



# SURVEY OF SCHOOLS: ICT IN EDUCATION

**COUNTRY PROFILE: ESTONIA** 

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### ICT IN THE SCHOOL EDUCATION SYSTEM OF ESTONIA

In Estonia the education system is centrally managed by the ministry of Education and Research. Primary and lower secondary education is organised as a single structure system, beginning at the age of seven and consisting of nine years of compulsory schooling. Upper secondary education is not compulsory, but the vast majority of the population participates. The standard of basic education (requirements for the contents of studies and study results) is determined by the national curriculum for basic schools.<sup>1</sup>

According to Eurydice's **Key Data on Learning and Innovation through ICT at school in Europe**<sup>2</sup>, in Estonia there are national strategies covering training measures in all areas<sup>3</sup> as well as research in the areas of ICT in schools, e-learning, and digital/media literacy. There are central steering documents for ICT learning objectives<sup>4</sup> at both primary and secondary education level for, using a computer, using office applications, and searching for information, and also in using mobile devices at secondary level. In primary and secondary schools ICT is taught as a general tool for other subjects/or as a tool for specific tasks in other subjects, and in addition in secondary schools ICT is included within technology as a subject, and also taught as a separate subject. At primary and secondary education level recommendations or suggestions and support are provided in all ICT hardware areas, except for e-book readers, and for all ICT software categories<sup>5</sup> except communication software. According to official steering documents, both students and teachers at secondary level are expected to use ICT in all subjects both in class and for complementary activities. There are central recommendations on the use of ICT in student assessment as regards using ICT as an information source in traditional tests. Public-private partnerships for promoting the use of ICT are encouraged for ICT training for pupils/students, and for providing extra-curricular activities.

# THE SURVEY OF SCHOOLS: ICT IN EDUCATION

In 2011, the European Commission Directorate General Communications Networks, Content and Technology<sup>6</sup> launched the Survey of Schools: ICT in Education, the primary goal of which is to benchmark countries' performance in terms of access, use and attitudes to ICT at grades 4, 8 and 11. The Survey of Schools is one of a series within the European Union's cross-sector benchmarking activities comparing national progress to Digital Agenda for Europe (DAE) and EU2020 goals. The

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http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/key data series/129EN.pdf, published in 2011, specifically the following tables and associated commentaries: A6, B6, B7, C2, C3, C4, C12 and E10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> from the following areas: ICT in schools, e-learning, e-inclusion, digital/media literacy, e-skills development

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> i.e. knowledge of computer hardware and electronics, using a computer, using mobile devices, using office applications, searching for information, using multimedia, developing programming skills, and using social media

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> from a range of hardware and software, i.e. computers, projectors or beamers, DVDs, videos, TV, cameras, mobile devices, e-book readers, smartboards, virtual learning environments; tutorial software, office applications, multimedia applications, digital learning games, communication software, digital resources

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> www.ec.europa.eu/dgs/connect/

Survey is funded by the European Commission Communications Networks, Content and Technology Directorate General and is a partnership between European Schoolnet and the Service d'Approches Quantitatives des faits éducatifs in the Department of Education of the University of Liège. The survey took place between January 2011 and May 2012, with data collection in autumn 2011, and covered 31 countries (the EU27, Croatia, Iceland, Norway and Turkey). In four countries (Germany, Iceland, Netherlands and the United Kingdom) the response rate was insufficient, making reliable analysis of the data impossible; therefore the findings in this report are based on data from 27 countries.

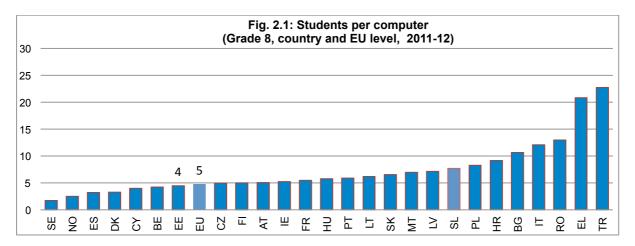
This country profile should be read in conjunction with the Report of the Survey of Schools: ICT in Education (the 'main report'). The profile presents key indicators concerning access, use and attitudes to Information and Communication Technology in primary and secondary schools derived from responses to surveys completed by head teachers, teachers and students, showing national results against the EU average and, where possible, for grade 8 only. Charts for this grade are shown but not for other grades for reasons of brevity and clarity and because results at this grade tend to be indicative of all grades (i.e. having the characteristics and revealing issues found both at grade 4 and at grade 11). The text provides information about the results and rankings at other grades and a reference to the particular chart in the main report.

The full report, country profiles, background information, questionnaires, tables, details of the methodology and the raw data are freely available at <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/pillar-6-enhancing-digital-literacy-skills-and-inclusion">https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/pillar-6-enhancing-digital-literacy-skills-and-inclusion</a>. The authors may be contacted at <a href="mailto:essie-eu@eun.org">essie-eu@eun.org</a> and information about the survey is at <a href="http://essie.eun.org">http://essie.eun.org</a>.

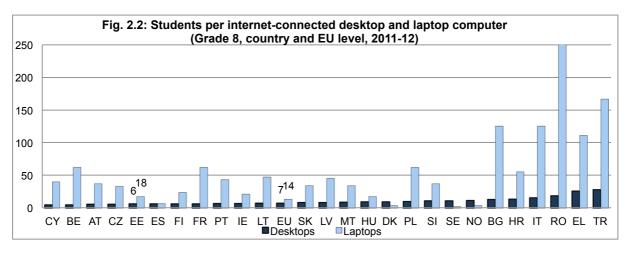
#### 2. ICT INFRASTRUCTURE

# AVAILABILITY OF COMPUTERS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

A computer is defined as a desktop or laptop, netbook or tablet computer, whether or not connected to the internet, available for educational purposes in school. In Estonia there are more computers available for grade 8 students than the EU average (fig. 2.1), and around the EU average at other grades (main report fig. 1.1).



As for computers connected to the internet at grade 8 (fig. 2.2), in Estonia most computers are desktops, with fewer laptops in evidence. In terms of internet-connected laptop compters at all grades Estonia ranks in the leading group of five countries with the lowest ratio, seventh at grade 8, but in the middle group of countries at grade 11 vocational (see main report fig 1.2).



In Estonia computers tend to be located in dedicated labs (around 64% to 70%) at all grades, with between a fifth and a quarter found in classrooms (main report, fig. 1.3). Estonia is ranked at grade thirteenth, in the middle group of countries with 83% compared to the EU average of 76 % of students, in schools where over 90% of computers are operational (main report, fig. 1.4). Many students have access to interactice whiteboards, with an average of 59 per IWB at grades 11 general, one of the three highest ranked countries on this measure, and is around or above the EU level at other grades, but in the bottom group of countries at 11 vocational (main report, fig. 1.5).

#### **BROADBAND**

In Estonia the numbers of students in schools without broadband is around the EU average at all grades, and lower at grade 4. At all grades, the percentages of students in schools with broadband speeds faster than 10mbps, is higher than the EU mean, notably at grade 11 vocational. A higher percentage of students are in schools with more than 100 mbps at all grades, and considerably more at 11 vocational.

