

## Country Information Guide



### Estonia

**A guide to information sources on the Republic of Estonia, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites**

#### Contents

Information sources in the ESO database .....	2
General information .....	2
Agricultural information .....	2
Competition policy information .....	2
Culture and language information .....	2
Defence and security information .....	3
Economic information .....	3
Education information .....	3
Employment information .....	4
Energy information .....	4
Environmental information .....	4
European policies and relations with the European Union .....	4
Geographic information and maps .....	5
Health information .....	5
Human rights information .....	5
Intellectual property information .....	6
Investment information .....	6
Justice and home affairs information .....	6
Living and working information .....	7
Media information .....	7
Political information (including elections) .....	7
Public management information .....	7
R&D information .....	8
Regional and local information .....	8
Social information .....	8
Statistical information .....	8
Tourism information .....	9
Transport information .....	9
Weather information .....	9

To navigate around this Information Guide click on the 'Bookmarks' icon on the left

## Information sources in the ESO database

- [Estonia – External / Internal / Regions](#)

## General information

- Estonia: [Government portal](#)
- Estonia: [Official gateway to Estonia](#)
- Estonia: [Estonica: Encyclopaedia about Estonia](#)
- European Union: European Countries: [Estonia](#)
- Wikipedia: [Estonia](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: [Estonia](#)
- United States: CIA World Factbook: [Estonia](#)
- United States: Department of State: [Estonia](#)
- BBC News: Country Profile: [Estonia](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Estonia](#)
- UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies Library: Internet resources on [Estonia](#)
- Find websites on Estonia through [Google](#)
- The Guardian: World news: [Estonia](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: [Estonia](#)

## Agricultural information

- Estonia: [Ministry of Agriculture](#) (Põllumajandusministeerium)
- Estonia: [Agricultural Board](#) (Põllumajandusamet)
- Estonia: [Estonian Agricultural Registers and Information Board](#) (Põllumajanduse Registrite ja Informatsiooni Amet)
- Estonia: Statistics Office (Statistikaamet): [Statistics on Agriculture](#)
- FAO: Country profile and Mapping information system: [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [Estonia](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: [Agriculture and Rural Development](#)
  - Rural Development Plans 2004-2006: [Estonia](#)
  - Rural Development Plans 2007-2013: [Estonia](#)
  - Rural Development Plans 2007-2013: [Estonia](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [Country Information](#) [Select Country]
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in European countries: [Estonia](#)

## Competition policy information

- Estonia: [Estonian Competition Authority](#) (Konkurentsiamet)
- OECD: Competition: [Estonia](#)

## Culture and language information

- Estonia: [Ministry of Culture](#) (Kultuuriministeerium)
- Estonia: Governmental portal: [Culture and Leisure Time](#)
- European Commission: Languages: Euromosaic: [The Euromosaic study](#) [Select Country]
- European Commission: [EU Languages and Language policy](#)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: [Languages of Estonia](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Estonia](#)

- Council of Europe: Culture, Heritage and Nature: Country Profiles: [Estonia](#)
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies in Europe: [Estonia](#)

## Defence and security information

- Estonia: [Ministry of Defence](#) (Kaitseministeerium)
- Estonia: [Estonian Internal Security Service](#) (Kaitsepolitseiamet)
- Estonia: [Estonian Defence Forces](#) (Eesti Kaitsevägi)
- Estonia: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [Estonia and NATO](#)
- NATO: [Permanent Delegation of Estonia to NATO](#)

## Economic information

- ESO: Estonia: [Economic situation](#)
- Estonia: [Ministry of Finance](#) (Rahandusministeerium)
- Estonia: [Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications](#) (Majandus- ja Kommunikatsiooniministeerium)
- Estonia: [Bank of Estonia](#) (Eesti Pank)
  - [Annual Reports and other publications](#)
  - [Statistics](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Estonia](#)
  - [Stability and Convergence Programmes](#) [Select Country]
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Europe 2020: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets: [Estonia](#) [Select Country]
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: [Taxes in Europe Database](#) [Select Country]
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development: [Estonia](#)
- International Monetary Fund: [Estonia](#) and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: [Estonia](#)
  - [Economic Surveys](#) [Latest edition, 2012]
  - [Overview of Economic Survey](#) [Latest edition, 2012]
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Estonia](#)
- WTO: [Estonia](#) and the WTO
- United States: US Commercial Service: Country Commercial Guide 2014: [Estonia](#)

