

Estonia 2020 Action Plan 2017-2020

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*New and elaborated measures are marked with blue colour
Description of the implementation of the measure is in column L*

Action plan for, and implementation time of each measure by challenge

Challenge/Measure	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Authority responsible for the measure	CSR	Summary of the implementation of the measures
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EDUCATED PEOPLE AND COHESIVE SOCIETY

1. Improving the quality of the educational system and adapting it to demographic changes											
I. Ensuring high-quality education at all education levels											
a.	Development and implementation of measures to motivate local authorities to increase the salaries of kindergarten teachers to the minimum level of school teachers.					x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research		New activity based on the base principles of the Coalition.
b.	Increasing the average pay for teachers to a level that makes a teachers' job a desirable career choice	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research		Ongoing activity based on the base principles of the Coalition.
c.	Continuing payment for start-up support to teachers entering the profession.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research		Since 2014, 281 teachers have received start-up support.
d.	Providing additional Estonian language courses to employees of the public and third sectors and to upper secondary, vocational and university students.		x	x	x	x			Ministry of Education and Research		The improvement of subject syllabi continues, i.e. a better alignment of the syllabi with the principles set out in the general parts of the National Curriculum and thereby the optimisation of student workload.
e.	Developing educational centres of excellence at universities responsible for teacher training.		x	x	x	x	x		Ministry of Education and Research		Ongoing activity. The universities responsible for teacher training have submitted proposals for activities. Financing decisions were made in 2016.
f.	The development and implementation of a performance evaluation model for heads of school.	x	x	x	x	x	x		Ministry of Education and Research		Ongoing activity. The working group has been developing the principles since August 2014. The implementation requires amendments to the Basic School and Upper Secondary School Act, for which the legislative intent has been submitted. The competence model for leaders in the field of education has been renewed.
g.	Implementation of the "Interesting school" initiative and gradual development of a broad-based and all-inclusive school reform movement which would include society's various interest groups.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research		Ongoing activity. The aim of the initiative is to motivate schools, parents, and society at large to cooperate, to cast light on what's happening in schools and to acknowledge the people who have already been successful in making school more exciting.
h.	Providing 30% extra pay to Estonian-medium teachers in Ida-Viru county	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research		Ongoing activity, fulfilled for previous years.

i.	Increasing the quality of Estonian as a second language teachings in kindergartens through ensuring additional training for kindergarten teachers and the necessary study guides.				x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
j.	Carrying out a pilot programme that will allow pedagogically grounded flexibility regarding carrying out language and curriculum studies in certain designated gymnasiums, along with a more intensive teaching of the Estonian languages so that gymnasium graduates will achieve C1 level proficiency in Estonian within six years.				x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
k.	Providing additional Estonian language studies to students of vocational and higher education as well as educational employees whose mothertongue is not Estonian.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
l.	Implementing measures to improve the quality of Estonian language teaching in Russian-medium lower-secondary schools to ensure that those leaving school will have reached the 'independent user' level in Estonian.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
m.	Ensuring the provision of internationally recognised English-medium level education by developing the European Schools in Estonia and promoting IB studies.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
n.	Integrated planning of post-lower secondary study slots in general and vocational education, based on regional forecasts and characteristics.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
o.	Reorganisation of the network of upper secondary schools and starting the investments' programme with a view to improving the quality of the entire school network.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
p.	Reviewing the proportions of funding provided to different types of education, with emphasis on effectiveness.	x	x	x	x	x			Ministry of Education and Research

New activity based on the Basic Principles of the Government Coalition. A new survey will be conducted and a new action plan will be developed in 2017.

New activity based on the Basic Principles of the Government Coalition. Programme will be implemented from 2017 till 2023 in three schools starting from 7th grade. The programme will include all pupils studying in the 7th grade of participating schools in the study year 2017/2018.

Wording is specific, with the aim to focus on language studies of students of vocational and higher education, and educational workers (activities for the kindergarten, gymnasium and lower-secondary school level have been mentioned above and below).

Activity continues - support is given to schools for carrying out extracurricular activities (camps, student exchanges etc.).

Ongoing activity. In 2015, teaching based on the curriculum leading to the International Baccalaureate was available in Tallinn and Tartu and the curriculum leading to the European Baccalaureate was followed by Tallinn European School.

Ongoing activity. When planning learning slots in state upper secondary schools in large cities and county seats, both general and vocational students, as well as adult students will be taken into consideration.

Ongoing activity. The school network is being reorganised and strong county upper secondary schools are being established. There were nine state upper secondary schools active in the 2015/16 study year and on 1 September 2016, state upper secondary schools opened in Kärkla, Valga and Põlva. Agreements on opening a state upper secondary school have been reached with the following local authorities: 2018 - Rapla, Viimsi, Paide and 2019 Kohtla-Järve. A measure was announced in April 2016 under which local authorities reorganising their school network can apply for support to invest in the buildings of lower secondary schools.

The general education funding model was updated with an emphasis on effectiveness through the school network reform. Principles for a new financing model of vocational training have been developed. The text of the regulation will be specified in 2017, but the application of the model and the implementation of results-based financing depend on the availability of additional means. A new financing model was implemented in higher education from 1 January 2017 that includes a component of results-based financing. The Ministry of Education and Research participated in a survey on the effectiveness of education systems carried out by the OECD. The OECD, and experts involved in the survey, have prepared policy recommendations based on the results of the survey.

2. To align training and education with the needs of the modern labour market (including making better use of the

I. Ensuring the availability of educated and skilled labour corresponding to the needs of the modern labour market								
a.	Developing a competence-based system of forecasting labour needs including the need for foreign labour		x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
b.	Development of a professional qualification system to promote a bridging between the worlds of education and work.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
c.	Promoting adult education with the aim of increasing the formal education participation of adults who have not completed secondary education, providing in-service training and increasing participation in lifelong learning.		x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
d.	Development of work-based learning in vocational education; additional apprenticeship opportunities are being created and traineeship systems for vocational and higher educational institutions are being developed.			x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
e.	Establishing Estonian Language Houses in Tallinn and Narva to improve the opportunities of non-native speakers to learn Estonian.					x		Ministry of Culture
f.	Implementation of the 3rd stage of the Aliens Act (temporary living permit for business for major investors, special conditions for startups, exemption of major investors, ICT workers and startup entrepreneurs from the immigration quota, changing the requirement of permanent residence in Estonia, wider benefits for students of vocational education, transition to surveillance-based procedures).			x	x			Ministry of Internal Affairs
g.	Analysis of support services required for specialists/families returning to Estonia.					x		Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications. Ministry of Education and Research

The labour needs forecasting system OSKA has been started within the framework of the ESF programme "Creation of a labour needs monitoring and forecasting system". An improved forecasting methodology has been prepared, surveys of labour and skills needs in eight economy sectors (information and communication technology; forestry and timber industry; accounting; manufacturing of metal products, machinery and equipment; manufacturing of chemicals, rubber, plastic and mineral products; energy and mining; social work; health care) as well as a survey of future trends impacting the labour market titled "Work and skills 2025". In the future, five economy sectors will be analysed each year and by 2020, all economy sectors will have undergone analysis.

Continuous activity. Important developments occurred as a result of the amendment of the Professions Act and the implementation of the OSKA system.

The conditions for granting support were established on 8 June 2015. Also, two regulations on open application rounds have been approved. The conditions for granting support and the open application rounds facilitate the return to formal education of adults who have not completed secondary education; a system of recognition of previous learning and working experience (VÕTA) is being developed for adult upper secondary schools; in-service training is planned to be provided to at least 65,000 people for their professional development and the development of the key competencies under the lifelong learning concept; activities to promote lifelong learning have also been planned. In the first half of 2016, opportunities for professional development were offered to approximately 6,200 people.

Ongoing activity. Additional places for apprentices and trainees will be created until 2020 and the best models for cooperation between Estonian companies and educational institutions are being developed. Within the framework of developing the in-service training system of higher education, the finding of in-service training slots for foreign students is also supported.

New activity based on the Basic Principles of the Government Coalition.

Wording is specific, as proposed by the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Amendments to legislation have been prepared and became effective mostly in January 2017. Amendments related to the transition to surveillance-based procedures will become effective in October 2017 and require reorganisation of work and major ICT developments in the PBGB. Activities necessary for the amendments to become effective will continue in 2017.

The analysis could give an overview of the present situation (what kind of support and services are offered today), contain suggestions on improving the present services and adding new ones, as well as suggestions for rearranging the system.

II. Supporting the educational path and career choices of young people to increase students' awareness of the working world and reduce the number of school dropouts								
a.	The provision of services within the framework of youth guarantee measures for young people aged between 16 and 29 in order to provide working, education and training opportunities (the "First job" support scheme combined with training; measures to involve and activate youth not active in employment, education or training).	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Education and Research
b.	Ensuring career services for young people at lower and upper secondary levels as well as higher education levels.	x	x	x	x	x		Ministry of Education and Research
c.	Development and testing of the youth guarantee support system to identify young people who are inactive without a reason, including NEET youths, with the help of state registers and offering them help to continue their studies or to move into the labour market.				x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
d.	Support for employers in providing short-term work opportunities for underage youths.				x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
e.	Analysis related to decreasing the number of young people with low education levels and prolonging the compulsory school attendance age.				x			Ministry of Education and Research
III. Developing entrepreneurship and other key competences								

Youth guarantee measures have been developed and the provision of the service started in January 2015. The NEET youth support measures were implemented in 2015. The NEET-youth-oriented programme "Noorte Tugila" has been implemented as a part of the youth guarantee. Within the framework of the community practice programme, young people have been offered slots for in-service practice within local NGO-s. Implementation of young people's initiatives has been supported as well as opportunities for young people to obtain their first working practice within the working summer programme, youths are introduced to various fields of work and employment-related legislation. The preparation of profession labs is underway; these will be mobile "trailers" travelling around Estonia and offering young people introductions to various jobs in the metalwork and timber industries.

In 2014, the programme for the last period – "Development of the Career Service System" – was successfully completed and a new learning and career services programme was implemented. In all counties, Rajaleidja (Pathfinder) Centres were opened, which provide integrated learning and career counselling services to children and young people, parents, educational institution employees, and other specialists that work with children. In 2014-2020, individual learning guidance and career services will be provided to at least 174,930 children and young people. Career counselling services for over-26-year-old students is ensured through the Unemployment Insurance Fund and university career centres.

New activity. Conditions for granting support for developing and testing the youth guarantee support system have been worked out. Work has started on developing the IT solution and administration model, which will be tested in 2018-2019.

New activity. The conditions for granting support are being prepared. The grant will be available for applications from Töötukassa (the Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund) and it will be paid retroactively, e.g. for 2017 in 2018.