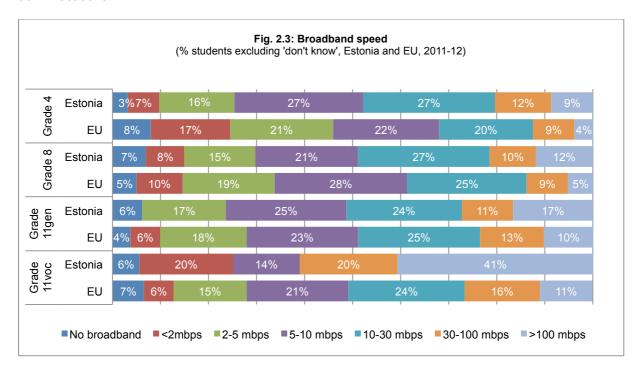
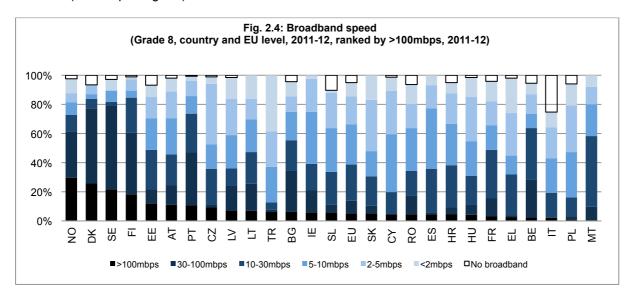


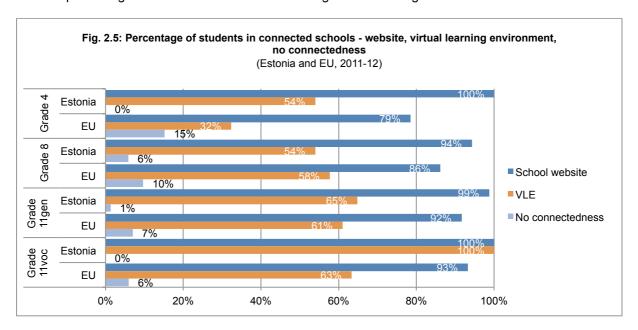
Figure 2.4 shows how Estonia compares with other countries at grade 8: in the leading group of countries for the percentage of students in schools with more than 100 mbps. At other grades Estonia is also in the leading group of countries, and at grade 11 vocational ranks third highest on this indicator (main report fig 1.8).



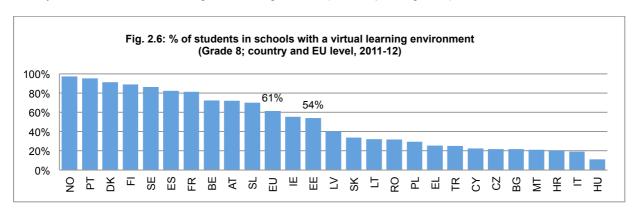
There are significant positive correlations between the population size of the school's locality and broadband speed in Estonia at all grades, except at grade 11 vocational (main report, section 1).

#### 'CONNECTEDNESS'

Percentages of students in schools that have 'connected' characteristics, e.g. having a website or a virtual learning environment (VLE) are shown below, as well as those with none of these items. In Estonia, the percentage of students in schools with a website is higher than the EU mean at all grades with 100% at grades 4 and 11 general. The percentage of students in schools with a virtual learning environment is close to the EU mean at grades 8 and 11 general, and above at the other grades, with 100% at grade 11 vocational. There are no 'unconnected' schools at grade 4 and grade 11 vocational, with the percentage of students below the EU average at the other grades.



Estonia ranks just below the EU mean as regards virtual learning environments at grade 8, as seen in fig. 2.6, and is also in the middle group of countries at grade 11 general. At grade 4 Estonia is in the leading group of countries and at grade 11 vocational Estonia ranks ahead of all countries in the survey, with all students at that grade having access (main report, fig 1.10).

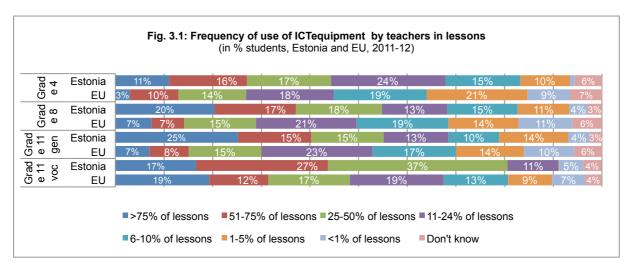


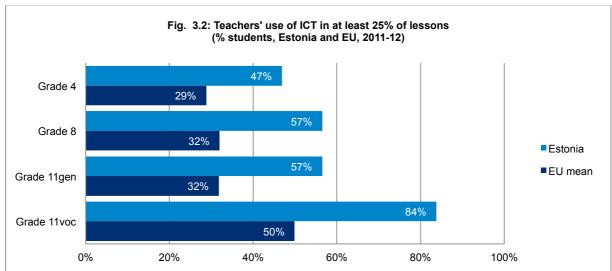
In Estonia, large numbers of schools with VLEs, offer external access at all grades, all at grade 11 vocational, with high percentages offering access to both teacher and students (main report section 1).

#### 3. FREQUENCY OF ICT USE IN CLASS

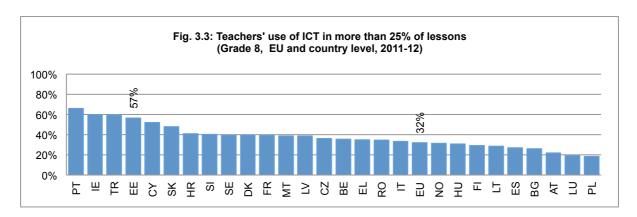
#### FREQUENCY OF ICT USE BY TEACHERS IN CLASS

Teachers' frequency of use of ICT in lessons is shown in the charts below. In Estonia use of ICT by teachers at all grades is well above the EU average. There are more teachers using ICT in more than 25% of lessons, well above the EU average, at all grades, and most notably at grade 11 vocational The most intense use is at grade 11 general where one in four use ICT with their students in more than 75% of lessons.





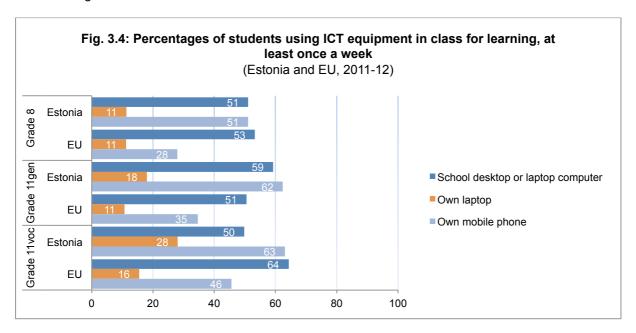
Teachers in Estonia are heavy users of ICT in lessons when considering percentages using ICT in more than one in four lessons. Fig 3.3 shows Estonia ranks in the leading group of countries at grade 8, and it is in the leading group at other grades, ranking first at grade 11 vocational (see main report fig 2.2).



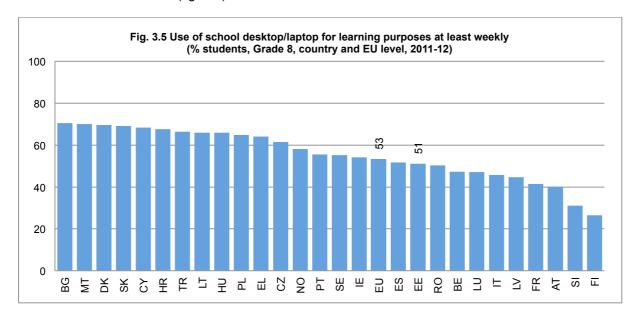
As regards teachers' use of ICT (Section 3 of the main report), the majority of teachers in Estonia have been using ICT in lessons for more than six years except at grade 4, with Estonia ranking first among the leading group of countries at all grades on this indicator (main report, fig 3.2).

#### STUDENTS' ICT USE

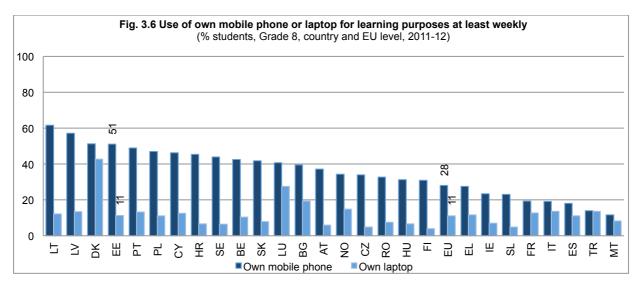
Students at grade 8 and 11 were also asked how frequently they used various items of ICT equipment in their lessons for learning purposes. The chart below shows their reported intensity of use of a school computer, and their own laptop or mobile phone. In Estonia student use of computers in class is above the EU mean at grade 11 general but below at other grades. The use of student's own laptop is at the EU mean at grade 4 and above at grade 11. Mobile phone usage is notably above the EU mean at all grades.