## Education information

- Estonia: [Ministry of Education and Research](#) (Haridus- ja Teadusministeerium)
- Estonia: [Estonian Research Council](#) (Eesti Teadusagentuur)
- Estonia: Governmental portal: [Education and Science](#)
- Estonia: [Study in Estonia](#)
- European Commission: Education & training: Study in Europe: Higher Education in [Estonia](#)
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: [Youth Policy in Estonia](#)
- Council of Europe: Country Sheet on Youth Policy: [Estonia](#)
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [Estonia](#)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: [Education](#) [select topic then country]
- World Bank: EdStats: Country Profile: [Estonia](#) [select country]
- OECD: Education: [Estonia](#)
- Council of Europe / UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC: Country Profiles: [Estonia](#) [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: [Education in Estonia](#)
- Nation Master: Education in Estonia: [Statistics](#)

- Wikipedia: [Education in Estonia](#)

## Employment information

- Estonia: [Ministry of Social Affairs](#) (Sotsiaalministeerium)
- Estonia: Governmental portal: [Work and Employment Relations](#)
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [Estonia](#)
- European Commission: [European Employment Observatory](#) [Select Country and Year]
- European Industrial Relations Observatory online: [Estonia](#)
- Federation of European Employers: [Industrial Relations across Europe](#) [Select Country]
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations: [Estonia](#)
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: [Estonia](#)

## Energy information

- Estonia: Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications (Majandus- ja Kommunikatsiooniministeerium): [Energy](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy: [ManagEnergy Map](#): [Select Country]
- European Commission: DG Energy: Statistics & Market Observatory: [Energy Figures by Country](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy: [National Renewable Energy Action Plan](#) [Select Country]
- International Energy Agency: [Estonia](#)
  - Statistics and Balances: [Estonia](#)
- Austrian Energy Agency: enerCEE.net: Country Profile: [Estonia](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Estonia](#)

## Environmental information

- Estonia: [Ministry of Environment](#) (Keskkonnaministeerium)
- Estonia: Governmental portal: [Environment](#)
- Estonia: [Environment Information Centre](#)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: [Estonia](#)
- FAO: Specialised Country Profiles: [Estonia](#)
  - Food Security and Safety: Country Profiles: [Estonia](#)
  - Forestry Sector: Country Information: [Estonia](#)
  - Water Management: Country Information: [Estonia](#)
- European Environment Information and Observation Network: [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Environment: [Estonia](#)
- European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Agencies: [Estonia](#)
- Friends of the Earth International: [Estonia](#)
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: [Estonia](#)
- Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe: [REC Estonia](#)

## European policies and relations with the European Union

- Estonia: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Policies: [Estonia and the European Union](#)
- Estonia: [Permanent Representation to the European Union](#)

- Estonia: [Bank of Estonia \(Eesti Pank\)](#)
  - [The euro](#)
  - [SEPA: Single Euro Payments Area](#)
  - [European System of Central Banks](#)
  - [Publications](#)
- European Union: Member Countries: [Estonia](#)
- European Union: Europe Direct: [Estonia](#)
- European Parliament: Parliament information office in [Estonia](#) [in Estonian]
- European Commission: Representation in [Estonia](#) [in Estonian]
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: [Estonia](#) [select country]
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Estonia](#)
  - [Estonia and the Euro](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Cohesion policy 2014 -2020: [Estonia](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007-2013: [Estonia](#)
- Estonian Ministry of Agriculture: [Estonian Rural Development Plan \(ERDP\) for 2014–2020](#)
- European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed in: [Estonia](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Estonia](#)
- Estonia: [Permanent Representation to the OECD](#)
- OECD: [Estonia](#)

## Geographic information and maps

- European Union: DG Press and Communication: [Estonia](#)
- FAO: Country Profiles and Mapping Information System: [Country Maps](#)
- Maps of the World: [Estonia](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Map of Estonia](#)
- United Nations: UN Map Library: [Estonia](#)
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: [Estonia Maps](#)