New activity based on the base principles of the Coalition.

a.	Implementation of a study concept developing entrepreneurialism and entrepreneurial studies at all education levels and across all educational fields; the creation of methodology and study materials needed to ensure all students have an opportunity to take entrepreneurial studies.			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
b.	More active involvement of entrepreneurs in the development of training objectives and definition of learning outcomes for different types of schools.		x	x	x	x			Ministry of Education and Research
3. Increasing international competitiveness of higher education									
a.	SF programme "Higher education speciality scholarships in growth areas of smart specialisation".		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
b.	SF programme "Institutional development programme for research and development institutions and higher education institutions".		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
c.	SF measure "Facilitating the internationalisation of research and higher education".		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
4. Increasing the impact of active labour market policy and sustainability of financing									
I. Improving the quality and efficiency of the provision of labour market measures									

An entrepreneurial competence model and entrepreneurial study modules will be developed for all study levels and areas, supplementary training will be provided for entrepreneurialism teachers, support granted for instructing and pre-incubation of student firms, surveys will be conducted and public awareness of the necessity of entrepreneurialism studies increased. As of the end of 2016, 175 schools were participating in the programme with the aim of implementing entrepreneurialism studies, including 26% of all general education schools, 61% of vocational education schools and 68% of higher educational establishments.

Involving entrepreneurs is a cross-sectional theme of the Lifelong Learning Strategy as a whole (e.g., Objective 1: Change in the approach to learning; Objective 3: Correspondence of the opportunities for lifelong learning and the requirements of the labour world).

On the first and second levels of higher education, professional grants have been being paid as of January 2016, and the studies of 3,106 students were supported in 2016. On the third level of higher education, the allocation of professional grants started as of September 2016 and the studies of eight students were supported with a Doctorate Grant. The activity is implemented by SA Archimedes.

Financing decisions have been made, the activities are being implemented.

The activity "Dora Pluss" for supporting the internationalisation of higher education and supporting mobility and future generations has started. In 2016, short-term (up to 30 days) study trips of 513 young researchers and Magisterial candidates were supported as well as study trips lasting 1-10 months to a university or a research institution abroad by 55 Doctoral candidates. The studies of 104 foreign Magisterial candidates, 9 foreign Doctoral candidates and 13 guest Doctoral candidates in Estonian higher educational establishments were supported. Additionally, the opportunities to study and work in Estonia are being promoted abroad (Study in Estonia). The activity is implemented by SA Archimedes. The activity "Mobilitas Pluss" for supporting the internationalisation of research and higher education, and the support of mobility and future generations is implemented by the Estonian Research Agency.

a.	Implementation of the work capacity reform (incl. creating a system for assessing work capacity, the provision of services to the target group, the necessary information exchange IT solutions for implementing the activities and condition for providing grants "The provision of labour market services to the work capacity reform target group" and "Increasing the work capacity of the work capacity reform target group and promoting their working").		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs	1	The work capacity assessment system has been implemented fully. The required data exchange solutions have been developed. The conditions for granting support under the activity "The provision of labour market services to the target group of the work capacity reform" were approved by Directive No. 57 of 27 March 2015 of the Minister of Social Affairs. The services were launched on 1 January 2016. Assessments of the work capacities of new entrants into the system started on 10 July 2016, and on January 1 2017 the assessments of the work capacities of people who had earlier been identified as not capable for work, also started. The conditions for granting support under the activity "Increasing the work capacity of the work capacity reform target group and promoting their working" were approved on 21 July 2016. The conditions for granting support under the activity "Activities supporting the work capacity system" were approved on 26 March 2016. The legislation required for full implementation of the reform have been adopted.
b.	Analysis of the conditions of new employment relations, and propositions.				x				Ministry of Social Affairs		New activity based on the base principles of the Coalition. According to the APGR (Action Programme of the Government of the Republic), a memorandum will be prepared for the implementation of the measures. One of the inputs for implementing the measures will be provided by the commissioned analysis "Future work - new trends and solutions" (22 May 2017).
c.	The integration of the physical therapy and rehabilitation systems into a single customer-centred whole system in order to offer timely and smoothly functioning services.			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs	1	For a better integration of systems and services, the general picture of services being offered at present has been mapped and overlapping of services has been analysed as well as differences across systems. The implementation of two pilot projects (Pilot project of first diagnosis of schizophrenia; Pilot project of ICF) has started.
d.	Provision of social services to support the participation of people with special needs, and the burden of care on the labour market (Structural funds measure "Welfare measures to support participation in the labour market") and improvement of the quality of social services.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs	1	There have been 11 projects funded from the first applications round carried out in 2016 (in 69 local governments all in all) from the ESF budget, a sum total 2.4 million Euros, with the own investment of applicants (minimum 15%) added to this. Project activities will start in the first half of 2017 and the activities last for up to two years. The first round will support the development and provision of home services, support person services, personal help services and general care services provided outside of the home (daycare or regular home care service). The second round of open application rounds, supporting the development and provision of social services (incl. social transport services) after the local government reforms will be announced in the end of 2017/beginning of 2018.
e.	Use of innovative solutions in the development and provision of social services.				x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs	1	Communal innovation activities will be organised within the framework of the structural funds measure "Welfare measures to support participation in the labour market" (second half of 2017) and an open round of applications will be announced (end of 2017/beginning of 2018) with the aim of starting a discussion about innovation opportunities in welfare, to promote the creation of innovative application ideas and to support the development of the best ideas into working solutions.

f.	Provision of in-service training and re-training services to employed people to preclude unemployment.				x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs	
g.	Creating and implementing a national "Diverse Workplace" sign to recognise the companies that promote diversity and equality.			x	x				Ministry of Social Affairs	1
h.	The provision of career counselling services to people of the working age (SF measure "Developing the competences of the adult population", Action "Working age individuals who have received career counselling").	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs	
i.	To provide measures for helping retirement aged workers to stay in employment.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs	
j.	Authorising the Labour Inspectorate to monitor the remuneration and benefits paid by employers to men and women for equal work or work of equal value.		x	x	x	x			Ministry of Social Affairs	1
k.	Regular gender pay gap audits in the public sector within the public sector yearbook.				x	x			Ministry of Finance	1
l.	Assessment and comparison guidelines supporting the implementation of the principle of equal pay for equal work or work of equal value.			x	x				Ministry of Social Affairs	1
m.	Increasing the knowledge about stereotypic career choices for schoolchildren through career days for boys and girls and through primary and high school subject "Career education".			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Education and Research	1
n.	Increasing the regional labour supply (SF measure "Better opportunities for participating in employment").	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs	
o.	Analysis and propositions to increase the flexibility of social guarantees.		x	x					Ministry of Social Affairs	
p.	Introducing the cross-border recruitment opportunities opened up by the updating of EURES, the EU's job mobility portal, to job seekers and employers.			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs	

The Government of the Republic approved services for precluding unemployment on 17 November 2016 session. Starting from 1 May 2017, Töötukassa (the Estonian Unemployment Fund) will start providing labour market training and support for the participation in formal training to employed people. Employers can also apply for training support for developing employee skills.

1 Wording specified is as proposed by the Ministry of Social Affairs. The concept of the "Diverse Workplace" signage (the essence of the sign is in its awarding and functioning principles and as a communication plan) was prepared under the initiative of the Human Rights Centre in April 2017.

Ongoing activity: In 2014 the terms of funding "Increasing the availability of career services" were prepared, based on which career counselling services will be provided to employed and non-active people.

Ongoing activity: In 2014, the TAT "Better opportunities for participating in employment" was prepared, based on which labour market services will be provided to retirement age people.

1 Draft amendments to the Gender Equality Act. Discussion of the draft amendments in the Government is planned for June/July, and in the Riigikogu for September.

1 A survey based on data from public institutions and an analysis of the gender pay gap will be presented in the annual report of public service in the spring of 2017.

1 In order to reduce the gender pay cap, the Labour Inspectorate is authorised to monitor the remuneration and benefits paid by employers to men and women for equal work or work of equal value. For this purpose, the draft amendment to Gender Equality Act is prepared and submitted to the Government. The draft amendments are scheduled to be submitted in July 2017 and adopted in July 2019. To implement monitoring powers, guidelines for the assessment and comparison of 'same and equal work' will be developed. Same or equal work is work that is characterised by the same or equal level of complexity, responsibility and difficulty, and that is performed in the same or equal conditions, achieving the same or equal results.

1 Ongoing activity. The optional subject "Career study" is provided for students within state curricula.

Ongoing activity: In the first half of 2015, a service to increase the regional labour supply was developed within the framework of the terms of funding "Better opportunities for participating in employment". The provision of the mobility support started in 2016.

Wording of the activity renewed in accordance with the base principles of the Coalition.

The regulation has already been adopted and Estonia is preparing a system for accepting members and partners in the EURES network, which has to be ready by May 2018 at the latest.

r.	Developing proposals to preclude and decrease burden of care in order to support the labour market participation of long-term caregivers and the subsistence of households with a member who needs long-term care.			x	x				Government Office
s.	Adjustments to the system of subsistence allowance with the aim to facilitate participation in the labour market.				x				Ministry of Social Affairs
II. The development of family policies in order to better reconcile work and family life									
a.	The creation of childcare and kindergarten placements, paying attention to under-three-year-olds and focusing on the municipalities with the greatest lack of placements and the provision of flexible and close-to-home services.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Research
b.	Analysis and proposals for changing the system of parental leave and parental benefits in order to allow a more flexible combination of work and family life.		x	x	x				Ministry of Social Affairs
c.	Development of the system of family benefits		x	x	x	x	x		Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Finance

- 1 The task force for decreasing burden of care, created in 2015, will be present in the first half of 2017 in the Government of the Republic's integral long-term policy guidelines for the administration of long-term care in Estonia. In accordance with the results of the work of the task force and section 11.8 of the Government Action Plan (We will reduce the burden of care of caregivers, taking into account the proposals of the burden of care task force) an analysis and proposals regarding the initial measures for reducing burden of care will be presented to the Government for approval.
- New activity based on the base principles of the Coalition. In accordance with section 2.16 of the Government Action Plan about adjusting the subsistence allowance system so that being employed would be more motivating than receiving support, and with the decision to end payments of need-based family supports from 2018, an analysis and proposals regarding the subsistence allowance system will be presented to the Government of the Republic. The memorandum to be presented to the Government in April 2017, will contain proposals for changing the system of subsistence allowances related to: facilitating the employment of recipients of subsistence allowances, the abolishing of need-based family supports, and making the subsistence allowances regulation more flexible. The required changes will be implemented in legislation in accordance with the decision of the Government.

The conditions of granting support under the measure "Development of childcare services and welfare services for disabled children to reduce the care-giving load" were developed and approved by the Social Protection Minister in November 2014. The first application round was carried out in 2015, resulting in 568 new kindergarten places. The application round organised under the measure is intended to support local governments in creating new kindergarten and childcare placements. The regulation on the measure was approved in the spring of 2015. The activities contribute to the implementation of country-specific recommendation No. 2 because they improve access to childcare services and country-specific recommendation No. 5 because they support local governments in the provision of public services (childcare, pre-school education, support person). A second round of applications is being prepared, scheduled to open in the autumn of 2017.

The draft will be presented to the Government of the Republic in September 2017 and the changes are to be implemented gradually in 2018-2019.