At grade 8 students' reported use of school computers is tenth lowest in Europe, 51% saying they use them at least once a week (fig. 3.5).



Compared to other countries at grade 8 (fig.3.6), students in Estonia are relatively heavy users of their own mobile phone but there is less use of their own laptop in school. At grade 11 these figures are similar, with more than 60% of students using their own mobile phone (main report, fig. 2.5).



Students at grade 8 report using interactive whiteboards less frequently than the EU average, in the bottom group of countries, and above the average at grade 11 general. Concerning students' ICT-based activities during lessons, Estonia is among the leading group of countries as measured by frequency of use (main report, fig. 3.8) at all grades.

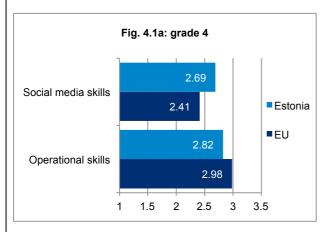
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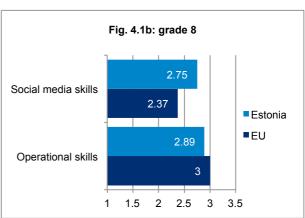
#### **TEACHERS**

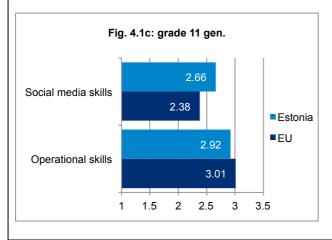
In Estonia teachers' confidence in their operational skills with ICT is close to the EU mean at all grades (close to 'somewhat'). Their confidence in social media skills is higher than the EU mean (between 'a little' and 'somewhat') at all grades.

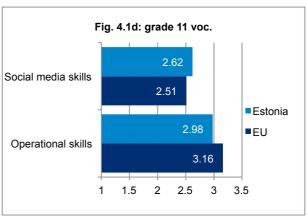
Fig. 4.1: Teachers' self-confidence in their operational and social media skills

(by grade; mean score of students with 1 being 'none' and 4 being 'a lot'; Estonia and EU; 2011-12)

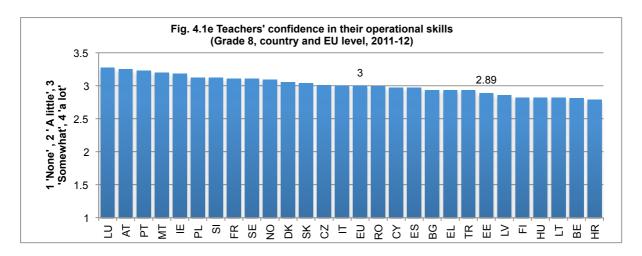




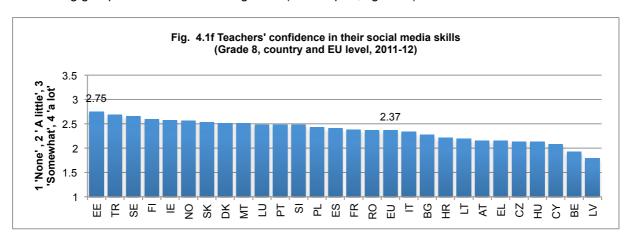




Comparing confidence levels at grade 8, teachers' confidence in their operational skills places Estonia in the lower third of countries (fig. 4.1e), and in the bottom group of countries at other grades (main report, fig. 4.13).



Yet, at grade 8 Estonian teachers rank first as regards social media confidence (fig. 4.1f) and are in the leading group of countries at other grades (main report, fig. 4.14).

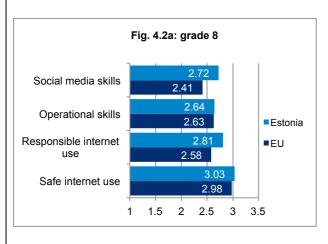


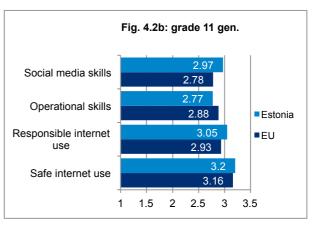
# STUDENTS

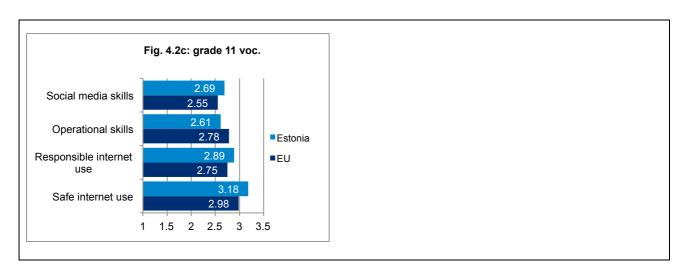
In Estonia students' confidence in their operational ICT skills is generally below the EU mean (close to 'somewhat') and in their social media skills above in all grades.

Fig. 4.2: Students' self-confidence in their ICT skills

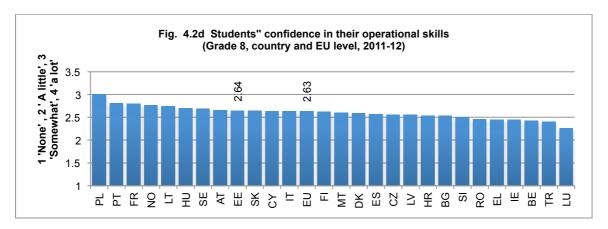
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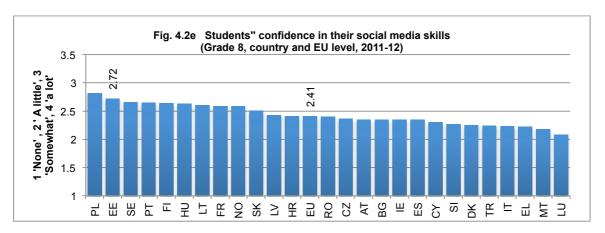




Confidence in operational skills is higher than the EU mean amongst grade 8 students (fig. 4.2d), but at grade 11 Estonia is ranked among the bottom group of countries on this measure (main report fig. 4.18).



Estonia is among the leading group of countries for confidence in social media competence at all grades (fig. 4.2e for grade 8) ranking second at grade 8 and grade 11 general (main report fig. 4.19)

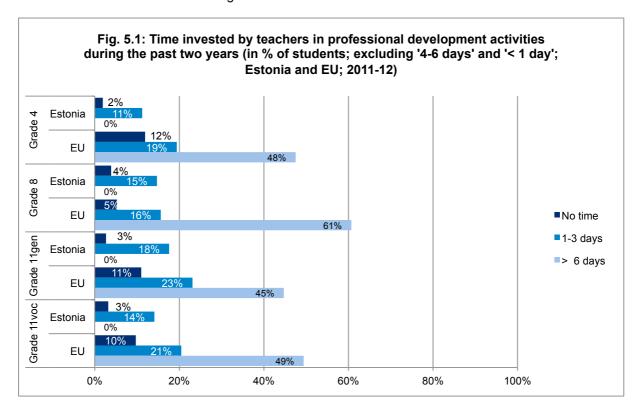


At grade 8 and grade 11 vocational students in Estonia are in the leading group of countries, and at grade 11 general in the middle group of countries, in terms of confidence to use the internet safely and to use it responsibly (main report, fig. 4.16, 4.17).

