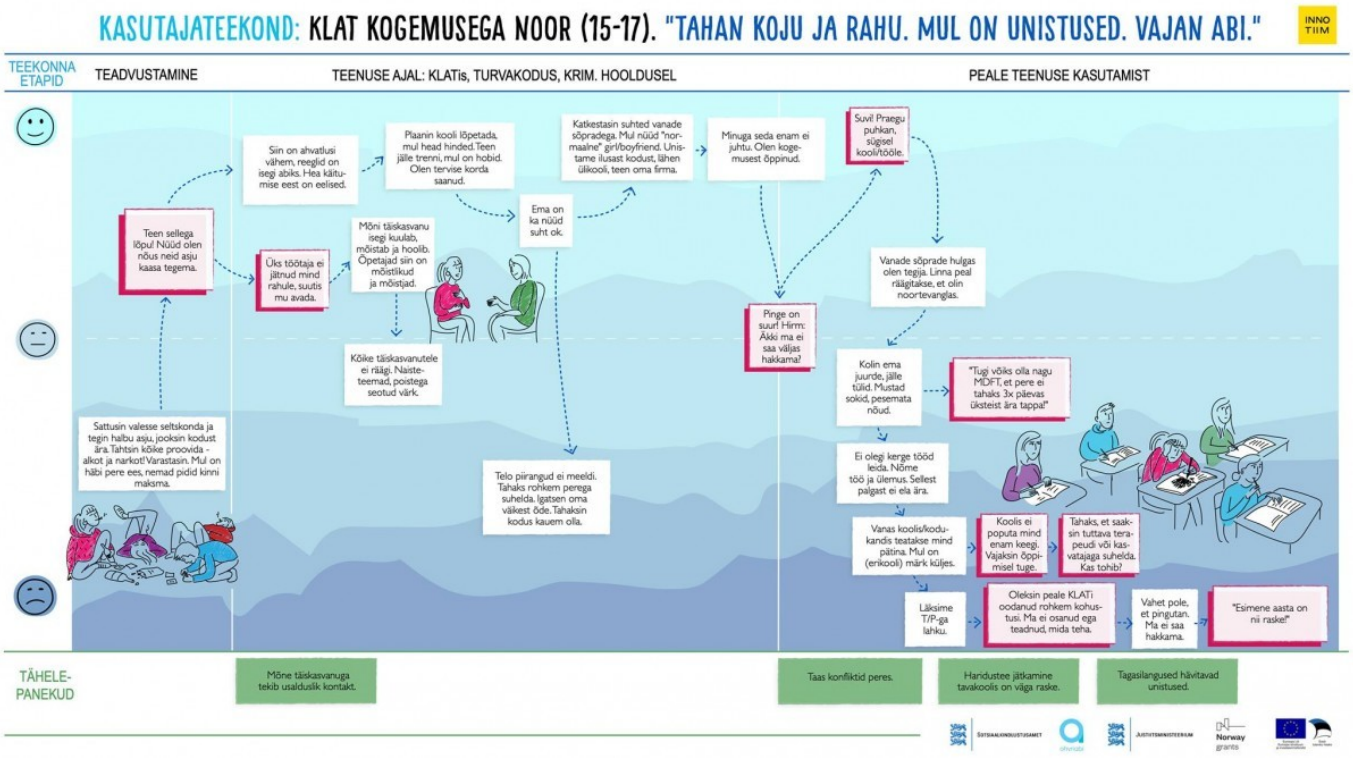
2.9.3. Follow-Up Support for Young People Engaging in High-Risk Behaviour