Legislative amendments to increase child benefits (increasing the benefits for the first and second child to €60 by 2019) and to introduce a large family benefit were adopted in 2015, and to increase large family supports in 2016. The subsistence level was increased to €130.

d.	The development of welfare services for disabled children with the goal of minimising the caregiver's development restrictions related to the labour market.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
e.	Implementation of the family-friendly employer sign model.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
f.	Implementation of the childcare and pre-school education concept.		x	x	x	x			Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Social Affairs
5. Increasing the healthy years of life by improving health related behaviours and reducing the number of accidents as well as developing the healthcare infrastructure.									
I. Reducing the number of injuries and deaths from injuries and improving health related behaviour									
a.	Initiation and implementation of an evidence-based parenting programme to prevent risky behaviour.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
b.	Implementation of an action plan developed by Task Force for the prevention and reduction of injury-related deaths.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs

1 The conditions of granting support under the measure "The development of childcare services and welfare services for disabled children to reduce the care-giving load" were developed and approved by the Social Protection Minister in November 2014. Within the framework of the TAT, support services will be developed and provided for children with serious and profound disabilities, thereby reducing the care-giving load of the parents and obstacles to participating in employment. The provision of three support services (childcare, support person and transport service) has started actively.

1 The development of the family-friendly employer sign model has been completed and is being implemented. The model of the "Family-friendly Employer" sign is being implemented and the first employers have entered the model already.

In accordance with the childcare and pre-school education concept, intent to prepare a draft for the Pre-school Educational Establishments Act has been prepared and discussions have been held with stakeholder groups to develop the field of pre-school education. The draft legislation will be submitted by 2018

Ongoing activity. The main goal of implementing the parental programme is to support and increase the social and self-regulation skills of children through increasing the parenting skills of parents, and this in turn will decrease and preclude children's behavioural problems, academic underachievement, law-breaking, violence, and use of addictive substances. In order to develop parenting skills, between 2014 and 2017, the parenting programme "The Incredible Years" for Estonian and Russian speaking parents was piloted within the European Economic Area grants programme called "At-risk Children and Young People". The pilot included the purchase of the programme/agreement with the developers, the translation of the materials, the training and periodic supervision of the instructors, training for the parents, and impact studies. The pilot programme was implemented in cooperation with the National Institute for Health Development, which concluded the corresponding agreements with the local governments, where the training was conducted. The activity will continue with additional financing from SBA.

The activities initiated by the Injuries Taskforce will continue, coordinated by the Ministry of Social Affairs.

c.	Development and improvement of additional light vehicle roads, recreational sites, tracks, trails and the related infrastructure (in 2015-2020 supported from the SF measures "Improving regional competitiveness", "Sustainable development of urban areas" and "Sustainable development of the cities of Ida-Viru county").	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Culture
d.	Implementation of measures to promote active lifestyles, including the development and piloting of measures supporting exercise habits in the school environment and local community.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Education and Research
e.	Implementation of the green paper on alcohol use in order to reduce alcohol-related damage to health and society.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs

Within the framework of the 2014 Light Traffic Roads Support Outline, the Light Traffic Roads Plan with 16 projects in the amount of €5 million was approved. In addition, a supplementary list of light traffic roads as a reserve project was established in the 2007-2013 Structural Funds measure "The development of Urban Areas". The conditions of the 2014-2020 measures "The sustainable development of urban areas" and "The sustainable development of Ida-Viru County urban areas" entered into force on 9 March 2015; the preparation of actions plans in the urban areas will follow. The conditions for the measure "Strengthening regional competitiveness activities", "Investments into strengthening regional competitiveness (creating jobs)" and "Investments into strengthening regional competitiveness" (improving the availability of jobs and services) entered into force on 20 February 2015. The activity plans of all counties for strengthening regional competitiveness (PKT) were approved in March 2016 and the first round of applications was opened for all counties. A right to apply for additional support was granted in 2015 within the framework of supporting light traffic roads for two reserve-list projects and for another eight reserve-list projects in the first quarter of 2016. Activity plans for urban areas have been developed and approved by the Ministry of Finance. The pre-counseling of applicants is ongoing and the application process is running as specified in the timeline of the activity plan. Projects have been approved in the main lists of activity plans of the measure "Sustainable development of urban areas in Ida-Virumaa" that are scheduled to result in approx. 82 km of light traffic roads. Projects have been approved in the main lists of activity plans of the measure "Sustainable development of urban areas" that plan to result in developing approx. 140 km of light traffic roads. There are a total of 229 sites approved in the activity plans of the "Investments into strengthening regional competitiveness" support scheme, including 97 tourism sites, 51 public infrastructure industrial and business project plans, 15 incubators and product Ongoing activity: To create opportunities (including for people with special needs) to participate in recreational sports and to support exercise habits. The development and piloting of an exercise programme for schools.

Ongoing activity. A cross-ministry workgroup administrated by the Ministry of Social Affairs is working towards implementing measures (a monitoring table for activities and the responsible persons), an alcoholism treatment guide has been prepared; the programme "A soberer and healthier Estonia" (ESF 2014-2020) was developed; the implementation of the "Effect" programme to prevent alcohol consumption by young people continued; the RD&I alcohol prevention campaign; the application round of the Norwegian financing mechanism directed at alcohol prevention; the development of draft amendments to the Alcohol Act, and the Advertising Act (limiting the availability and advertising of alcoholic beverages) were discussed at cabinet meetings of the Government (February, March, December).

f.	Implementation of the green paper on tobacco use in order to reduce tobacco-related damage to health and society.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
g.	Preparing a green paper on diet and exercise.	x	x	x	x				Ministry of Social Affairs
h.	Continuing of regular communication regarding a balanced and healthy diet.				x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
i.	Continuing the programme for beginner level swimming classes.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education and Research
j.	Increasing the volume of regular health checks and various health monitoring and screening programmes, with the aim to detect possible health disorders at an early stage.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
II. Developing the health infrastructure									
a.	Developing primary level healthcare centres in attraction centres (SF measure "Ensuring accessible and high-quality health services in order to promote employment retention, and returning to employment").	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
b.	Strengthening of the centres of competence in the hospital network (SF measure "Ensuring accessible and high-quality health services in order to promote employment retention, and returning to employment").	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
c.	Implementing the national e-Health strategy in order to use the opportunities provided by ICT development in order to improve public health and develop the healthcare and welfare system.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Government Office, Ministry of Social Affairs

Ongoing activity. The minister's directive on the establishment of a tobacco policy working group, the implementation of green book measures and the adoption of the EU tobacco directive; in 2016, three draft amendments to the Tobacco Act were prepared, of which two have entered into force as law (transposition of EU Directive 2014/40/EU) and the third is aimed at decreasing the number of everyday smokers in Estonia, and thus also decreasing the health risks, damages and expenses related to smoking (approved by the Government in December 2016).

Ongoing activity. The green paper is expected to be completed in 2017.
Ongoing new activity.

Ongoing activity.

Ongoing activity. The volume of regular health check-ups in the budget of the Estonian Health Insurance Fund is increasing – the monetary volume of the preventative health monitoring and screening programmes has increased by 4% between 2001 and 2015; at the same time, a large number of activities are also included in general healthcare and are not separated out (e.g., health check-ups for infants and children, check-ups for those in risk groups for the discovery of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, etc.).

Ongoing activity. Regulation of the Minister of Health and Labour "Modernisation of primary health care centres", approved on 12 August 2015. There was an application round for the development of an investment plan with a deadline for submissions on 9 May 2016. A total of 59 applications were approved. 56 applications for support were submitted to RÜ before the deadline on 8 March 2017.

Ongoing activity. Regulation No. 18 of 27 March 2015 of the Minister of Health and Labour "Modernisation the centres of competence of the hospital network" has been approved. The investment plan was approved, projects are being implemented/prepared. SA TÜK (Tartu University Hospital) and SA PERH (North Estonia Medical Centre) have submitted project applications.

Ongoing activity. The strategy was approved on a cabinet meeting of the Government in December 2015. An implementation plan was prepared in 2016. In January 2017, the e-Health strategy council approved priority projects. The projects are monitored on a regular basis twice a year (January and August).

COMPETITIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

6. Formulating a policy to facilitate long-term increases in the international competitiveness of companies

I. Modern business environments

a.	Increasing the proportion of accepted claims of creditors that are satisfied in bankruptcy proceedings; codification of the right of insolvency.	x	x	x	x				Ministry of Justice
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Codification was started in the summer-autumn of 2016, the activity continues.

b.	Creation of a bureaucracy-free business form for small businesses - a business account for the sale of services and goods to physical persons or for the sale of goods to legal persons in the maximum amount of €25,000 per year.				x				Ministry of Finance
c.	Improving the tax environment for shipping companies.				x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	Reducing the tax on company profits to be paid on dividends paid regularly to legal persons (to 14% from the present 20%).				x				Ministry of Finance
e.	The task force on cutting red tape.	x	x	x	x	x	x		Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Government Office Ministry of Finance
f.	Speeding up bankruptcy and execution proceedings; preparing the amendments to the laws related to bankruptcy and enforcement proceedings.			x	x				Ministry of Justice
g.	Implementation of the Competitiveness 2.0 report (to a certain amount a follow up of the "Entrepreneur's Right 2" programme).	x	x	x	x	x	x		Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
h.	To update the action plan for north-eastern Estonia (Ida-Viru county) with regard to the activities aimed at developing the regional business environment and prepare a similar action plan for south-eastern Estonia.	x	x	x	x				Ministry of Finance
i.	Physical, social and economic revival of underused city areas by using SF measure "Sustainable development of the cities of Ida-Viru county".		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance

New added activity based on the Action Plan of the Government. Analysis and proposals were prepared in January, draft legislation will be ready in May 2017.

Added based on the Action Plan of the Government. The workgroup presented proposals for improving the tax environment for shipping companies during the cabinet meeting of the Government on 2 March 2017. The Ministry of Social Affairs is making its decisions on applying social insurance conditions for seamen working on vessels that sail under the Estonian flag, and for setting the social tax ceiling (deadline 3 April 2017). The Ministry of Social Affairs, and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications received additional analysis assignments. The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, and the Ministry of Finance will present new proposals by the end of May 2017.

New activity added based on the Action Plan of the Government. Draft deadline May 2017

A task force was created in spring 2016 to coordinate the implementation of activities aimed at cutting red tape. The Minister of Economy and Infrastructure will present the results of the work in 2016 of the task force to the Government in the first quarter of 2017, and a final report will be presented by the end of 2018.

A review of the insolvency procedure was started in the summer/autumn of 2016. For the enforcement proceedings, a draft is being prepared to improve the collection of maintenance support.

The Minister of Justice convened a lead group in autumn 2015 that consisted of entrepreneurs and umbrella organisations/associations of entrepreneurs, to define the areas that pose the most obstacles to business, and need changes first, and to submit proposals to the state on how to facilitate business and enliven the economy. Members of the lead group presented 123 proposals for developing the business environment. The Competitiveness 2.0 report lists 64 of them, which the Ministry of Justice is working on.

The monitoring and renewal of the Ida-Virumaa activity plan has been taking place regularly, once a year. Preparations for the Ida-Virumaa programme based on the APGR have started and the plans and proposals of ministries have been assembled. The South-Eastern Estonia activity plan for 2015-2020 has been prepared and signed by the Minister responsible for regional development; the first activity report for 2015 has been prepared and approved by the Government.