#### 5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### TIME SPENT ON TRAINING

Very few, if any, students in Estonia compared to the EU average are taught by teachers who have invested more than six days on professional development activities during the past two years. Also, fewer students are in schools where teachers have spent between 1 and 3 days on ICT professional development activities, below the EU mean. The same applies to those who have spent no time, which is also below to the EU mean at all grades.



#### **ENGAGEMENT IN TRAINING**

As Fig. 5.2 below shows, in Estonia more than the EU average of students is in schools where teachers have recently undergone ICT training provided by school staff at all grades, notably at grade 11 vocational. Generally more students are in schools where teachers take part in training through online communities than the EU average. More students are in schools where teachers have recently undergone personal learning at grade 11, and at grade 11 vocational this is close to 100%.

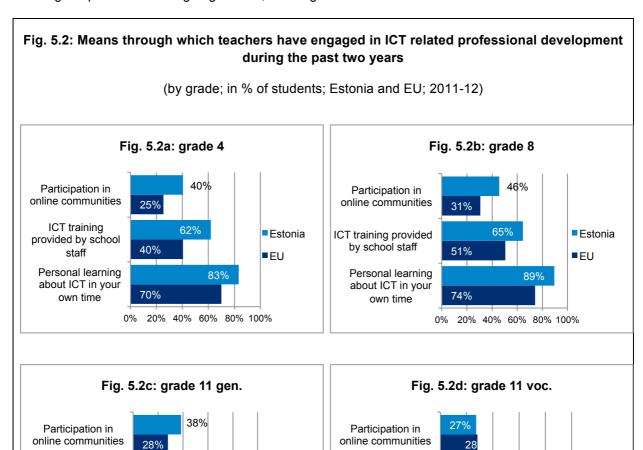


Fig. 5.2e shows that grade 8 teachers in Estonia have taken part more extensively in professional development than other countries, particularly in subject-specific training and online communities, but around the EU mean have taken part in pedagogical ICT training.

Estonia

■EU

68%

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

91%

44%

72%

ICT training provided

by school staff

Personal learning

about ICT in your

own time

ICT training

provided by school

staff

Personal learning

about ICT in your

own time

74%

96%

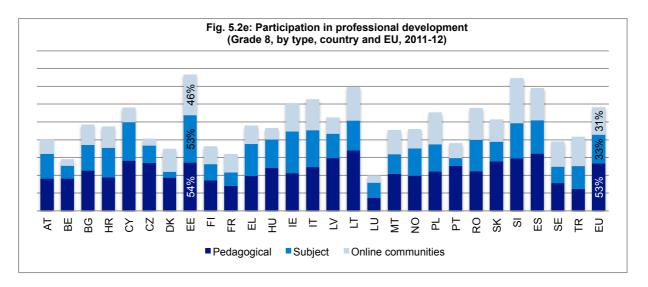
41%

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Estonia

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In Estonia at all grades percentages of students taught by teachers for whom ICT training is compulsory are above the average in the EU, in the middle group of countries at all grades (main report, fig. 4.2). As regards involvement in personal learning about ICT in their own time (main report, fig. 4.4 - percentages arein the range 83% to 96%) Estonia ranks among the leading group of countries at all grades, and first at grade 8 and 11 vocational. The percentage of students taught by teachers participating in training provided by school staff places Estonia among the leading group of countries at all grades, except grade 11 general where it ranks fifth (main report, fig.4.5).

Between 2 and 4 per cent of students are taught by teachers who have not spent any time on ICT-related professional development activities during the preceding two years (main report, fig. 4.11), placing Estonia generally among the lower group of countries on this indicator.

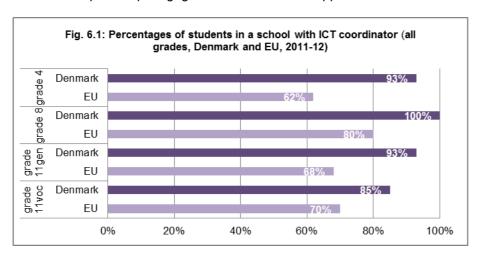
#### 6. SCHOOL SUPPORT MEASURES

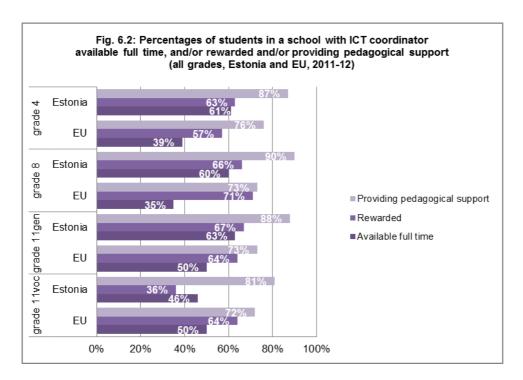
Students in Estonia are in schools where at grade 4 and grade 11 general above EU averages of ICT strategies are implemented (main report, fig. 5.3), but below at grade 8 and 11 vocational (where they are in the bottom three countries on this measure. There are however high percentages of students in schools with strategies to support teacher collaboration (main report, fig. 5.7), ranking Estonia among the leading group of countries at all grades, and second at grade 11 vocational. Estonia at grade 4 and grade 11 general ranks among the middle group of countries as regards strategies about responsible internet and social media use (main report, fig. 5.10), but in the bottom group at grade 8 and 11 vocational.

Estonia is first in the leading group of countries for percentages of students in schools with change management programmes at all grades (main report, fig. 5.14), except at grade 11 general where it ranks second.

#### ICT COORDINATOR

In Estonia, compared to the situation at EU level (see Fig. 6.1), more students are in schools where ICT coordinators are provided at all grades, notably at grade 11 general. Students are in schools that employ full time ICT coordinators at above the EU mean at all grades except 11 vocational. The ICT coordinators provide pedagogical and well as ICT support above the EU level at all grades.

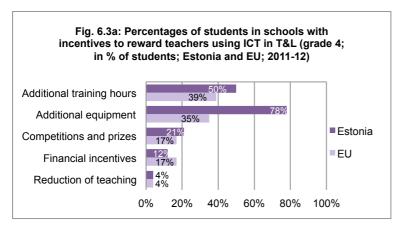


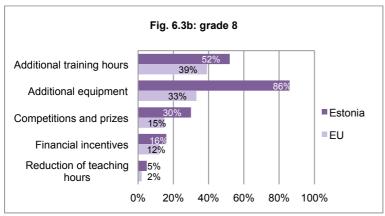


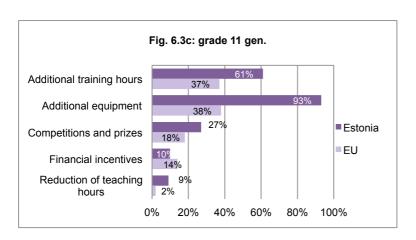
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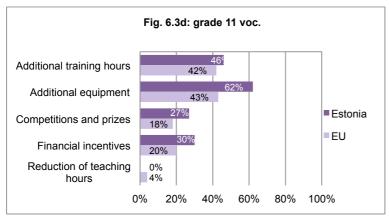
#### **INCENTIVES**

In Estonia most students are in schools where there are forms of incentive or reward for using ICT, above the EU average at all grades, considerably in terms of equipment, and generally in training hours and competitions. There are financial rewards, above the EU level, only at grade 11.