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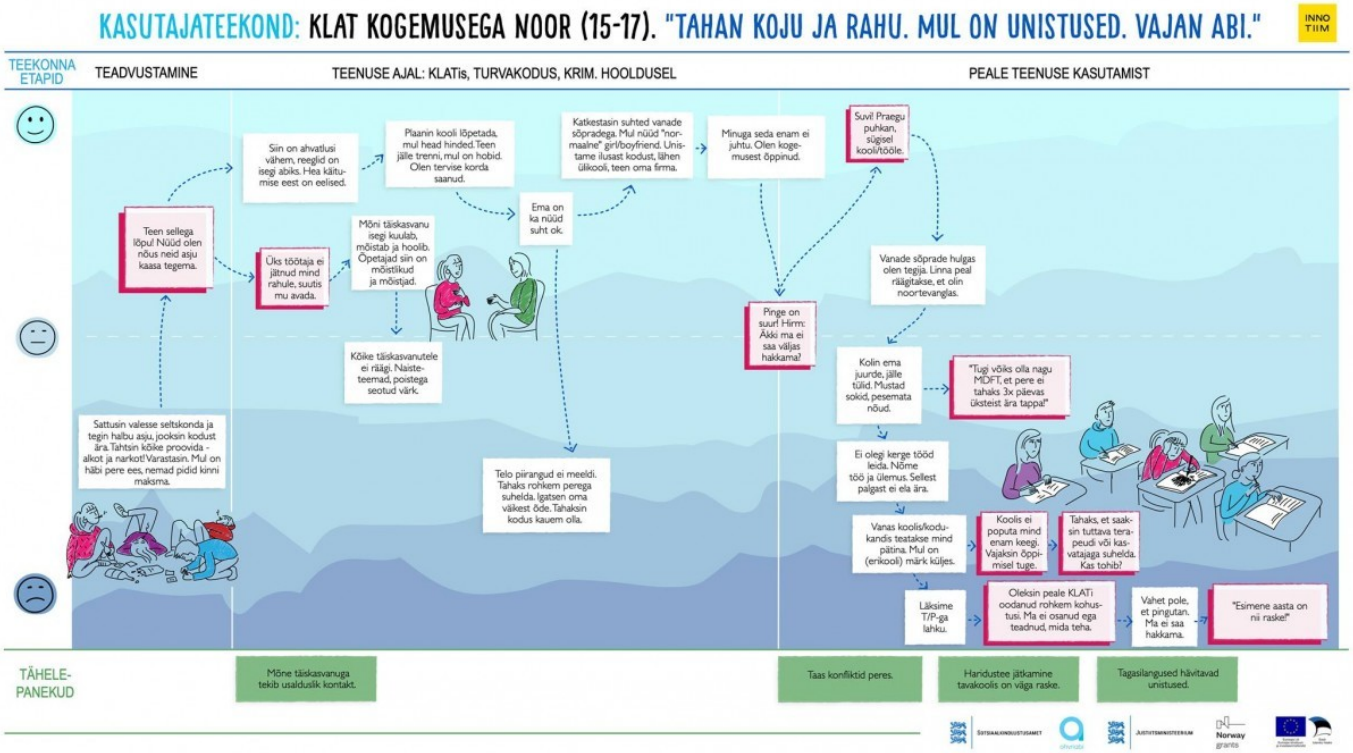

The project focuses on children and young people aged 11–26 who engage in high-risk behaviour and are leaving prison, a secure care institution or multidimensional family therapy. The aim is to support their safe reintegration into the community and help them achieve age-appropriate independence.

The inclusion of young people's families and close support networks in the project's target group reflects the recognition that children and young people do not receive sufficient support when returning to the community.

The project tested the **"Breaking the Cycle"** approach—an intensive network-based cooperation model for young people leaving secure care institutions.

The project team included representatives of the Social Insurance Board, the Ministry of Justice, Viru Prison, Maarjamaa Education College, Tallinn Children's Shelter and Rapla child protection services.

Project duration: 2019

The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Jätkutugi kõrge riskikäitumisega noortele - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 5.77 MB | pdf