## Health information

- Estonia: [Ministry of Social Affairs](#) (Sotsiaalministeerium)
- Estonia: Governmental portal: [Health Care and Protection](#)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in [Estonia](#)
- European Commission: DG Health & Consumers: Public health: Healthcare: [Trustworthy websites on "Healthcare"](#) [select country]
- World Health Organization: [Estonia](#)
- World Health Organization: Regional Office for Europe: [Estonia](#)
- World Health Organisation: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Health System Reviews: [Estonia](#)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  - Drug treatment profiles: [Estonia](#)
  - [Legal Profile](#): [Select Country]
  - Country Overview: [Estonia](#)
  - National drugs strategies: [Estonia](#)
  - [Legal Topics Overview](#): [Select Topic and Country]
- OECD: Health: [Estonia](#)

## Human rights information

- Estonia: [Chancellor of Justice](#) (Õiguskansler)
- Estonia: [Human Rights Centre](#)

- Estonia: [Legal Information Centre for Human Rights](#)
- Estonia: [Estonian Institute for Human Rights](#)
- Estonia: [Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner](#) (Soolise võrdõiguslikkuse ja võrdse kohtlemise volinik – [[in Estonian](#)])
- United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: [Estonia](#)
- Council of Europe: European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance: Report on [Estonia](#)
- Council of Europe: Venice Commission: [Estonia](#)
- Amnesty International: Country Report: [Estonia](#)
- Committee for Refugees: [Europe](#)
- Estonian Refugee Council: [About us](#)
- Human rights Watch: World report 2014: [European Union](#)
- Reporters Without Borders: [Estonia](#)
- The Carter Center: Carter Center Activities in: [Estonia](#)
- USA: State Department: 2013 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: [Estonia](#)
- USA: State Department: International Religious Freedom Report for 2013: [Estonia](#)
- The UN refugee Agency: Country Information Collection: [Estonia](#)
- Council of Europe: European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: [Estonia](#)
- European Court of Human Rights: Country Profiles: [Estonia](#)
- European Court of Human Rights: [Violation by Article and by State 1959-2013](#) [Select Country]
- European Court of Human Rights: [Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010](#) [Select Country]

## Intellectual property information

- Estonia: [Patent Office](#) (Patendiamet)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [Estonia](#)
- IPmenu: [Estonia](#)
- European Patent Office: Patent Information Centre: [Estonia](#)

## Investment information

- Estonia: [Enterprise Estonia](#) (Ettevõtluse Arendamise Sihtasutus)
- Estonia: [Estonian Investment and Trade Agency](#)
- United States Commercial Service: Doing Business in [Estonia](#)
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: Country Profile: [Estonia](#)
- World Bank: Economy Profile: [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Investment: [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: [Estonia](#)

## Justice and home affairs information

- Estonia: [Ministry of Justice](#) (Justiitsministeerium)
- Estonia: [Ministry of the Interior](#) (Siseministeerium)
- Estonia: [Supreme Court](#) (Riigikohus)
- European Commission: DG Justice: Data Protection: [Documents](#) [Select Country and Topic]
- Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy through Law / Venice Commission: Documents on [Estonia](#)
- Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#): [Select country]

- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Estonia](#)
- International Constitutional Law: Constitutional Documents: [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Estonia](#)

## Living and working information

- Estonia: Governmental portal: [Work and Employment Relations](#)
  - [Benefits and Social Assistance](#)
  - [Housing](#)
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions: [Estonia](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES: Living & Working: [Estonia](#)
- European Commission: DG Communication: [Your Europe](#) [Find factsheets with specific information on individual Member States]
- European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): National Surveys: [Estonia](#)

## Media information

- Estonia: [Public Broadcasting Council](#) (Eesti Rahvusringhäälingu Nõukogu)
- European Journalism Centre: Media Landscape: [Estonia](#)
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: [Estonia](#)
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): [Broadcasting Organisations](#) [Select Country]
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: World News Guide: [Estonia](#)
- Newslink: European newspapers: [Estonia](#)
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and Newsmedia: [Estonia](#)

## Political information (including elections)

- ESO: Estonia: [Political situation](#)
- Estonia: [Government portal](#)
- Estonia: [Constitution](#)
- Estonia: [Government System](#)
- Estonia: [Parliament of Estonia](#) (Riigikogu)
- Estonia: [President](#)
- Estonia: [Prime Minister](#)
- Estonia: [Estonian National Electoral Committee](#)
- Wikipedia: Politics of [Estonia](#)
- Wikipedia: Elections in [Estonia](#)
- Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening: Election Guide: [Estonia](#)
- ESO: Estonia: Political situation: [Elections](#)
- Parties and Elections in Europe: [Estonia](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Public governance: [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Regulatory reform: [Estonia](#)
- Political resources on the web: [Estonia](#)