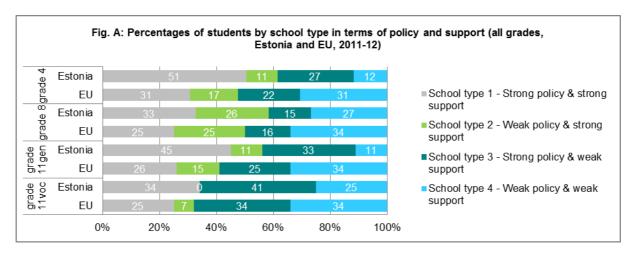
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#### 7: CLUSTERS

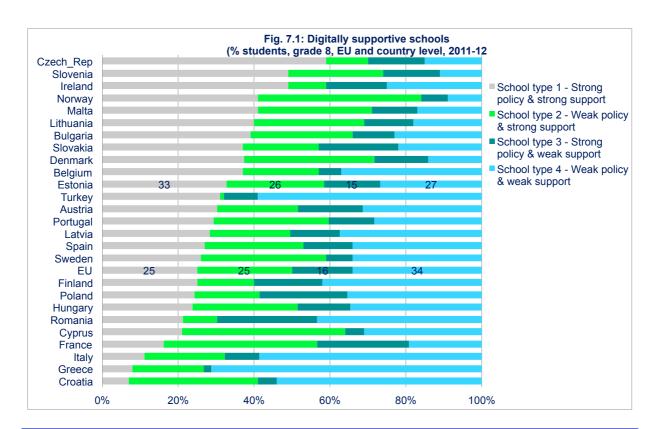
#### THE DIGITALLY SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL

Results from the Survey of Schools: ICT and Education suggest that a 'digitally supportive school' develops strong concrete support measures for teachers to use ICT in teaching and learning (ICT coordinator, teacher training, etc.), whether or not associated with strong policies (written statement about introducing ICT in teaching and learning and/or in subject, etc.).

In Estonia, above EU averages of students are in schools with strong support for ICT use, particularly at grade 4.

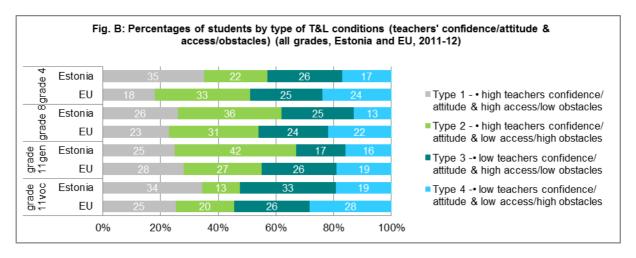


At grade 8 Estonia is in the middle range of countries having schools with strong policy and strong support (type 1), but among the leading group of those with both weak policy and weak support (type 4). However at other grades is among the leading group of countries (main report fig. 8.1), although at grade 11 vocational more than 60 percent of students are in schools with weak support (type 3 and type 4).

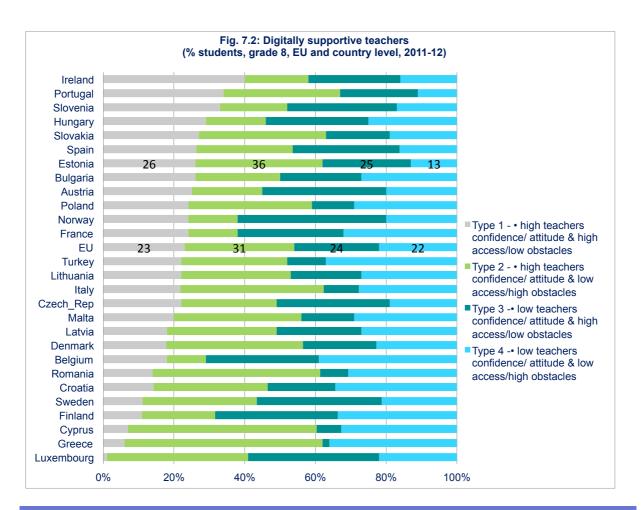


#### DIGITALLY CONFIDENT AND SUPPORTIVE TEACHERS

The concept of the 'digitally supportive teacher' also emerged from a close analysis of the data. Such teachers have high confidence in and a positive attitude towards ICT and high access to ICT and low obstacles to using it. Teachers having high confidence in and a positive attitude towards ICT even seem to be able to overcome low access to ICT and high obstacles. Percentages of students taught by digitally supportive teachers in Estonia are generally above EU averages (except at grade 11 general).

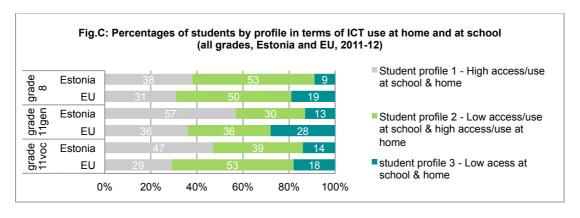


A high percentage of students at grade 8 compared to other countries is in schools with type 1 teachers (fig. 7.2), ranking Estonia among the leading group of countries in this respect. This ranking is also reflected at all other grades (main report, fig. 8.3), except for at grade 11 general where Estonia is in the middle group of countries, where at this grade there is also a high percentage of type 2 teachers.

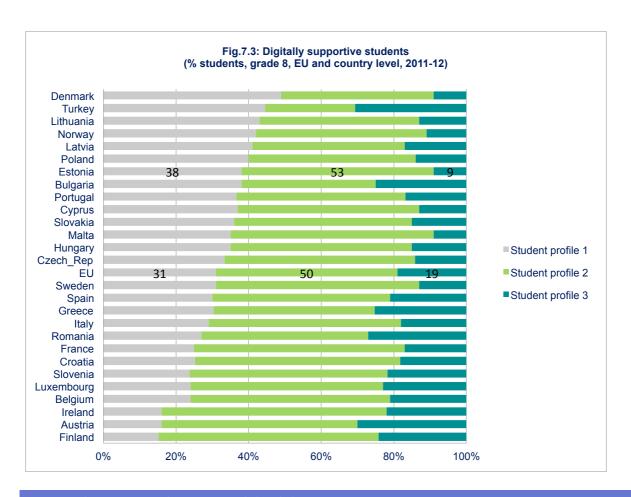


#### THE DIGITALLY SUPPORTIVE STUDENT

A *digitally supportive student* being defined as having high ICT access and use at school and at home, the percentages of such students in Estonia are well above EU averages and very few grade 8 students have low access at both school and home.



On this measure, percentages of type 1 grade 8 students in Estonia are among the leading group of countries in Europe (fig. 7.3), and are ranked higher within this group at grade 11 (main report, fig. 8.5).



# THE DIGITALLY EQUIPPED SCHOOL

A digitally equipped school is well equipped, has fast broadband (above 10mbps) and is 'connected' (i.e. has at least one of these: a website, email for teachers and students, a local area network, a virtual learning environment). Analysis of the data revealed three clusters of schools according to these measures:

- Type 1: Highly digitally equipped schools, characterised by relatively high equipment levels, fast broadband and relatively high connectedness
- Type 2: Partially digitally equipped schools, with lower than type 1 equipment levels, slow (less than 10mbps) or no broadband, and some connectedness
- Type 3: As type 2 but with no connectedness

In Estonia, a considerably higher percentage of students are in a type 1 school than other countries, particularly at grade 11.

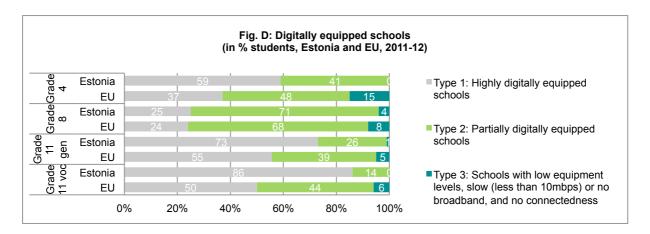
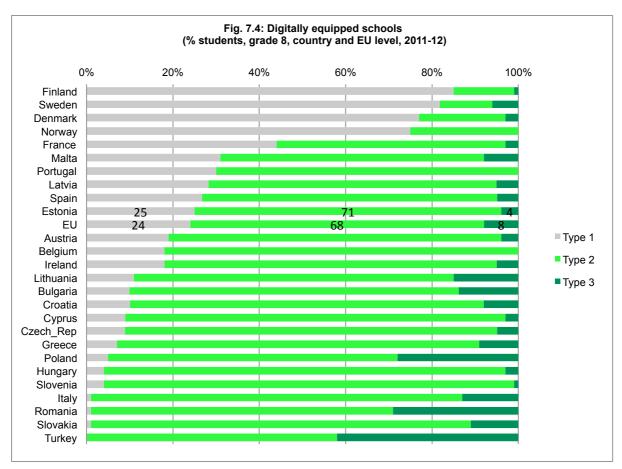


Fig. 7.4 shows how Estonia compares against other countries at grade 8 on this measure, ranking among the leading group of countries. At other grades (main report, fig. 1.13) Estonia is ranked higher among the leading group of countries.