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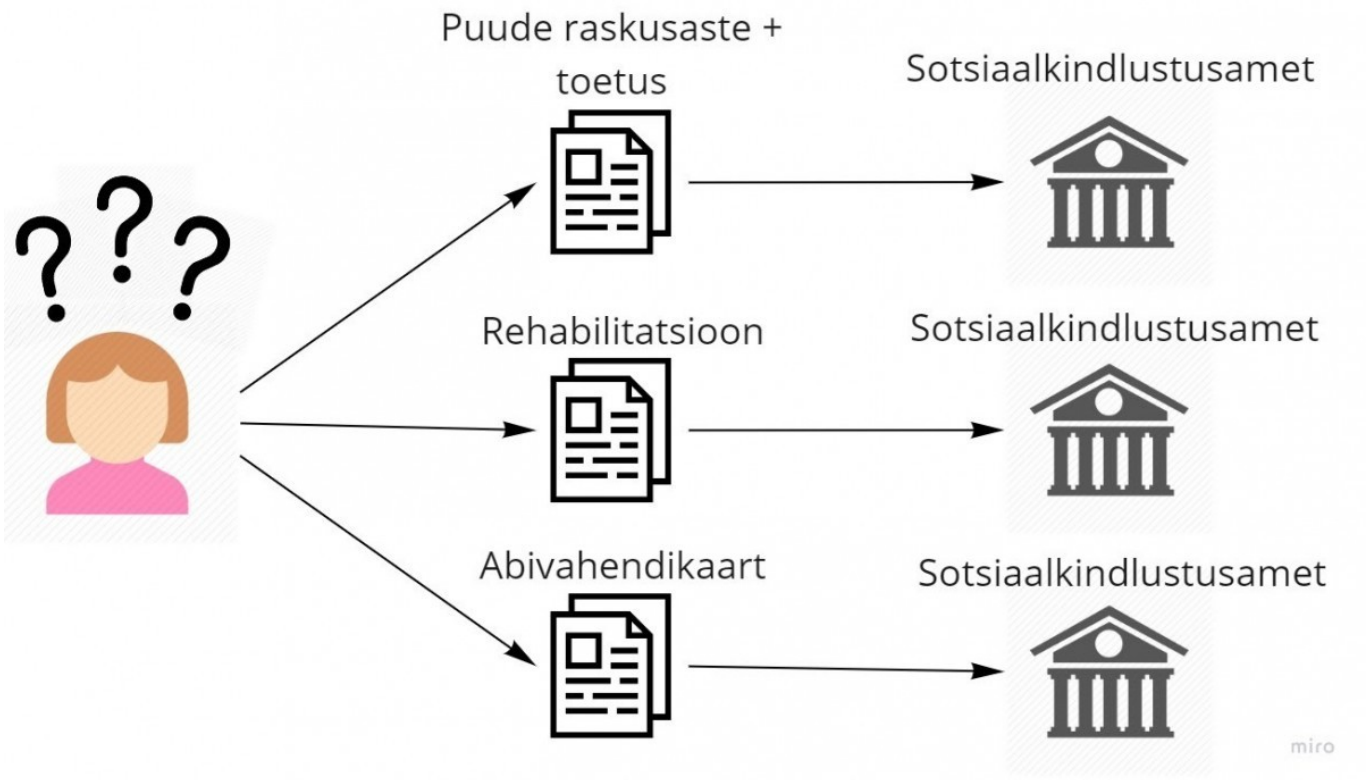
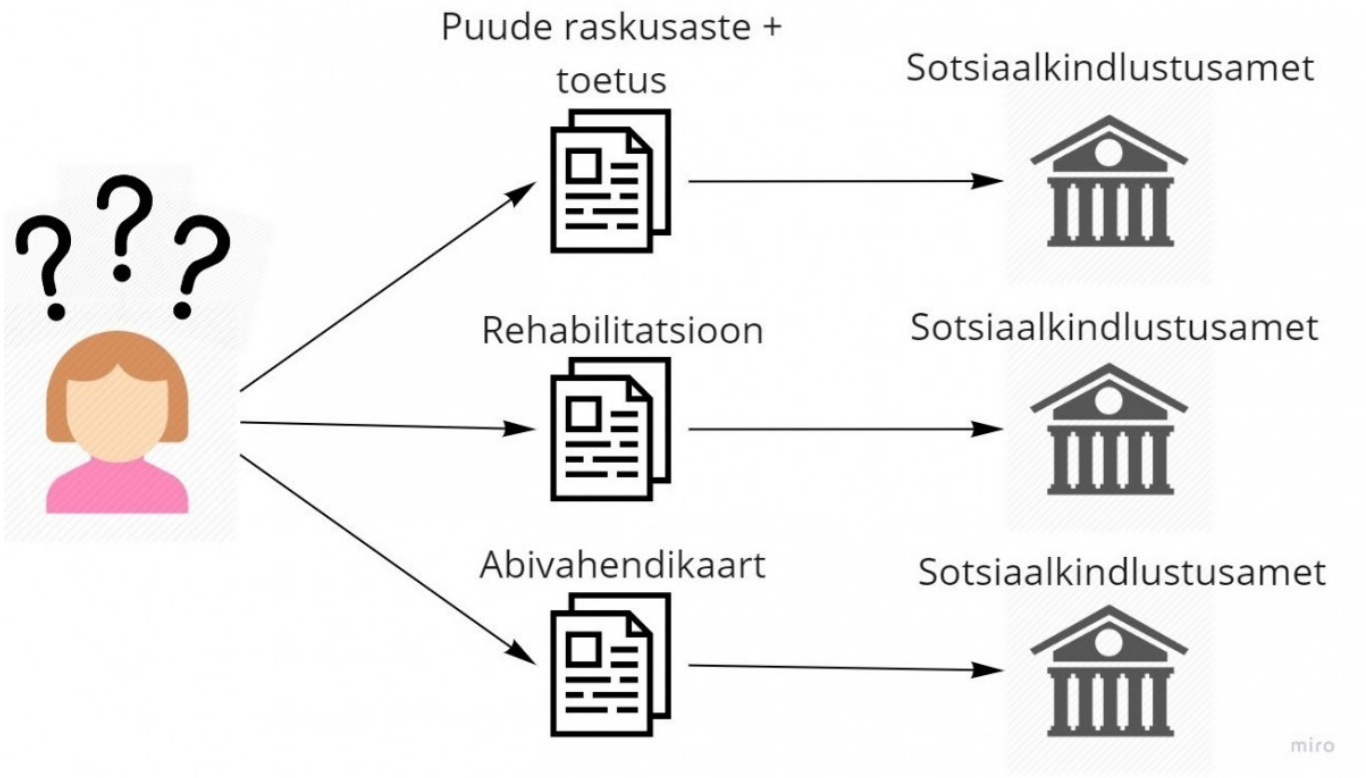
2.9.4. Disability Assessment