Activity plans have been approved within the framework of the measure, application is ongoing. The first financing decisions will hopefully be reached in 2017.

j.	To support the development of the business environment by using SF measures "Improving regional competitiveness" and "Development of regional competence centres".	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance
k.	Raising the competitiveness of the business environment through cross-border collaboration (EE-LV, EE-RU, The Mid-Baltic Sea programmes)		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance
l.	Developing a green paper of Estonian industrial policies.		x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
m.	Analysis of identifying the owners of public e-Services, and implementation of relevant proposals.	x	x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
n.	Analysis and proposals for the creation of an international consortium for the joint development of the base infrastructure of services.		x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
o.	To recognise the importance of socially and environmentally responsible entrepreneurship at the government level and promote socially and environmentally responsible entrepreneurship.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
p.	The consolidation of business support structures			x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

Ongoing activity. The activity plans of all counties for strengthening regional competitiveness (PKT) were approved in March 2016 and the first round of applications were opened for all counties. The first applications round of PKT was carried out in all counties in 2016, as a result of which 57 project applications were supported (a total sum of 63.4 million Euros). All in all, 16 tourism-related projects were supported, 18 industrial projects, 3 incubation-product development centre projects, 10 heart-of-the-city projects and 10 projects concerning connections between centres and hinterland. Preparations for the second applications round of PKT have started.

As of 31 March 2017, a total of 29 cooperation projects with Latvia, Sweden and Finland have been supported from the Estonian-Latvian and Central Baltic programmes. The support to Estonian partners amounts to 8,498,873 Euros. The projects are aimed at developing joint services and goods, and marketing them on third foreign markets, with the goal of improving cooperation between businesses in the region and promoting entrepreneurialism in young people. A short description of the extensive Estonian-Russian project "Reconstruction of the Saatsse-Krupa road segment" has been approved by the EC with Estonia's support being 1,424,800 Euros. The project will significantly improve the road infrastructure important for SMEs and develops the relations between SMEs in the region.

The work is ongoing and scheduled to finish in September 2017.

Implementation of proposals is underway. The web environment rigiteenus.ee for mapping services has been developed that can be accessed by owners of services as designated by institutions. The Government regulation "Principles for the organisation of services and information management" is about to go to the Cabinet (Q2 2017), stipulating the principles of the service-based approach and obligations that arise from the implementation of the regulation.

Negotiations with Finland about the joint development and administration of X-Road and other underlying infrastructure were started in 2015. The cooperation contract between Estonia and Finland for a joint development of X-Road has been signed, the establishment of the NGO - Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions, is scheduled for June 2017. The next stage will be technical unification of the state information systems of Estonia and Finland via X-Road.

In 2015, corporate social responsibility was included for the first time as a sub-category in the Enterprise Awards. The implementation of this sub-category is planned with a two-year interval. The next stage is set for 2017. In 2016, an analysis about the possibilities of developing corporate social responsibility in Estonia was prepared.

Deadline April 2018. Initial proposals will be developed by summer 2017, the next stage will involve consultations with target groups and the specification of proposals, followed by impact analysis and selection - what and how it will be implemented by April next year.

II. Consolidating and simplifying entrepreneurship subsidies; developing and implementing new financing models								
a.	Development of a comprehensive entrepreneur's development programme and creating a supportive implementation model.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	To implement a system of regular assessments of the impacts of entrepreneurship subsidies.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
c.	Continuation of the KredEx measures aimed at the development of entrepreneurship (start-up loans, loan guarantees, subordinated bank loans, technology loans).	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	To continue the Enterprise Estonia measures for novice entrepreneurs (basic training, mentoring, etc.).	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
e.	Implementation of support measures designed to develop the knowledge and skills of entrepreneurs.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
III. Providing support measures to entrepreneurs to facilitate the growth of export capacity and use of export potential								
a.	To continue the provision of medium and long term export guarantees to an extended target group with a view to increasing the export capacity of Estonian companies.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	To launch actions under the entrepreneur's development programme, aimed at export activities.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
c.	Renewal and implementation of the export and foreign investments action plan "Made in Estonia".					x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	To continue promoting development and marketing cooperation among companies, in particular in growth areas and directed to more remote markets.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
e.	A coordination committee for developing foreign trade will be started to help bring smart foreign investments and well-paying jobs to Estonia and increase exports.		x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
f.	Providing export information services and training, including on more remote target markets, to entrepreneurs.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

The development programme for entrepreneurs continues.

Regular assessments of the impacts of entrepreneurship subsidies.

Measures continue. Conditions will be updated if necessary.

Services for start-up entrepreneurs, e.g., basic training, counselling in Regional Development Centres, and mentorship clubs - a continuing process. Start-up grants based on an updated concept are also being provided. The new entrepreneurship awareness programme was implemented in 2015. The export-related activities of Enterprise Estonia, events to increase awareness of entrepreneurship and support services provided by county development centres are funded under the programme. Training modules for developing e-business and e-commerce will take place among others. Support is also given to projects by umbrella organisations of businesses for developing e-industry, product development, and export. The development share measure has also been implemented.

Ongoing activity.

The entrepreneurs' development programme was fully implemented in January 2016.

Implementation of MIE continues. The main implementers are Enterprise Estonia and KredEx. Tight cooperation with the umbrella organisations of businesses is carried out with regard to several activities, e.g. participation in trade fairs, organising contact trips, target market seminars and high-level official visits. A process of renewal of the activity plan will start in 2017.

2 The new measure for Research and Development Centres entered into force at the end of 2014; the clusters measure was implemented in 2015.

2 Improvement of the cooperation of institutions dealing with foreign economic policy continues, a coordination committee for developing foreign trade will be started. Deadline June 2017.

To be carried out within the framework of the EAS export support activities. Trainings have been carried out, joint booths have been organised at fairs and EAS export advisers work in foreign markets, including far markets (e.g. China,

7. To create an environment for bringing more foreign direct investments to Estonia aimed at sectors with a greater export potential and higher added value								
I. Making Estonia an attractive investment environment								
a.	To support large-scale investments which are made in Estonia in order to improve local economy.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	To continue the activities of the Foundation Ida-Viru County Industrial Areas Development (IVIA).	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance
c.	Programme for businesses to join infrastructure networks.				x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	Analysis and proposals for implementing energy price discounts for major consumers.				x			Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance
e.	To ensure more efficient protection of investors.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
f.	To amend the Investment Funds Act.	x	x	x	x	x		Ministry of Finance
h.	Increasing awareness of Estonia as a state, in order to attract foreign investments, to facilitate entry into foreign markets for Estonian businesses, and to support tourism.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
i.	Implementation of important state investments, including the construction of the Tallinn City Hall into an international tourism and conference centre in cooperation with the city of Tallinn.				x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
II. Improving the availability of qualified labour necessary for the development of foreign investments and export								

An activity model for regional investor service representatives (a total of four across Estonia) has been started in cooperation with County Development Centres. The large investor measure has also been started.

Ongoing activity.

New added activity based on the Action Plan of the Government. The principles of the programme for businesses to join infrastructure networks have been approved, the programme will start in the second half of 2017, implemented by Enterprise Estonia.

New added activity based on the Action Plan of the Government. The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications and the Ministry of Finance are preparing a draft legislation.

Company law problems related to investor protection are expressed in the course of a company law audit that has been initiated, with the final results scheduled to arrive in 2020.

Ongoing activity, deadline 2018.

Enterprise Estonia is working on increasing awareness of Estonia as a target destination for foreign investments (Invest in Estonia), Estonia as a tourist destination (Visit Estonia), Estonia as a trading partner (Trade with Estonia) and Estonia as a destination for finding employment (Work in Estonia). The brand of Estonia has been developed and is being used for these purposes. Attempts are being made towards engaging ambassadors and economic diplomats to a greater extent.

A new added activity from the action programme of the Government.

a.	Developing support services facilitating the adaptation of new immigrants, including an adaptation programme and an information portal.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Interior
b.	Ensuring the availability of labour market information in foreign languages in Estonia.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
c.	Development of the estonia.eu portal to introduce Estonia as an attractive country.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	To implement a plan of action for the Estonian talent policy, with the goal of simplifying the discovery, recruitment, immigration, employment and acclimation of foreign talents.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Education and Research

In 2016, the Ministry of Internal Affairs continued its cooperation with its contractual partners in piloting for the provision and execution of adaptation programme trainings for new immigrants, with the aim to support the migration process of new immigrants to Estonia, for their quick and seamless adaptation and obtainment of the primary knowledge and skills needed for independent subsistence. From 2015 until the end of 2016, a total of 11,061 new immigrants have been directed to take the adaptation programme by the Police and Border Guard Board, out of whom 1,549 new immigrants participated in the adaptation programme training, i.e. 14% of all directed persons.

In 2016, the information platform www.settleinestonia.ee for new immigrants and organisations coming into contact with the new immigrants, enabling registration for the adaptation programme trainings and providing information for the adaptation programme as well as other services and activities supporting adaptation. A concept for a support network for new immigrants has been prepared that will be used for continuously informing the organisations coming into contact with new immigrants and empowering them in supporting the adaptation of new immigrants on a local level. Work is also starting on developing the services for new immigrants that need implementation as a first priority.

Ongoing activity. Labour market-related information and information on working in Estonia is available on the websites of the Estonian Unemployment Fund and EURES in English and on the website of the Unemployment Fund in Russian.

The development of the portal has started and continues.

The foreign specialists' activity plan undergoes renewal in the first half of 2017, but the focus of the activity plan will remain the same in terms of the target group, i.e. it is aimed at involving foreign specialists with IT competencies from selected target markets; considering the labour need forecasts and the OSKA analysis. Planned activities include:

a) The development and maintenance of a unified e-environment of information, materials and public services related to starting work in Estonia, the availability of the services will be based on e-residency; b) Increasing the readiness of businesses to engage foreign specialists, including coordination of activities with umbrella organisations and Government institutions, consultations for businesses on adjusting the internal processes, sharing experiences, trainings, general awareness; c) Campaigns directed at IT workforces in the destination countries, incl. in the industry sector; d) The development of adaptation services for foreign specialists and their families.

Two applications rounds have been organised within the framework of the "Mobilitas Pluss" activity of the Estonian Research Agency to support the returning of people who have obtained a degree in another country or are taking post-doctorate studies. 27 applications from returning researchers were submitted, the projects of 20 returning researchers were supported. The majority of these projects start in early 2017.

e.	Development of an electronic data exchange related to social insurance between the EU member states, so that people would be assured of rapid solutions for cross-border cases related to social insurance.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
f.	Further 4th stage amendments to the Aliens Act for facilitating immigration of foreign labour needed for the development of Estonia's economy.				x	x			Ministry of Internal Affairs
g.	Compilation of a development programme for the ICT sector, with one of the focuses being on relieving shortage of labour in the ICT sector.				x	x			Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
Creating preconditions for increasing the volume of research and development in the private sector as well as to increase the amount and quality of innovation output									
I. Stimulating demand-based research and development and innovation									
a.	Compilation of a development programme for the ICT sector, with one of the focuses being on a digital transition in industry.				x	x			
b.	To create and develop sectoral R&D capacity in areas of government of ministries.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	All ministries
c.	In regard to all of the projects of research and development institutions, to establish the growth of the percentage of the developments of an applied nature to be a priority condition for the use of financing instruments and SF resources.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
d.	Increasing the involvement of companies in universities' applied research.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
e.	Developing the capacity of professional associations as commissioners of innovation.		x	x	x	x			Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
f.	To designate companies, associations of companies or consortia of companies and research agencies as applicants and recipients in the conditions for the use of structural resources allocated for research and development activities. In this connection to enable the companies to order the necessary research, development or testing from foreign R&D institutions.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
g.	Development and implementation of programmes of smart specialisation in growth areas.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

Estonia has officially joined the EESSI platform in 2017 and electronic data exchange with the first use case is ongoing. New use cases will gradually be added into the data exchange in 2018 and 2019. The interfacing activities must be completed by July 2019.