#### CONCLUSION

Students in Estonia enjoy EU average levels of access to computers (above at grade 4), but higher percentages than in other countries are in 'connected' schools with high speed broadband. Almost twice the percentage of students compared to the EU mean is in schools where teacher use of ICT is frequent, and low use is rare throughout the system. Frequency of students' use of their own laptop or mobile phone is above the EU average and of school computers around the EU mean. Teachers' confidence in the operational use of computers is below other countries but above when considering social media confidence (they also use social media for professional development). Students' confidence in social media use is above EU levels. In-school support for teachers using ICT is generally strong.

Analysis of the data in the Survey of Schools: ICT and education suggests a '5C approach' to addressing issues identified in the survey:

- Capacity building, through sustained investment in teachers' professional development
- Concrete support measures, accompanying specific policies at school level
- Combined policies and actions, in different policy areas within a systemic approach
- Country-specific support, addressing large differences and degrees of ICT provision and implementation
- Competence development: these four actions directed at increasing effectively and dramatically young people's digital competence and the key competences described in the European framework.

# **ANNEX**

# TABLES

Note: For reasons of space, only selected country-EU data tables are shown here; those for all-country charts (e.g. fig. 2.2) are available online. SE = Standard Error.

Fig. 2.1 Computers per 100 students

| COUNTRY | Grade4 | SE1   | Grade8 | SE2   | Grade11gen | SE3   | Grade11voc | SE4    |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|------------|-------|------------|--------|
| Estonia | 20.7   | (1.5) | 22.4   | (1.8) | 19.2       | (1.3) | 31.8       | (4.7)  |
| EU      | 14.5   | (0.7) | 21.1   | (1.2) | 23.2       | (7.7) | 33.6       | (10.6) |

Fig. 2.3 Broadband speed

| Level         | COUNTRY | NoBroadband | SE1   | LessThan2 | SE2    | From2to5 | SE3   |
|---------------|---------|-------------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|
| 1. Grade4     | Estonia | 3.2%        | (1.9) | 6.5%      | (4.4)  | 15.7%    | (4.4) |
|               | EU      | 8.0%        | (1.3) | 16.5%     | (2.3)  | 21.4%    | (2.4) |
| 2. Grade8     | Estonia | 6.9%        | (2.5) | 8.1%      | (3.0)  | 14.7%    | (3.6) |
|               | EU      | 5.0%        | (8.0) | 9.6%      | (1.3)  | 19.1%    | (2.3) |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 6.2%        | (2.8) | 0.0%      | (0.0)  | 17.4%    | (5.7) |
|               | EU      | 3.7%        | (1.3) | 6.2%      | (8.0)  | 18.0%    | (2.8) |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 5.6%        | (2.4) | 19.5%     | (13.1) | 0.0%     | (0.0) |
|               | EU      | 6.5%        | (1.8) | 6.2%      | (1.3)  | 15.2%    | (3.0) |

| From5to10 | SE4    | From10to30 | SE5   | From30to100 | SE6    | MoreThan100 | SE7    |
|-----------|--------|------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| 26.8%     | (5.2)  | 27.4%      | (5.8) | 11.7%       | (4.6)  | 8.7%        | (3.6)  |
| 22.1%     | (2.2)  | 19.5%      | (2.2) | 8.6%        | (1.4)  | 4.0%        | (1.3)  |
| 21.4%     | (4.0)  | 27.4%      | (5.2) | 9.6%        | (3.1)  | 11.9%       | (3.3)  |
| 27.7%     | (2.4)  | 24.8%      | (2.3) | 8.6%        | (1.6)  | 5.2%        | (1.2)  |
| 25.1%     | (5.2)  | 24.0%      | (5.1) | 10.7%       | (3.7)  | 16.6%       | (4.4)  |
| 23.2%     | (3.0)  | 25.4%      | (3.9) | 13.3%       | (2.6)  | 10.3%       | (8.0)  |
| 13.9%     | (11.2) | 0.0%       | (0.0) | 20.3%       | (13.5) | 40.8%       | (24.2) |
| 21.2%     | (2.6)  | 24.2%      | (4.6) | 15.7%       | (7.1)  | 10.9%       | (5.3)  |

Fig. 2.5 Connectedness

| Level     | COUNTRY | SchWebsite | SE1   | VLE   | SE2   | NoConnect | SE3   |
|-----------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1. Grade4 | Estonia | 100.0%     | (0.0) | 54.0% | (6.6) | 0.0%      | (0.0) |
|           | EU      | 69.7%      | (3.6) | 26.8% | (2.0) | 15.9%     | (2.2) |
| 2. Grade8 | Estonia | 94.3%      | (2.7) | 54.0% | (5.2) | 5.9%      | (2.8) |

| Level         | COUNTRY | SchWebsite | SE1   | VLE    | SE2   | NoConnect | SE3   |
|---------------|---------|------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
|               | EU      | 86.0%      | (1.6) | 61.4%  | (3.0) | 8.4%      | (1.2) |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 98.8%      | (1.3) | 64.8%  | (6.3) | 1.3%      | (0.2) |
|               | EU      | 91.7%      | (3.1) | 61.0%  | (7.9) | 7.0%      | (2.9) |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 100.0%     | (0.0) | 100.0% | (0.0) | 0.0%      | (0.0) |
|               | EU      | 93.1%      | (1.8) | 63.5%  | (4.7) | 5.8%      | (1.6) |

Fig. 3.1 ICT equip use by teachers

| Level         | COUNTRY | MoreThan75 | SE1   | From51to75 | SE2    | From25to50 | SE3    | From11to24 | SE4   | From6to10 | SE5   |
|---------------|---------|------------|-------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1. Grade4     | Estonia | 11.1%      | (3.8) | 16.0%      | (4.9)  | 17.2%      | (4.6)  | 23.5%      | (5.0) | 15.4%     | (4.3) |
|               | EU      | 3.0%       | (0.4) | 10.0%      | (2.4)  | 13.9%      | (1.4)  | 18.0%      | (1.8) | 19.1%     | (2.1) |
| 2. Grade8     | Estonia | 20.4%      | (2.9) | 16.7%      | (3.1)  | 17.7%      | (2.6)  | 13.4%      | (2.4) | 14.5%     | (2.5) |
|               | EU      | 7.4%       | (1.0) | 6.8%       | (0.8)  | 14.7%      | (0.9)  | 20.7%      | (1.2) | 18.9%     | (1.4) |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 25.2%      | (3.9) | 15.1%      | (3.1)  | 14.8%      | (3.2)  | 13.4%      | (3.1) | 10.4%     | (2.7) |
|               | EU      | 7.0%       | (1.0) | 8.1%       | (1.4)  | 14.9%      | (1.4)  | 22.9%      | (3.8) | 17.1%     | (1.8) |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 16.6%      | (9.4) | 27.1%      | (10.5) | 36.9%      | (19.0) | 10.5%      | (7.3) | 0.0%      | (0.0) |
|               | EU      | 19.3%      | (1.4) | 12.1%      | (1.2)  | 16.8%      | (1.0)  | 19.3%      | (2.8) | 13.2%     | (1.3) |

| From1to5 | SE6   | LessThan1 | SE7   | DontKnow | SE8   |
|----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 10.2%    | (4.3) | 1.0%      | (0.1) | 5.6%     | (2.3) |
| 20.7%    | (2.7) | 8.7%      | (1.4) | 6.7%     | (1.4) |
| 10.6%    | (2.3) | 3.7%      | (1.4) | 3.0%     | (1.0) |
| 14.4%    | (1.0) | 11.0%     | (1.0) | 6.1%     | (8.0) |
| 14.2%    | (3.0) | 4.4%      | (1.4) | 2.5%     | (1.1) |
| 14.0%    | (1.5) | 10.3%     | (1.4) | 5.7%     | (0.9) |
| 0.1%     | (0.1) | 4.9%      | (4.2) | 3.8%     | (3.1) |
| 9.0%     | (1.5) | 6.8%      | (1.1) | 3.5%     | (0.5) |