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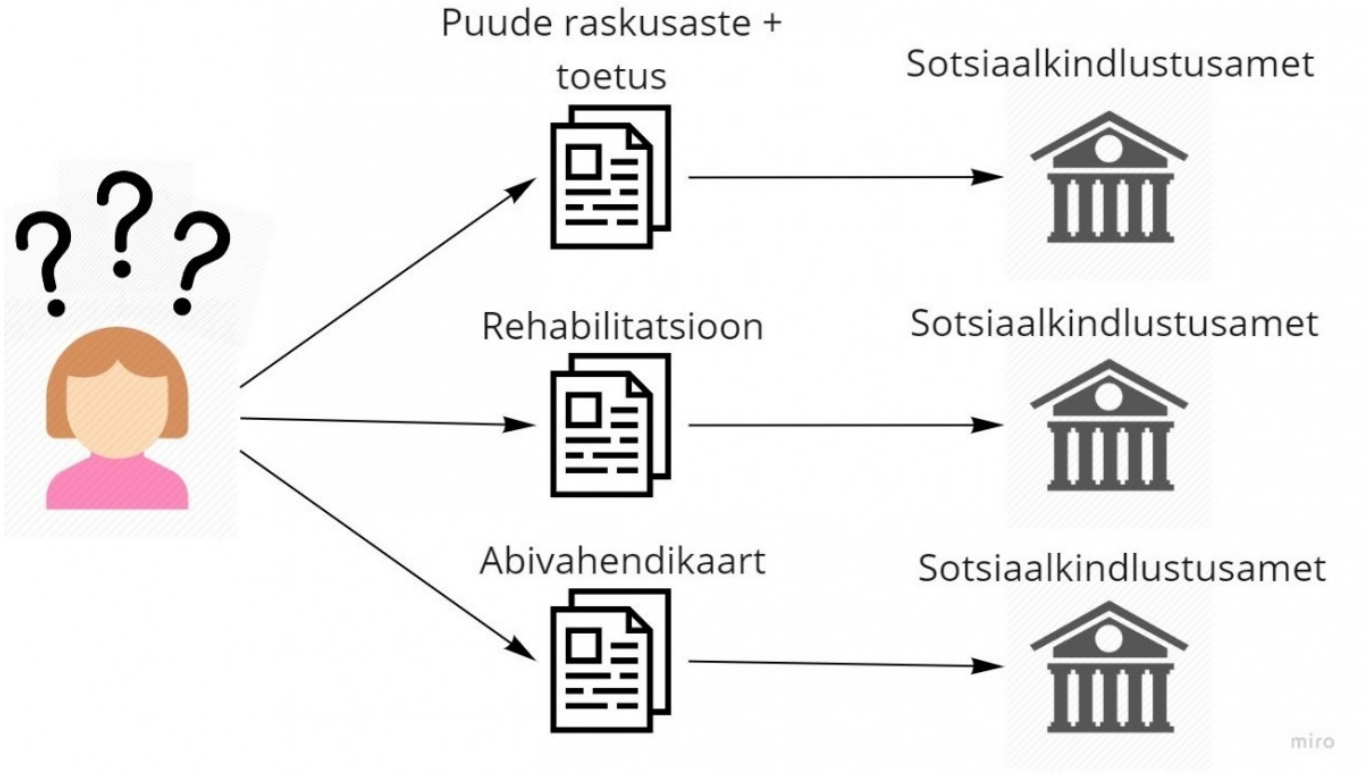