New added activity. The Ministry of Internal Affairs has started the analysis of any additionally needed amendments to the Aliens Act in cooperation with its social partners. Proposals for amendments will be developed in 2017 and submitted for approval by 2018 at the latest.

New added activity based on the Action Plan of the Government. Proposals have been developed for the activity areas. Programme deadline is January 2018.

2 New added activity based on the Action Plan of the Government. Proposals have been developed for the activity areas. Programme deadline is January 2018.

2 The assignments of the ministries are defined in the Estonian Research and Development and Innovation Strategy 2014–2020 and the Research and Development Organisation Act. The purpose of the "Strengthening sectoral R&D" activity funded from the SF is to increase the capacity of public authorities in the field of R&D, to create sectoral R&D systems and provide training, to develop central policy monitoring and analysis capacity and to ensure the development of information systems.

2 Applied research is supported under two activities launched with the support of SF resources: "Strengthening sectoral R&D" and "Supporting applied research in smart specialisation growth areas". The activities were launched in 2015. The implementation of both measures will help to increase the share of applied research.

2 Supported under the activity "Supporting applied research in smart specialisation growth areas". The activity is also supported by the development of the ADAPTER platform financed from ASTRA.

2 Ongoing activity. Informational events are organised in professional associations within the framework of the "Strengthening sectoral R&D" activity to increase awareness of opportunities to find funding for applied research.

2 The Ministry of Education and Research supports companies that carry out applied research and development in the interest of, and commissioned by, the company, or an association of companies (SF measure "Supporting applied research in smart specialisation growth areas"). The aim of the Ministry is to increase the local socio-economic impact of the Estonian R&D system and cooperation with companies.

2 The TAKs' measure, cluster programme and Start-Up Estonia have been implemented. A regulation of the Ministry of Education and Research on activity "Supporting applied research in smart specialisation growth areas" has been approved; application is ongoing.

h.	Launching a smart specialisation monitoring system.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications	2	The management and coordination of the smart specialisation process is taking place at the level of a joint Ministry of Research and Education, and Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications led work group; the everyday process is conducted by the work group.
i.	To set the target of increasing the share of public procurement supporting innovation to 3% of all public procurements by 2020.		x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance	2	A task force established under the administrative capacity measure of the Government Office. The achievement of the objective requires and presumes: 1) Agreement between sectors and guidelines from the task force; 2) The development of the public procurement register to monitor the progress towards the achievement of the objective. NOTE! The 3% goal is "cross-areas-of-governance", not separately for each area of governance. The note about an innovation procurement, green procurement, and a procurement promoting social value can be applied in the registry of public tenders when the new Public Tenders Act enters into force, presumably on 1 September 2017.
II. Improving the effectiveness of subsidies granted by the state and developing new financing solutions											
a.	Implementation of the increased efficiency plan in the area of business and innovation.				x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance		New activity added on the basis of a Government cabinet decision.
III. Developing environments facilitating research and development and innovation											
a.	SF programme "Institutional development programme for R&D institutions and schools of higher education".		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research	2	The measure's activities are divided into two parts - investments into buildings and content activities for developing the quality of study and research. The investments were approved by the Government of the Republic with a decision on 9 June 2016. The construction or reconstruction of seven research and study buildings is supported with a total of 54.1 million Euros. A total of 67.4 million Euros are allocated to content activities. Examples of content activities include implementing structural changes in universities, activities aimed at increasing the efficiency and quality of study and research work, improvement of the quality of doctoral studies, activities aimed at increasing international competitiveness and strengthening the cooperation between R&D institutions, higher educational establishments and businesses.
b.	The TeaMe+ science communication programme.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research		Ongoing activity. The activities are implemented by the Estonian Research Agency.
c.	To develop a measure aimed at enterprises to encourage the use of R&D infrastructure, with the aim to increase the interest and possibilities of entrepreneurs in using the R&D infrastructure in the product development process.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications	2	Companies can use the measure "Supporting applied research in smart specialisation growth areas" to commission infrastructure services from public research institutions and higher educational institutions for conducting applied research and implementing product development projects. Within the framework of instruction research support, the Estonian Research Agency initiated the so-called "core infrastructure" measure. Core infrastructure is the infrastructure belonging to a research and development institution that is necessary for fulfilling a research topic and that is established in the public interest and which, under the conditions established by the research and development institution, can be used by other people. Core infrastructure is distinguished from other infrastructure by the public interest that is the basis for its creation and the availability to other users.

d.	SF programme "Support to centres of excellence for research to increase international competitiveness and top quality of research".		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
e.	SF programme "Support to research infrastructure of national importance".		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
f.	Facilitating the internationalisation of Estonian research and higher education.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
g.	To establish a support scheme for involving the development workers in companies that make a significant contribution to employment but currently have low added value.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
h.	To continue product development grants and the 'innovation voucher' grant measure.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
IV. Improving the availability of early-stage venture capital in order to support the development of innovative enterprises with high growth potential									
a.	Offering venture capital to emerging innovative companies (establishing the early stage fund of funds).	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	To develop measures in cooperation with the Baltic Sea countries, which would help integrate the Estonian venture capital with the regional venture capital market in a mutually beneficial manner, thereby improving the international investment capabilities of Estonian investors and the access of young innovative Estonian enterprises to international venture capital.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

2 Decisions have been made and centres of excellence have been launched. A total of nine projects are funded under the measure.

The first application round has finished, the second one will commence in 2018. The Government of the Republic has issued a decision confirming support for 13 projects in a total amount of approx. 19 million Euros. The implementer is SA Archimedes.

The planned activities support inter-sector cooperation, post-doctorate research work, the recruitment of foreign scientists and faculty members, and the return of Estonians who have studied or worked abroad. In the new structural funds period, these activities will be supported by the following (sub-) measures: "Institutional development programme for R&D institutions and schools of higher education" and "The internationalisation of research and higher education" ("Dora Pluss" and "Mobilitas Pluss"). In addition to the research grants and supports, the activities of the Estonian Liaison Office for EU RTD in Brussels and the marketing of higher education and research in foreign countries under the auspices of "Study in Estonia" and "Research in Estonia" will continue in order to promote the internationalisation of research grants and scholarships. The Ministry of Education and Research has participated in the implementation of amendments into the Aliens Act, the amendments entered into force in January 2017. Adaptation programme trainings continued in 2016, SA Archimedes carried out study module trainings and the Estonian Research Agency carried out research module trainings (three training courses in 2016, with The development share measure is still open.

The innovation share measure is still open.

Funds of funds (the Baltic Innovation Fund and the EstFund) have been established, activity is ongoing.

The Baltic Innovation Fund has been established, successfully implemented and is operating.

c.	To establish a legal framework for the operation of crowdfunding platforms.				x	x			Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	Implementation of the innovation loan measure.	x	x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
e.	To develop a network of 'business angels' and to offer start-up funding through business incubators and business acceleration programmes.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
f.	Implementation of the Start-up Estonia 2.0 programme.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
V. Developing challenge-based research and development and innovation									
a.	To develop challenge-based R&D&I coordination mechanisms with a focus on the socio-economic challenges of Estonia (e.g., energy independence, an ageing population, internal and external security) SF programme "Supporting sectoral research programmes of ministries".	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Rural Affairs
b.	Proactively analysing the legal framework and promotion of the state information system, in order to support the initial testing and introduction of smart technologies (e.g., The Internet of Things, Linked Data).		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
c.	To increase the involvement of companies in the selection of research topics for PhD theses, the preparation and defence process and the opportunity for businesspeople to be members of the defence committees.		x	x	x	x			Ministry of Education and Research
d.	To continue the development of infrastructure of research and higher education and opening the use of infrastructure for entrepreneurs, implementing measures for sustainability and modernisation of R&D infrastructure (regional competence centres will be supported from the measure "Developing regional competence centres" of both 2007–2013 and 2014–2020)	x	x	x	x	x			Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance
VI. Integration into the European Research Area									

The EU Commission is discussing the necessity of a cross-EU joint funding regulation with the Member States. A more specific initiative is likely to emerge in 2017. Estonia will bring the subject up after its Presidency, i.e. in 2018, to analyse whether there is a need for such regulation, and if yes, what should it be like.

The feasibility of establishing an innovation loan will be decided in Q3 2017, it is possible that it will be implemented under a different name.
Ongoing activity.

The pilot programme has been completed; the main programme has been launched.

2 The measure has been developed. The measure "Strengthening sectoral R&D", funded from the SF, has been approved. One of the activities under the measure is supporting socio-economic applied research. The applied research plan is prepared on the initiative, and under the leadership of the ministries responsible for the field. The programme is implemented by the Estonian Research Council.

Carried out as ongoing work. E.g. preparatory work is being done for the implementation of the concept of shared transport under the Public Transport Act.

2 The awarding of specialty scholarships at the third level of higher education, or what is also known as entrepreneurship doctoral studies, is supported under the activity "Higher education speciality scholarships in growth areas of smart specialisation". It is planned to award scholarships to at least 80 doctoral students in the field of business and 80 in the field of smart specialisation. The implementation will start in 2016. In the beginning of 2017, supporting of eight entrepreneurship doctoral candidate's studies with a doctorate grant has started under the "Higher education speciality scholarships" programme.

Ongoing activity. As of 2010, the basis for the preservation and development of R&D infrastructure has been Estonia's R&D infrastructure road map – a long-term (10-20-year) planning resource, which includes a list of the newest nationally significant research infrastructure units or those requiring updating. The next Estonian research infrastructure road map was approved on 3 September 2014 by regulation of the Government of the Republic. Measure "Supporting the research infrastructure of national importance based on the roadmap" has been approved. The conditions for the 2014-2020 measure called "Development of regional competence centres" have been confirmed with a regulation by the Minister of Public Administration on 20 January 2016. The aim of allocating this support is a continuous growth of economic activity, including employment and entrepreneurial activity, outside of the counties of Harjumaa and Tartumaa.

a.	To participate in the joint EU R&D initiatives and in the joint infrastructures. To contribute to the creation of European Research Area through corresponding national policies.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
b.	To increase the motivation of universities and businesses to diversity financing sources, by making use of the research and development needs of companies located outside of Estonia, but also the EU's various R&D&I financing programmes (e.g., Horizon 2020, ERA-net, JTI, KIC etc). To participate actively in international innovation partnerships		x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
c.	To increase the awareness of businesspeople and make better use of the existing and developing opportunities for entering institutional markets (e.g., through NATO, EDA, ESA, EUMETSAT, CERN, ESS, etc).		x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	To support the use of the opportunities provided to businesses by the SME enterprise programme (COSME).		x	x	x	x		Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

Ongoing activity. With regulation No. 61, dated 5 February 2015, the Government of the Republic approved "Estonia's participation in the partnership of the EU's RD&I framework", the goal of which is to define the principles of the state's participation in various EU's RD&I partnerships, to describe the decision-making process and division of roles between the various parties. Thereby, a domestic procedure is created for establishing the topic priorities in the European Research Area and H2020 programme, in order to promote the participation of Estonian researchers in the work of international research centres. The "State Activity Plan for Integration into the European Research Area" has been developed and approved as a part of the Research and

Conditions for granting support for the implementation of activity "The internationalisation of research and higher education; support of mobility and future generations Mobilias Plus" were established by Directive No. 481 on 30 December 2015 of the Minister of Education and Research. The activities are implemented by the Estonian Research Agency; implementation has begun. The conditions for the baseline funding of research institutions were amended to increase the share of entrepreneurial agreements and foreign funding in the funding equation. This will increase research institutions' motivations to raise foreign resources.