Fig. 3.3 Using ICT equipment

| Level         | Country | OwnMobPhone | SE1   | OwnLaptop | SE2   | SchoolComputer | SE3   |
|---------------|---------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1. Grade8     | Estonia | 51.1        | (2.5) | 11.3      | (1.6) | 51.1           | (3.0) |
|               | EU      | 28.0        | (8.0) | 11.2      | (0.7) | 53.3           | (1.1) |
| 2. Grade11gen | Estonia | 62.4        | (1.7) | 18.0      | (1.8) | 59.2           | (3.1) |
|               | EU      | 34.6        | (1.3) | 10.7      | (1.1) | 50.5           | (1.5) |
| 3. Grade11voc | Estonia | 63.1        | (3.6) | 28.1      | (7.5) | 49.8           | (9.7) |
|               | EU      | 45.6        | (1.3) | 15.5      | (0.7) | 64.3           | (1.5) |

Fig 3.2
Frequency of ICT use by teachers

| COUNTRY | Grade4 | SE1 | Grade8 | SE2 | Grade11gen | SE3 | Grade11voc | SE4 |
|---------|--------|-----|--------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|
|---------|--------|-----|--------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|

| COUNTRY | Grade4 | SE1   | Grade8 | SE2   | Grade11gen | SE3   | Grade11voc | SE4   |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Estonia | 46.9%  | (6.4) | 56.5%  | (3.6) | 56.5%      | (4.4) | 83.8%      | (8.6) |
| EU      | 28.8%  | (2.6) | 32.0%  | (1.6) | 31.8%      | (1.8) | 49.9%      | (2.1) |

Fig. 4.1 Scales Teachers ICT skills

| Level         | COUNTRY | SocialMediaSkills | SE1    | OperatSkills | SE2    |
|---------------|---------|-------------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| 1. Grade4     | Estonia | 2.69              | (0.11) | 2.82         | (0.09) |
|               | EU      | 2.41              | (0.03) | 2.98         | (0.02) |
| 2. Grade8     | Estonia | 2.75              | (0.06) | 2.89         | (0.05) |
|               | EU      | 2.37              | (0.04) | 3.00         | (0.03) |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 2.66              | (80.0) | 2.92         | (0.06) |
|               | EU      | 2.38              | (0.07) | 3.01         | (0.03) |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 2.62              | (0.28) | 2.98         | (0.16) |
|               | EU      | 2.51              | (0.03) | 3.16         | (0.02) |

Fig. 4.2 Scales Students ICT skills

| Level         | country | SocialMediaSkills | SE1    | OperatSkills | SE2    | RespinternUse | SE3    | SafeInternUse | SE4    |
|---------------|---------|-------------------|--------|--------------|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1. Grade8     | Estonia | 2.72              | (0.04) | 2.64         | (0.04) | 2.81          | (0.03) | 3.03          | (0.04) |
|               | EU      | 2.41              | (0.02) | 2.63         | (0.02) | 2.58          | (0.02) | 2.98          | (0.02) |
| 2. Grade11gen | Estonia | 2.98              | (0.03) | 2.77         | (0.03) | 3.05          | (0.03) | 3.20          | (0.04) |
|               | EU      | 2.78              | (0.02) | 2.88         | (0.01) | 2.93          | (0.03) | 3.16          | (0.02) |
| 3. Grade11voc | Estonia | 2.69              | (0.11) | 2.60         | (0.12) | 2.89          | (0.07) | 3.18          | (0.11) |
|               | EU      | 2.55              | (0.02) | 2.78         | (0.02) | 2.75          | (0.02) | 2.98          | (0.02) |

Fig. 5.1
Time in professional development

| Level         | COUNTRY | MoreThan6 | SE1   | From1to3 | SE2   | NoTime | SE3   |
|---------------|---------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1. Grade4     | Estonia | 0.0%      | (0.0) | 11.2%    | (3.7) | 1.9%   | (1.4) |
|               | EU      | 47.5%     | (4.2) | 19.4%    | (3.0) | 11.9%  | (2.4) |
| 2. Grade8     | Estonia | 0.0%      | (0.0) | 14.7%    | (2.4) | 3.9%   | (1.3) |
|               | EU      | 60.7%     | (1.6) | 15.6%    | (1.0) | 5.2%   | (0.5) |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 0.0%      | (0.0) | 17.6%    | (3.6) | 2.7%   | (1.3) |
|               | EU      | 44.7%     | (5.2) | 23.1%    | (3.4) | 11.0%  | (1.6) |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 0.0%      | (0.0) | 14.1%    | (7.8) | 3.2%   | (3.5) |
|               | EU      | 49.4%     | (3.2) | 20.5%    | (3.0) | 9.7%   | (1.6) |

Fig. 5.2 Type of training

| Level     | COUNTRY | OnlineComm | SE1   | ICTtraining | SE2   | PersonalLearning | SE3   |
|-----------|---------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| 1. Grade4 | Estonia | 40.3%      | (6.1) | 61.8%       | (6.0) | 83.4%            | (5.6) |

| Level         | COUNTRY | OnlineComm | SE1   | ICTtraining | SE2    | PersonalLearning | SE3   |
|---------------|---------|------------|-------|-------------|--------|------------------|-------|
|               | EU      | 25.4%      | (2.5) | 40.3%       | (3.2)  | 70.0%            | (2.8) |
| 2. Grade8     | Estonia | 45.8%      | (3.8) | 64.6%       | (3.8)  | 89.4%            | (2.4) |
|               | EU      | 30.8%      | (1.6) | 50.5%       | (1.7)  | 74.2%            | (1.3) |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 38.4%      | (4.4) | 68.0%       | (4.3)  | 91.3%            | (2.1) |
|               | EU      | 28.0%      | (2.4) | 43.5%       | (2.2)  | 71.7%            | (2.2) |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 27.3%      | (9.4) | 73.5%       | (13.1) | 96.1%            | (3.1) |
|               | EU      | 28.2%      | (1.5) | 41.4%       | (3.6)  | 70.8%            | (1.5) |

Fig. 6.1 ICT Coordinator

| COUNTRY | Grade4 | SE1   | Grade8 | SE2   | Grade11gen | SE3   | Grade11voc | SE4    |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|------------|-------|------------|--------|
| Estonia | 72.6%  | (6.1) | 79.8%  | (4.2) | 91.9%      | (3.3) | 74.5%      | (21.8) |
| EU      | 62.0%  | (3.6) | 79.6%  | (1.9) | 67.7%      | (4.8) | 69.7%      | (3.5)  |

Fig. 6.2 Type of ICT coordinator

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|---------------|---------|---------------|--------|----------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Level         | COUNTRY | AvailFullTime | SE1    | Rewarded | SE2    | ProvPedSupport | SE3    |
| 1. Grade4     | Estonia | 60.6%         | (6.8)  | 62.9%    | (7.1)  | 86.6%          | (4.9)  |
|               | EU      | 39.3%         | (3.0)  | 56.5%    | (3.0)  | 75.9%          | (2.3)  |
| 2. Grade8     | Estonia | 59.7%         | (5.8)  | 66.4%    | (5.6)  | 89.7%          | (3.3)  |
|               | EU      | 34.8%         | (2.9)  | 70.6%    | (2.4)  | 72.5%          | (2.5)  |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 63.1%         | (6.5)  | 66.5%    | (6.7)  | 88.3%          | (4.0)  |
|               | EU      | 49.6%         | (6.9)  | 63.6%    | (7.7)  | 73.4%          | (4.2)  |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 45.9%         | (23.9) | 35.5%    | (20.9) | 81.3%          | (15.3) |
|               | EU      | 49.7%         | (3.3)  | 63.6%    | (4.6)  | 71.5%          | (3.9)  |