The Social Insurance Board joined the Public Sector Innovation Programme with the aim of automating disability assessment. However, user interviews led the team to realise that determining a disability

alone does not help a person; they also need support in managing everyday activities. Based on this insight, the team redesigned the process. Instead of requiring three separate applications, parents of children with disabilities were offered proactive support, reducing a significant amount of complex bureaucracy. As a result, children gained faster access to the services they needed, while the Social Insurance Board's administrative costs decreased because fewer applications had to be processed.

Project duration: 2019
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Puude määramine - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 2.04 MB | pdf

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2.9.5. Diagnostic Tests Close to Home

How can we ensure that patients do not have to travel to their treating physician's location solely to provide samples for diagnostic testing?

The Health Insurance Fund, the Health and Welfare Information Systems Centre, the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Estonian Society for Laboratory Medicine and the Estonian Hospitals Association worked together to find solutions to the problem.

As part of the project, 25 interviews were conducted, along with observations in laboratories and hospitals and interviews with patients and doctors.

The key insight was that people are willing to provide samples at locations closer to their homes. However, enabling this requires overcoming several information technology barriers while continuing to meet all quality requirements for sample collection and handling.

Project duration: 2022
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Kodulähedased analüüsid - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 2.85 MB | pdf

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2.9.6. Patient’s Advance Directive for End-of-Life Care

How can we ensure that people can approach the end of their lives with dignity, in accordance with their own beliefs and values?

Although the Estonian Law of Obligations Act requires a patient's wishes to be established before treatment is provided, the autonomy of patients who have lost decision-making capacity is not currently protected to a sufficient extent in Estonia. As a result, people may receive treatment that they would clearly have refused while still capable of making decisions.

The problem has several dimensions. Families often postpone discussions about end-of-life wishes, even though such conversations would help relatives represent the preferences of a patient who can no longer make decisions. Many doctors lack the skills needed to talk about death, awareness of palliative care options is limited, and the resources available for providing palliative care are also very restricted.

In the Innovation Programme, we focused on developing the advance directive form for end-of-life care, as well as the processes for preparing and implementing it.

By the end of the programme, thanks to the extensive preparatory work carried out, the advance directive had risen unexpectedly high on the list of developments awaiting implementation in the next-generation health information system.

In February 2024, Minister of Social Affairs Riina Sikkut established a committee tasked with preparing proposals for the Government of the Republic on the organisation of palliative care, geriatrics and

advance directives in Estonia.

The legal analysis conducted by the working group, the service processes developed jointly with stakeholders, the mapped counselling model and the draft guidelines have given the Ministry of Social Affairs the confidence to accelerate the development of the regulatory framework for advance directives alongside the palliative care framework—bringing the planned date forward by as much as two years, to 1 January 2026.