The related activities which are supported:

- Support to apply for an ERC grant – targeted at researchers working in Estonia whose application for an ERC grant for their research and development project has reached the second round and has been marked with an A or B, but no funding decision has been made. The support enables the applicant to continue with their project until a new application for ERC grant has been prepared and submitted.
- Horizont 2020 ERA Chairs – the support enables Estonian research and development institutions to cover the costs of Horizont 2020 ERA Chair research projects.
- Horizont 2020 ERA NET – the support enables Estonian research and development institutions to cover the costs of participating in Horizont 2020 ERA NET projects.
- Horizont 2020 EIT – covers the travel and staff costs of the knowledge and innovation communities (KIC) of Estonian R&D institutions.
- The Estonian Liaison Office for EU RTD in Brussels will introduce R&D activities in Estonia and offer an opportunity to participate in EU initiatives.

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e.	SF programme "The internationalisation of research and higher education; support of mobility and future generations".		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
f.	The development of a balanced R&D funding system, which combines institutional funding based on effectiveness and project funding based on competition, is required in order to increase the effectiveness of the R&D system and the capacity of universities and research institutions.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
9. Broader use of the potential of creative industries, ICT and other key technologies in order to increase the added value of other sectors									
I. Developing measures to support creative industries more effectively									
a.	Development of incubation for the creative industry.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	Development of support structures for the creative industry.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
c.	Development of the export capacity of companies acting in different sectors of the creative industry.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	Linking the creative industry to other sectors (small and large projects).	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
e.	Increasing awareness of the creative industry.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
f.	Developing the infrastructure and technical capacity of the creative industry.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
II. Facilitating an integrated approach in order to increase the impact of interaction between creative industries, ICT and other key technologies									

The activity "Mobilitas Pluss" for supporting the internationalisation of research and higher education and support of mobility and future generations is being implemented (implementer Estonian Research Agency). In 2016, the returning of 20 researchers was supported. In 2017, decisions were made to support post-doctorates. Three applicants of ERC grants were supported who had not found funding when applying for the grant. The expenses of two EIT project partners are being covered, as well as the implementation of four ERA Chair projects. Seven people were engaged in traineeships in the Brussels office. 22 researchers participated in international trainings. The Research in Estonia strategy document was approved.

The Ministry of Education and Research has applied for additional funding under the State Budget Strategy 2018-2021 in order to achieve this goal. In 2016, the increase in primary funding for research from 2017 was agreed in the SBA. The ratio of base financing for research institutions and research grants in 2017 was 30%/70%. Further developments depend on budget negotiations. A task force, which is to be established at the Research and Development Council, will be responsible for preparing a long-term plan for research funding.

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a.	To create possibilities for developing space technologies (Earth-based applications), improving public sector services through the introduction of Earth-based applications of space technology.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	SF programme "Supporting applied research in growth areas of smart specialisation".		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Social Affairs
c.	SF programme "Improving the R&D capacity of state agencies".		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
d.	Developing a strategy for reuse of Open Data and promote the re-use and access of public sector data, incl. creating an appropriate infrastructure.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
e.	Further development of the IT Academy programme.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
f.	Compilation of a development programme for the ICT sector, with one of the focuses being on a digital transition in industry.				x	x			
III. Increasing human capital capacity in order to achieve cross-sectoral objectives									
a.	To improve the quality of management training for entrepreneurs via central provision of international training competence.	x	x	x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	Implementation of the development programme for entrepreneurs.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
c.	To continue supporting the support structures and export potential of creative economy and improving the awareness by support schemes for enterprises of creative economy.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
10. To develop human capital in the area of research and to ensure the increment of engineers and key specialists									
a.	Increasing the income of doctoral students and improving the efficiency of doctoral studies.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research

Accession agreement with the ESA signed. The remote monitoring analysis of the distribution centre has been completed; the next stage is applying for financing from the investments plan or from Ministry of Education measures. Process underway.

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The "Green book on the mechanically readable publication of Estonia's public information" and an activity plan for its implementation have been prepared and approved by the Government in autumn 2014. The next stage is the development of the portal opendata.riik.ee and the opening of specific data collections (also funded by structural funds).

2 Activity continues according to the programme.

New added activity based on the Action Plan of the Government. Proposals have been developed for the activity areas. Programme deadline is January 2018.

The entrepreneurship awareness programme was implemented. The exact activities, incl. the management training, are determined annually in the Enterprise Estonia work plan.

The entrepreneurial development programme was fully implemented in January 2016. Implementation continues.

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As of 1 September 2015, the amendments to the laws that were passed by the Riigikogu in November 2014 will expand to social guarantees related to parent benefits and pension insurance of PhD candidates receiving doctoral grants. The state pays the social tax on doctoral grants through the Ministry of Education and Research. The currently valid laws only ensured the PhD candidates health insurance. The doctoral support, 422 Euros at present, will increase up to 600 Euros from January 2018.

Doctoral studies are supported by the Kristjan Jaak Scholarship Programme, the Dora Plus programme, which is funded from the ERDF, and the Institutional development programme for R&D institutions and schools of higher education under which doctoral schools are funded.

b.	To develop a research instruction system and implement measures for improving the quality and effectiveness of instruction, with the aim to increase the number of good and effective supervisors.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
c.	To continue supporting schools with doctoral programmes and develop further research centres of excellence.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
d.	To develop a researchers' career model with integrated solutions for social guarantees to the extent that it starts with entry into the research world and ends with exiting from it, from a post-doctorate that supports career mobility to working in an R&D company without jeopardising the continuation of one's career.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research
11. Bringing transportation, ICT and other public infrastructure and institutions that support business to an international level									
I. Improving air traffic connections									
a.	To support the security and rescue services at Tallinn Airport and regional airports.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	To develop air traffic connections with all major European business centres.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
c.	To lengthen the Tallinn Airport runway and ensure ILS II-category.		x	x	x	x			Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
II. Better interoperability of the road and railway networks and the public transport system									

The "Institutional development programme for R&D institutions and schools of higher education", under which doctoral schools are funded, financed by ERDF and supporting doctoral schools, is contributing to increasing the quality and efficiency of doctoral studies. A total of 13 doctoral schools are supported within the framework of the ASTRA measure. The main precondition for the doctoral schools is the obligation to carry out activities through the doctoral schools as cooperation between several institutions.

Starting from 2016, doctoral schools are supported under SF programme "Institutional development programme for R&D institutions and schools of higher education".

In order to improve the central management of doctoral schools, the Council of Doctoral Schools was established at the Council of Rectors in spring 2014. A total of 18 applications were received for support under the research excellence

The following activities to support the development of the career model have been launched:

- social safeguards for doctoral students were extended starting from 1 September 2015;
- under the Mobilitas Plus programme, opportunities for follow-up doctoral studies are extended and researchers returning to Estonia after completing their follow-up doctoral studies or doing equivalent research in a foreign country are supported;
- the award of specialty scholarships at the third level of higher education, or the so-called entrepreneurship doctoral studies, is supported under the SF programme "Higher education speciality scholarships in growth areas of smart specialisation";
- a career study of researchers is carried out within the framework of the RITA activity, the studies are conducted in two parts by a consortium formed by the University of Tartu and the Academy of Sciences. Deadline for the completion of the study is set for 31 December 2017;
- in the course of the renewal of the higher education code, attention is paid to the relations between the higher education code and the Research and Development Organisation Act, which is used for input to creating a career model for academic personnel.

Implementation continues.

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An agreement for the use of CF resources has been signed. Construction work is underway.

a.	To develop the Ülemiste passenger terminal and develop more connections with the airport.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	To improve the speed and safety on main roads; to continue the reconstruction of the Tallinn-Tartu road into a four-lane road and the reconstruction of the Tallinn-Narva and Tallinn-Pärnu roads.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
c.	To carry out an inventory of local roads in order to determine their conditions and traffic loads and to establish a national database of the network of national and local roads and streets under the National Register of Roads.	x	x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	To analyse the need for and possibilities to introduce road taxes to fund road management activities.	x	x	x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
e.	To tighten the Tallinn-Tartu train schedule and reduce the duration of the journey by introducing new trains.	x	x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance
f.	Specifying the location of the Rail Baltic railway route corridor on the territory of the Republic of Estonia; initiation of planning.	x	x	x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance
g.	Development of a single electronic ticket system for all the types of public transport.	x	x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
h.	To introduce flexible public transport solutions, such as on request buses, social transport or taxis, in sparsely populated areas.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
i.	To improve access to public transport information; to introduce information systems that meet the needs of hearing-impaired and visually impaired people.	x	x	x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
j.	To prepare guidelines and best practices on spatial planning and organisation of mobility for the use by state and local authorities and the private sector.	x	x	x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance

Will be complete once the Rail Baltic terminal is built. A conceptual solution is ready. The connection to the airport is in the construction stage - construction of the airport tramway 2016-2017.

To be implemented according to the Road Maintenance Plan.

Implementation continues.

A decision has been made to implement a time-based road fee, and draft legislation for such has been prepared under the coordination of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications. The implementation of road fees will presumably be implemented in 2018.

The Tallinn-Tartu train schedule has been tightened; however, in order to increase the speed of trains, the railway section between Tapa and Tartu needs to be reconstructed in the period of 2015-2017. After the completion of the reconstruction, adding more trains to the line will be considered. Construction work is underway.

County plans are waiting for KSH approval from the Ministry of Environment (presumably in May 2017). After that, the plans are to be submitted to the Ministry of Finance for monitoring. The expected time of implementation is August-September 2017.

Since the second half of 2015, an integrated ticket sales system is in use in Tallinn and Tartu, meaning that the public transportation cards are cross-usable. Since the summer of 2017, Pärnu is also integrated into the ticket sales system. The integrated ticket sales system will not be used in Elron trains for now, this is under consideration as the next step. Preparations have been made for enabling payments for public transportation with a swipe card. The system is scheduled to be launched in Tallinn in the second half of 2017.

Bus-on-demand is operating in three counties.

Being implemented gradually. The first projects have been implemented on the railway, in Tallinn, Tartu and larger bus stations. Up to 20 railway stations will be fitted with new displays. New displays shall be installed in the Balti Jaam railway station in April 2017.