Fig. 6.3 Incentives

| Level         | COUNTRY | TrainingHours | SE1    | Equipment | SE2    | Competitions | SE3    | FinancialInc | SE4    | ReductionHours | SE5   | Other | SE6    |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--------|-----------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|----------------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1. Grade4     | Estonia | 49.5%         | (6.3)  | 78.2%     | (5.5)  | 21.4%        | (4.9)  | 12.4%        | (4.0)  | 4.4%           | (2.2) | 28.1% | (6.6)  |
|               | EU      | 30.1%         | (4.5)  | 26.6%     | (3.8)  | 12.9%        | (2.4)  | 13.0%        | (2.1)  | 2.9%           | (0.6) | 12.8% | (2.3)  |
| 2. Grade8     | Estonia | 52.4%         | (5.2)  | 85.6%     | (3.6)  | 29.9%        | (4.9)  | 16.0%        | (3.9)  | 5.0%           | (2.1) | 32.8% | (5.2)  |
|               | EU      | 34.1%         | (2.6)  | 33.6%     | (1.9)  | 13.3%        | (1.6)  | 10.0%        | (1.0)  | 1.5%           | (0.4) | 14.8% | (1.8)  |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 61.0%         | (6.0)  | 92.9%     | (3.2)  | 26.7%        | (5.3)  | 10.4%        | (3.6)  | 8.9%           | (3.6) | 32.7% | (6.5)  |
|               | EU      | 36.9%         | (9.1)  | 37.7%     | (3.5)  | 17.6%        | (4.4)  | 14.3%        | (2.8)  | 1.7%           | (0.7) | 15.3% | (5.0)  |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 46.4%         | (21.9) | 61.7%     | (21.6) | 27.0%        | (22.4) | 29.7%        | (24.2) | 0.0%           | (0.0) | 11.1% | (12.2) |
|               | EU      | 41.6%         | (8.1)  | 43.4%     | (7.7)  | 17.8%        | (4.2)  | 19.4%        | (4.9)  | 4.3%           | (1.3) | 18.7% | (4.5)  |

Fig. A
Digitally supportive schools

| Level COUNTRY Type1 SE1 Type2 SE2 Type3 SE3 Type4 SE4 |
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| Level         | COUNTRY | Type1 | SE1     | Type2 | SE2    | Type3 | SE3     | Type4 | SE4     |
|---------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| 1. Grade4     | Estonia | 51    | (6.29)  | 11    | (3.31) | 27    | (5.88)  | 12    | (4.17)  |
|               | EU      | 31    | (2.70)  | 17    | (3.17) | 22    | (2.53)  | 31    | (2.98)  |
| 2. Grade8     | Estonia | 33    | (4.73)  | 26    | (4.35) | 15    | (4.31)  | 27    | (4.58)  |
|               | EU      | 25    | (1.91)  | 25    | (2.20) | 16    | (1.83)  | 34    | (2.15)  |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 45    | (6.26)  | 11    | (3.92) | 33    | (5.70)  | 11    | (3.63)  |
|               | EU      | 26    | (2.28)  | 15    | (8.69) | 25    | (3.74)  | 34    | (5.30)  |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 34    | (17.79) | 0     | (0.0)  | 41    | (24.08) | 25    | (14.71) |
|               | EU      | 25    | (3.12)  | 7     | (2.21) | 34    | (7.50)  | 34    | (8.58)  |

Fig. B
Digitally supportive teachers

| Level         | COUNTRY | Type1 | SE1     | Type2 | SE2    | Type3 | SE3     | Type4 | SE4    |
|---------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| 1. Grade4     | Estonia | 35    | (6.00)  | 22    | (4.99) | 26    | (5.02)  | 17    | (5.15) |
|               | EU      | 18    | (2.02)  | 33    | (2.95) | 25    | (2.33)  | 24    | (2.64) |
| 2. Grade8     | Estonia | 26    | (3.19)  | 36    | (4.01) | 25    | (3.36)  | 13    | (2.45) |
|               | EU      | 23    | (1.43)  | 31    | (1.27) | 24    | (1.52)  | 22    | (1.17) |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 25    | (3.85)  | 42    | (4.05) | 17    | (2.85)  | 16    | (3.12) |
|               | EU      | 28    | (2.41)  | 27    | (2.68) | 26    | (1.65)  | 19    | (1.67) |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 34    | (10.63) | 13    | (7.32) | 33    | (19.09) | 19    | (7.47) |
|               | EU      | 25    | (1.49)  | 20    | (2.69) | 26    | (2.83)  | 28    | (1.67) |

Fig. C
Digitally supportive students

| Level         | COUNTRY | Type1 | SE1    | Type2 | SE2    | Type3 | SE3    |
|---------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| 1. Grade8     | Estonia | 38    | (2.81) | 53    | (2.74) | 9     | (0.95) |
|               | EU      | 31    | (1.00) | 50    | (0.85) | 19    | (0.67) |
| 2. Grade11gen | Estonia | 57    | (2.62) | 30    | (1.78) | 13    | (1.82) |
|               | EU      | 36    | (1.18) | 36    | (1.00) | 28    | (1.47) |
| 3. Grade11voc | Estonia | 47    | (12.92 | 39    | (14.35 | 14    | (4.28) |
|               | EU      | 29    | (1.60) | 53    | (1.03) | 18    | (1.37) |

Fig. D
Digitally equipped Schools

| Level         | COUNTRY | Type1 | SE1     | Type2 | SE2     | Type3 | SE3     |  |  |  |  |
|---------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Grade4     | Estonia | 59    | (6.20)  | 41    | (6.20)  | 0     | (0.0)   |  |  |  |  |
|               | EU      | 37    | (4.43)  | 48    | (4.15)  | 15    | (2.12)  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Grade8     | Estonia | 71    | (4.83)  | 25    | (4.59)  | 4     | (2.27)  |  |  |  |  |
|               | EU      | 68    | (2.87)  | 24    | (3.31)  | 8     | (1.16)  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Grade11gen | Estonia | 73    | (5.36)  | 26    | (5.28)  | 1     | (0.15)  |  |  |  |  |
|               | EU      | 55    | (12.27) | 39    | (10.34) | 5     | (2.06)  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Grade11voc | Estonia | 0     | (0.0)   | 86    | (11.25) | 14    | (11.25) |  |  |  |  |

| Level | COUNTRY | Type1 | SE1    | Type2 | SE2     | Type3 | SE3     |
|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
|       | EU      | 6     | (1.88) | 50    | (13.83) | 44    | (12.07) |

#### **NOTES**

**EU mean.** In this report, 'EU mean' refers to the weighted average for the 27 countries in the survey (EU27 without Germany, Netherlands and the United Kingdom, Croatia, Norway and Turkey).

**Confidence**. Teachers and students were asked to rate their level of confidence in their ability to perform ICT related tasks according to a scale ranging from 'not at all' to 'a lot'. By subjecting the data to factorial analysis four scales emerged from the list of items. These included operational skills and social media skills and two additional scales related to students' ability to use the internet safely and responsibly. For a detailed definition of these skills, please refer to section 4 of the survey report.

**Participation.** For the Survey of Schools: ICT and Education, 300 schools in Estonia were selected at random at each of four levels (grade 4, 8, 11 general and 11 vocational) and invited to participate in the survey. Fig. 1.1 shows the percentage of those schools in which at least one survey questionnaire was submitted, the EU average ranging from 35 to 40 percent depending on the grade. In Estonia participation levels are close to the EU mean at all grades.