The project involved the Ministry of Social Affairs, the University of Tartu, the Office of the Chancellor of Justice, Tartu University Hospital, the Estonian Society of Family Doctors and the Estonian Patients' Union.

The project mentors were Ave Habakuk and Kersten Kõrge.

Read more (in Estonian):

Patsiendi elulõpu tahteavaldus - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 1.33 MB | pdf

FURTHER READING

Meie ühiskond on elulõpu tahteavalduseks valmis | ERR
Patsiendi elulõpu tahteavaldus muudab kriisihetked kergemaks | Saarte Hääl
Valgus tunneli lõpus: vaata milline hakkab välja nägema patsiendi elulõpu tahteavaldus | Õhtuleht
Plaanitava elulõpu tahteavaldusega ei saa soovida eutaneerimist | Delfi

Project duration: 2022
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

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2.9.7. Good Mental Health Among Young People

The mental health of children and young people is a cause for concern.

How can we ensure that every child in Estonia has a positive relationship with themselves and with others?

The team explored solutions for preventing the development of mental health risks among children by supporting and empowering the different people who are in direct contact with them.

The solutions were designed to support and strengthen positive social and emotional skills among children, parents and teachers:

“School Joy Break” – In cooperation with the Estonian Association of Youth Workers, Schools in Motion, the Education and Youth Board, Peaasi.ee and the National Institute for Health Development, class-based activities are being developed for schools to support children’s mental well-being during breaks.

“Parents’ Community” – This initiative helps create a caring, friendly and cohesive class community and strengthens cooperation between parents and the school.

The project involved the Education and Youth Board, the Ministry of Education and Research, the

Association of Local Authorities of Harju County, the Ministry of Social Affairs, the National Institute for Health Development and the Estonian Parents' Association.

The project mentor was Daniel Kotsjuba.

Project duration: 2021
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Noorte hea vaimne tervis - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 1.11 MB | pdf

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2.9.8. Psychosocial Crisis Support

How can we ensure that support reaches everyone affected by traumatic events?

Estonia lacks a systematic approach to providing people with psychological, emotional and social support following traumatic events.

The team developed a cooperation model and practical tools for local government employees, which are being piloted in two regions of Estonia. These solutions are intended to help local authorities respond quickly and act appropriately following traumatic events.

The project involved the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Social Insurance Board, the Police and Border Guard Board, the Association of Local Authorities of Harju County and Võru City Government.

The project mentor was Krõõt Kroonmäe.

Project duration: 2021

The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

Read more (in Estonian):
Psühhosotsiaalne kriisiabi - lõpuesitlus.pdf | 1.26 MB | pdf

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2.9.9. Development of a Personal Health Management Toolkit

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Interviews with people in Estonia revealed that keeping track of health-related matters is difficult and navigating the healthcare system is challenging.

The team tested solutions with different time horizons:

- The team created a future vision of a user-friendly health portal that would help people keep track of matters related to their health.
- A waiting-list solution was proposed to reduce the time and effort involved in booking medical appointments. In the future, if patients cannot find a suitable appointment, they will be able to join a waiting list and receive proactive offers when appointments become available.
- Message reminders were tested in cooperation with Pärnu Hospital to reduce missed appointments.

The team included representatives of the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Estonian Health Insurance Fund, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, the Connected Health cluster, the National Institute for Health Development, and the Health and Welfare Information Systems Centre.

Project duration: 2020
The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

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2.9.10. Cancer Patient Care Pathway

The aim of the project was to make the cancer patient care pathway smoother and more integrated, while identifying ways to help patients cope better with the disease.

Solutions were developed that are now being piloted in several Estonian hospitals. These include the role of a nurse coordinator to reduce the burden on patients and their families, as well as digital solutions to improve patients' understanding of and adherence to treatment and to reduce hospital admissions and visits to emergency departments.

As a result of the patient-centred care pathway design project, patient experience mapping has gained wider recognition in Estonian healthcare as a key tool for designing services.

The project was led by the Government Office and initiated by the North Estonia Medical Centre, with the participation of the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Estonian Health Insurance Fund.

Project duration: 2019

The project was implemented as part of the Innovation Programme.

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