According to the Planning Act, the minister responsible for the sector may establish requirements for the implementation of planning principles, specification of planning objectives, the formulation of a plan, the structure of a plan, and the documents related to the publication and their preservation (§ 3 (6)). Guideline materials for evaluating the general planning and its impacts are being prepared as well as a draft for the regulation.

k.	In order to increase the competitiveness of Estonian highway transport and freight carriage, investments in main highways and bridges that would allow the weight restrictions for trucks to be lifted, incl. during a three-year test period starting with 2015, the impact of the easing of		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
l.	A development plan for the regional railway network will be developed.			x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
m.	Establishment of an expert group on spatial use for bringing together national expertise on spatial use.				x	x			Government Office
III. Developing the port infrastructure									
a.	To invest into more de-icing and oil spill control capabilities.	x	x	x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	To reconstruct the ports necessary for ensuring connection between Saaremaa and Hiiumaa island and buy a new ferry to operate the line between the islands.		x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
c.	The development of the Muuga commercial port as a container transport hub, which would service west-east and north-south trade flows.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
IV. Increasing the potential of information and communication technology networks									
a.	Introducing a new generation broadband connections everywhere by establishing a basic network in rural areas in Estonia and supporting access to the network (supported under the 2007–2013 measure "Improving access to the Internet in regions that use the new generation electronic communication network").	x	x	x	x	x			Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Rural Affairs
b.	Launching a programme designed to improve the entrepreneurs' e-services skills.	x	x	x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
c.	Preparing and implementing an action plan for the programme "10 million e-Estonians".		x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

Implementation of the national road maintenance plan 2014–2020. In accordance with the activity plan of the Government, amendments to the national road maintenance plan 2014-2020, deadline December 2017.

New activity based on the action plan of the Government. Deadline June 2017

New activity based on the action plan of the Government.

A second icebreaker was acquired. An application for funding has been submitted within the WINMOS II project for the project of prolonging the lifespan of icebreakers EVA316 and Tarmo. The projects are ongoing.

The projects have been added to the investments plan. The ship will be ready in Q2 2017 and will sail out. Sõru and Triigi ports reconstructed.

On the procurement of Rail Baltic Estonia OÜ, the international consulting firms Civitta Eesti AS and DB Engineering and Consulting started the analysis of the technical and spatial needs of the Rail Baltic Muuga multimodal cargo terminal in January 2017. The analysis is scheduled to be ready in September 2017. The aim of the feasibility analysis of the Muuga cargo terminal is to define the two most profitable and realistic solutions for the location, technical capacity and functionality of the Muuga multimodal cargo terminal based on the long-term freight volumes demand analysis of Rail Baltic up to the year 2055. After the survey has been concluded, the next steps will be planning and designing.

The establishment of the basic network for Internet connections was supported, which provides an opportunity for communications companies to subsequently establish access networks to end consumers. As of May 2015, 2,715 km of basic network had been built with financing from the SF in 2007-2013. The project is continuing in 2014-2020 with SF support, according to the investment plan. Proposals are also being prepared for ensuring the so-called last mile connections.

The conditions for granting support are being prepared.

The activity plan was approved in July 2015 and it is being implemented. An interim report of the implementation as well as the activity plan for the next steps are scheduled for autumn 2017.

d.	Developing, among other infrastructure investments (e.g., introducing sensor-based collection and forwarding of road information), the infrastructure for collecting real-time transport information.	x	x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
e.	Supporting the development of trip planning and other transport information services, including mobile services, between modes of transport and/or services that are integrated with additional services.	x	x	x	x				Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
f.	Developing the legislation facilitating safe introduction of autonomous vehicles and the relevant standards of interoperability, safety and monitoring.	x	x	x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
g.	Developing the Single Window applications further.	x	x	x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

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ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ECONOMY AND ENERGY SECTOR

12. Implementing long-term structural changes in the energy sector in accordance with Estonia's energy security and energy efficiency objectives

a.	Continuing to increase the diversity of the portfolio of energy sources in order to maintain energy independence, including increasing the share of renewable energy sources and reducing the share of carbon-intensive energy sources. Amending the Development Plan of the Estonian Energy Sector in line with the developments of recent years.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
b.	Preparing and implementing energy infrastructure projects to improve the internal energy market (LNG Terminal, BalticConnector, third interconnection with Latvia).	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
c.	Establishing common EU energy market rules, including measures implemented at the border of EU for avoiding carbon leakage.	x	x	x	x	x	x		Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	Developing the electricity support scheme for electricity produced from renewable resources and via co-generation of heat and electricity.	x	x	x					Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
e.	Creating opportunities for Estonian renewable energy producers and developers for the implementation of the flexible cooperation mechanism specified in the renewable energy directive.			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
f.	Establishing a balanced electricity system and paying renewable energy supports to micro-producers.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

Ongoing activity.

Preparatory activities continue. BalticConnector received a financing decision for 75% from the European Commission in 2016. The LV-EE III power connection received a financing decision for 65% from the European Commission. Both connections are scheduled to be built by 2020. The European Commission has rejected the application for the LNG terminal in Paldiski in the 2016 applications round.

Discussions continue in the senior officials' energy workgroup of the Baltic Council of Ministers. (Draft legislation is being prepared in the Parliament of Lithuania to regulate trade with third countries)

Ongoing activity. Proceedings regarding amendments to the Electricity Market Act are in their final stage in the Riigikogu.

The government has submitted the amendments to the Electricity Market Act to the Riigikogu, proceedings are underway in the Riigikogu. Preparations for the launch of renewable energy statistical transfers continue.

Supports are paid to microproducers in accordance with the Electricity Market Act. The draft amendments to the Electricity Market Act presented to Riigikogu include a proposal to prolong the period of support payments to microproducers (production equipment of <15 kW) until 2020. A new support scheme will be applied from 01 January 2018 to other producers who have not made irreversible expenditures, according to which supports are paid on the basis of results of minimum-bid tenders.

g.	Development of a smart grid	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
h.	Preparation for the synchronisation of the power grid with the frequency bands used in the EU.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
i.	Adoption and implementation of the Energy Development Plan 2030.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
13. Reducing the general resource and energy intensity of the economy									
a.	Improving the energy efficiency of public sector buildings. To build new public sector buildings to be as energy efficient as possible.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance
b.	Supporting the investments into energy efficiency of apartment buildings.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Environment
c.	Developing environmentally friendly public transport by using the investment programme for gas and electric means of transport	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
d.	Planning that reduces forced movement, development of public transport and light traffic, enforcement of activities of the SF measure "Sustainable development of urban areas" and the SF measure "Sustainable development of the cities of Ida-Viru County".	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
e.	Developing and implementing a system for auditing distance heating areas and an investment support scheme to increase the efficiency of district heating networks or to introduce alternative local heating solutions.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
f.	Creating the conditions for the establishment of energy cooperatives and energy service companies.	x	x	x	x	x			Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
g.	Promoting the use of renewable energy in small residential buildings and support the renovation of heating systems.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
h.	Reconstruction of street lighting systems.	x	x	x	x	x	x		Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
i.	Developing collaborative renewable energy projects with other countries (within the framework of the renewable energy directive).			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
j.	Support/programme for the development of energy technologies.			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

Starting from 1 January 2017, all energy consumers in Estonia are equipped with remotely readable devices that enable all energy consumers to benefit from dynamic energy price packages. There is a data exchange programme (AVP) working for several years already exchanging communications of market participants regarding consumption data.

Ongoing activity. A common intentions protocol is being prepared among the interested countries. A separation test is planned for 2019. Establishing the capacity for permanent island operation in emergency situations is scheduled for 2025. Synchronisation is planned for 2030.

The Energy Development Plan is expected to be adopted in the spring of 2017.

Ongoing activity. A regulation has been adopted for adapting public sector buildings to the minimum requirements of energy efficiency.

Implementation continues. The volume of the 2014-2020 SF measure is €102 million Euros. As of the end of 2016, 42 projects have been implemented (a total of 1,238 apartments at 86,883.10 m2).

Implementation continues.

In 2015, local authorities adopted action plans for urban areas, which are basis for the grant applications. Based to these action plans the application procedures were started in 2016. So far mobility projects have been funded with 8.4 million euros. In 2017 the application procedures and project implementation will continue.

The second applications round is open for the measure "Renovation of distance heating boilers and fuel replacement" and there is considerable public interest in it, and the "Construction of local heating solutions to replace distance heating" measure will be opened in mid-2017.

Conditions have been created in the Energy Administration Act.

522 support allocation decisions have been made as of the end of 2016 with a total amount of 1,542,431 Euros. Payments have been made in the amount of 1,473,595 Euros. The most popular heating device is an air/water heating pump (207 applications), followed by a ground heating pump (126 applications) and a pellet boiler (81 applications).

The first round of the SF measure "Renovation of street lighting infrastructure" is currently open, results will be available in May 2017.

Ongoing activity. Looking for opportunities.

Related to the Energy Development Plan.

k.	Development of a new concept of environmental charges, taking into account the results of the analyses of the external cost of the use of the environment and of optimal remuneration of the oil shale sector.			x	x	x	x		Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
l.	Developing and implementing the companies' energy and resource efficiency measure (including BAT, resource audits, resource management systems).	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
m.	Preventing and reducing waste generation and increasing recycling and reuse of waste.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment
n.	Implementation of measures to increase the use of vehicles that use alternative fuels (including biogas) (support measure to develop the biomethane production and filling stations infrastructure).	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
o.	Mapping of the socioeconomic value of ecosystem services and develop and implement a relevant assessment model.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment

Analysis of external influences of environmental use and the related expenses for society is currently being conducted, the results are scheduled for autumn 2018. The analysis for the optimal remuneration for the use of oil shale has been carried out, the analysis was completed in late 2016. Proposals based on the survey have been presented to a cabinet meeting of the Government. Analysis and proposals for the renewal of environmental fees and economic measures impacting environmental use will be prepared by early 2019.

Ongoing activity. Financed from the 2014-2020 SF funds. First series of awareness events took place in 2016 within the framework of the measure "Increasing awareness about energy and resource management", focusing on general subjects as well as specific ones (e.g. waste, energy) and they will continue in 2017; visual materials and messages have been created. A resource audit guide and a training plan have been assembled within the "Training on energy and resource management" activity and training of resource auditors is underway. Application rounds for the measures "Energy and resource audits" and "Investments into best possible resource efficient technology" are open (300,000 and 25 million Euros respectively). The evaluation of applications is underway and the first audits have been completed. Supplementary resources were also obtained from the KIK Environment programme for increasing awareness of eco-innovation as one of the environmental priorities of Estonia's Presidency (it is closely related to resource efficiency). Within this framework, a portal will be set up, a media partner found and video clips and virtual courses will be made.

Financed from the 2014-2020 SF funds. First application round for activities "Support for the preparation of waste recycling" and "Support for waste recycling" of the resource efficiency measure ended in January 2017, evaluation of applications is underway (8 applications with a total amount of 9.5 million Euros). A new round is planned for late 2017 and probably new types of waste for which support can be applied will be added.

Implementation continues. Conditions for granting support under the measure "Supporting the production of biogas and its use by the transport sector" have been confirmed.