## Public management information

- Estonia: [Estonian Public Service](#)
- Estonia: [State Information System](#) (Riigi Infosüsteemid)

- Estonia: [Estonian Information System's Authority](#) (Riigi Infosüsteemide Arenduskeskus)
- ePractice: eGovernment Factsheet: [Estonia](#) [Select Country]
- OECD: Public governance: [Estonia](#)
- PSI Navigator (Directory and search engine for the public sector information of Europe): National reports: [Estonia](#)

## R&D information

- Estonia: [Ministry of Education and Research](#) (Haridus- ja Teadusministeerium)
- Estonia: [Research and Development Council](#) (Teadus- ja Arendusnõukogu)
- European Commission: DG Enterprise: Community Research and Development Information Service: [Estonia](#)
- European Commission: DG Research and Innovation: Research 2004-2009: [Estonia](#) [Select Country]
- European Commission: DG Research and Innovation: Research under FP7: [Estonia](#)
- European Commission: [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011](#) [click on map to select country]
- OECD: Innovation: [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Science and technology: [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Sustainable development: [Estonia](#)

## Regional and local information

- Estonia: Ministry of the Interior: [Local Government in Estonia](#)
- Estonia: [Association of Estonian Cities](#) (Eesti Linnade Liit)
- Estonia: [Association of Municipalities of Estonia](#) (Eesti Maaomavalitsuste Liit)
- European Commission: Eurostat: [Eurostat Regional Yearbook 2014](#)
- Committee of the Regions: Regions of Estonia: Europe in my Region: [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Regional rural and urban development: [Estonia](#)

## Social information

- Estonia: [Ministry of Social Affairs](#) (Sotsiaalministeerium)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your rights in [Estonia](#) [2014] [select country]
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Organisation of Social Protection](#)
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#)
- OECD: Documentation on [Estonia](#)
- OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: [Estonia](#)
- World Bank: [Gender Statistics](#)
- United States: Social Security Online: Research and program description about [Estonia](#)
- United States: Social Security Online: Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [Estonia](#) [2012]
- UNICEF: [Estonia](#)

## Statistical information

- Estonia: [Statistics Office](#) (Statistikaamet)
  - [Main indicators](#)
  - [Economic and financial data](#)



- Estonia: National Bank (Eesti Pank): [Statistics](#)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Estonia](#)
- Eurostat: Country Profiles: [Estonia](#) [Select Country]
- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: [Estonia](#)
- World Bank: Data: [Estonia](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [Estonia](#)
- Nation Master: [Statistics on Estonia](#)

## Tourism information

- Estonia: Estonian Tourist Board: [Visit Estonia](#)
- Estonia: [Estonian Tourism Portal](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited Travel: [Estonia](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Introducing Estonia](#)
- Rough Guides: [Estonia](#)
- Tripadvisor.co.uk: [Estonia](#)
- The Telegraph: [Estonia](#)

## Transport information

- Estonia: Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications (Majandus- ja Kommunikatsiooniministeerium): [Transport](#)
- Estonia: [Estonian Road Administration](#) (Maanteeamet)
- Estonia: [Estonian Air](#)
- Estonia: [Estonian Railways](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: Statistics: [Statistical pocketbook 2013](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: [Road Safety Vademecum](#) [2010-2013]
- NationMaster.com: Transportation: Country Profile: [Estonia](#)
- Wikipedia: [Transport in Estonia](#)

## Weather information

- Estonia: [Estonian Weather Service](#) (Riigi Ilmateenistus)
- BBC: Weather Centre: [Estonia](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Estonia](#)
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and Five Day Weather Forecast: [Estonia](#)

## Julius Kleindienst ESO Editorial Assistant

Original compilation: 2001 (Thomas Pritzkow)

Revised: 2010 (Christopher Langen); 2011 (Siret Salm); 2012 (Ewelina Bruździak); 2013 (Giina Kaskla)

Latest revision: February 2015



European Documentation Centre  
Canolfan Ddogfennau Ewropeaidd