Currently, the conditions for providing support under the measure ("The necessary tools for assessing and projecting biodiversity socio-economically and the state of the environment related to climate change and ensuring the availability of data") are being implemented. An activity plan for mapping and evaluating ecosystem services is being assembled, which will become the basis for mapping ecosystem services in the future. An analysis of the indicativity of biodiversity monitoring and its methods is being conducted, the results will be used for determining the need to apply new monitoring methods. An IT-technical vision document is being assembled to create tools needed to evaluate and forecast the status of ecosystems and services related to them.

p.	Preservation and restoration of ecosystems.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment
r.	Developing the accounting and mining permits system for natural mineral resources in order to increase sufficient availability, economical use and security of supply of raw materials.	x	x	x					Ministry of the Environment
s.	Developing and implementing a framework for emissions trading by sectors that do not belong to the emissions trading system (buildings, transport, agriculture, waste, etc.).	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment
t.	Kauplemisüsteemi väliste sektoritele heitmete vähenemise meetmete väljatöötamine ja rakendamine.				x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Rural Affairs
u.	Continuing the demolition of buildings that are no longer used and spoil the landscape.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment
v.	Implementing rotation ages in forest regeneration cutting, which take into account tree maturity to ensure the continuous flow of timber from forests and to increase volume increments.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment

The measure "Preservation and restoration of protected species and living environments" is being implemented, all activities of the measure have been started and they are being implemented. Two open application rounds have been announced, six directives of the Minister of Environment about the conditions for allocating supports to the activities of implementing institutions have been confirmed.

In 2013–2014, a mineral deposits information system was developed with the support of KIK ("Development of a supply reliability model for the Environmental Register's inventory of mineral deposits"). A space-buffer search functionality of places that are of interest for mining and an improved search functionality for places interesting for mining were added to the mineral deposits application of the Land Register. The IT development was completed in May 2014, enabling analysis of coverage of construction-related minerals in the service area (50 km) of a planned mining site. The supply reliability of minerals is evaluated in the Environmental Board for each application when allocating a mining permit, with regard to analysing state interests. The general public can also use the web to study supply reliability data for evaluating the feasibility of a development project. A functionality to study data of underground mining areas was added in 2016. The plans for 2017-2018 include development of the functionality to keep data about geologic survey points and lab tests in the mineral deposits information system and adaptation of software to the changes in legislation.

The study for assessing the cost effectiveness for greenhouse gas reduction measures for the non-ETS sector is currently being prepared. The public procurement for the study will be announced in the second quarter of 2017.

A survey is being prepared that will focus on measures for decreasing the emissions of sectors outside the EU greenhouse gases trading system (EU ETS), i.e. the transport, building, agricultural, waste management and small-scale energy production sectors. A procurement for the survey will be carried out in Q2 2017.

Within the framework of the environment programme, support will continuously (incl. in the 2017 round) be provided for the demolition of dilapidated and unused agricultural, industrial and military structures that, according to the local government, blemish the landscape, along with the processing of the resulting waste including the promotion of reuse and recycling and the cleaning up of the site.

Additional public discussion is needed. An amendment of the Forest Act will lower the rotation age only for fir forests on Ia and I quality ratings, because of sanitary status. The average harvesting volume of full-grown forests and forests in need of thinning was 9.7 million m³ in 2011-2015, increment was 15.8 million m³ across all forests in 2015.

w.	The development and implementation of the fundamental principles of the Earth's crust policy in order to use earth and the mineral resources in a manner that creates high value for the society of Estonia, taking into account socio-economic, security, geological and environmental aspects. Establishing a state geology service.			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
x.	The promotion of the utilisation of timber to a greater extent.			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance
y.	Following better the principles of resource efficiency when carrying out public procurements.			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Finance
z.	Development and implementation of the fundamental principles of the climate policy for 2050.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment
aa.	Developing the use of oil shale in a way that ensures the highest possible efficiency factor (incl. resource fees, R&D activities).			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of the Environment

Draft for the "Earth's crust policy up to 2050" has been prepared. It was approved by the Government during its 16 March 2017 session and has been submitted to the Riigikogu for approval. A workgroup has been established for establishing the State Geology Service, who has prepared a proposal for forming the service.

In 2017 the "Analysis of the opportunities of construction of wooden buildings for the public sector" and the "Survey of the tax system impacting the forestry and timber sector and the need for information" will be completed. The Ministry of the Environment plans to build a wooden close-to-zero energy public sector building as a pilot project. A concept of the wooden so-called Environment House has been prepared for that.

Work is being done to achieve approval of the mandatory criteria of the four priority development areas (furniture, cleaning products and services, drawing and office paper, and office IT equipment) as a regulation of the Government. Round tables were conducted for the four priority categories in 2016 (with the producers of the respective category and their umbrella organisations) - the criteria have been analysed with a view on which ones can be adopted in Estonia and which ones cannot. Procurement lawyers of the central government have been trained continuously.

The Riigikogu approved the Estonian climate policy on 5 April 2017.

Descriptions of the best available technology for the use of oil shale and the conclusions on the best possible technology (separate or co-incineration of waste gases produced from the pyrolysis of oil shale; production of chemicals from the waste produced from the pyrolysis of oil shale; increasing the use of solid waste from the processing of oil shale) have been prepared. Implementing the best possible technology package makes it possible to decrease emissions of waste products into the air, to compensate the energy consumption of a deeper cleaning of smoke gases through increasing energy efficiency and to improve resource usage by increasing the amount of oil shale ashes used. As result, the valorization level of oil shale will increase and the competitiveness of oil shale products will improve. This will also bring about an improvement in the environmental status of the oil shale region.

SUSTAINABLE AND ADAPTIVE PUBLIC SECTOR

14. Reaching a government sector budget surplus by 2014 and maintaining that position in the long-term

a.	Additional measures by the Tax and Customs Board to improve tax receipts (construction, catering, hospitality, fuels, public procurement).	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance
b.	To hold Government's budget at least in cumulative balance or movent towards.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Rahandusministeerium

Measures to improve tax receipts are implemented.

There was a structural surplus in the budget in 2016. The structural surplus is projected to remain a lesser extent in 2017. The goal for the next two years is a structural deficit 0.5% and a structural deficit 0,3% in 2020 which will compensate previous surplus.

15. To improve the sustainability of social expenditure in the public sector in the context of decreasing working-age population and ageing population, ensuring effective health care and well-oriented and effective social policy (including the necessary support services)								
a.	To prepare an action plan for developing the principles of an occupational accident and occupational disease insurance system; the analysis and proposals related sustainability of the employee's work capacity.	x	x	x				Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Finance
b.	Analysis and proposals for the favourable condition of pensions.	x	x	x	x			Ministry of Social Affairs
c.	Analysis and proposals for the sustainable financing of healthcare (possibilities for additional healthcare funding).	x	x	x	x			Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Finance
d.	De-institutionalisation of special care services and the introduction of special care services that are based on the needs of service users as well as the reorganisation of the special care infrastructure with the aim of supporting the development of a more person-focused and community-engaging service system.			x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
e.	Comprehensive development of accessibility (including the mapping of the state of play and improvement of cooperation with local governments) and increase of awareness about universal design (including by organising a universal design competition).			x	x	x	x	Ministry of Social Affairs
16. To continue the budgetary policy supporting competitiveness (high level of productive expenses, increased flexibility, controlling public sector wage costs, planning the local government revenue base in state budget strategy)								
a.	To increase gradually the state funding of private sector R&D expenses to 1% of GDP in order to create growth conditions for private sector R&D investments.	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Education and Research

In accordance with section 11.5 of the Action Programme of the Government of the Republic, the activity is focused on developing a system of occupational accident and occupational disease insurance. A memorandum of a Government memorandum is under preparation.

Wording specified as requested by the Ministry of Social Affairs. In accordance with the Action Programme of the Government of the Republic, further work will be done not on the development plan but rather a memorandum that will be discussed in the Government cabinet in April 2017 along with the analysis and proposals regarding support for the sustainability of a worker's work capacity (APGR 11.15).

The Government discussed the analysis and proposals for ensuring sustainable financing of the healthcare system on 16 March 2017. Principal decisions will be taken within the State Budget Act process. This will determine further legislative amendments and their deadlines.

Wording specified is as requested by the Ministry of Social Affairs. Development directions of special care have been included in the "Welfare development plan 2016-2023" since June 2016. The Government approved an investment plan for reorganising special care institutions in February 2017, which will be the basis for reorganising 1,111 round-the-clock service spots into new, high-quality service units with a family-like lifestyle (including the changing of 292 spots into service spots of living in a community) and an additional 201 community service spots will be created. The second application round for reorganising special care institutions will be opened in the second half of 2017. The application round will continue the reorganisation of present large institutions, new community service spots will be created and the locations of the service spots will be dispersed more evenly across counties.

Implementation of the design project of special care services will continue in 2017, as a result of which a person-focused service model will be developed for providing supportive measures to adults with special psychic needs.

The accessibility council formed in 2015 continues its work.

The Ministry of Education and Research has applied for additional funding under the State Budget Strategy 2018-2021. The outcome depends on the budgetary negotiations. A task force established at the Research and Development Council will be responsible for preparing a long-term plan for research funding.

b.	The continuation of the reform designed to centralise financial accounting, personnel management and wage calculation.	x	x	x	x	x			Ministry of Finance
c.	Amendments to the State Budget Act about the use of structural surplus.				x				Ministry of Finance
17. Continuing gradual reduction of taxes on labour and profits and increase of taxes on consumption and environmental burden									
a.	To increase further the excise duty on alcohol.		x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance
b.	To increase further the excise duty on tobacco.			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance
c.	Application and implementation of time-based road use fee.			x	x	x			Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Finance
d.	The entering into force of packaging excise duties.			x	x	x			Ministry of Finance
e.	Taxation of e-cigarettes.			x	x				Ministry of Finance
18. Adaptation of the Government sector to changes in internal and external changes									
a.	To prepare the draft legislation related to administrative reform and the required draft amendments to sectoral legislations.		x	x	x				Ministry of Finance
b.	Implementation of mergers initiated by the Government.				x				Ministry of Finance
c.	Proposals for amendments to the revenue base of local authorities and increasing financial autonomy.				x				Ministry of Finance
d.	Proposals for transferring tasks to local authorities along with financing.				x				Ministry of Finance
e.	Development and implementation of activity plans for state reform.				x	x	x		Ministry of Finance
f.	Revision of the tasks of state institutions and organisations established by the state, and increasing the efficiency of the management of institutions.			x	x	x	x		Ministry of Finance
g.	Activity plan and timeline for taking jobs out of the capital and implementing the activity plan.			x	x	x	x		Ministry of Finance
h.	Activity plan and timeline for establishing state houses and implementing the activity plan.			x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance

The goal is to join all the ministries and areas of governance with the support services centre. The final report on the project concerning the centralisation of state support services (the TUTSE project) is expected to be submitted to the Government in March 2017.
The draft legislation is being developed.

Gradual increase of excise tax until the year 2020.
Gradual increase of excise tax until the year 2020.
A decision has been taken to implement a time-based road fee, a draft legislation for such has been prepared under the coordination of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications. The implementation of road fees will presumably be carried out in 2018.
Activity from the Government activity plan, deadline May 2017.
Being proceeded in the Riigikogu.

The Administrative Reform Act has been approved. Amendments to the sectoral legislation will be presented to the Riigikogu in the first half of 2017.

Ongoing activity, deadline July 2017.
Proposals are being developed, deadline first half of 2017.

Proposals are being developed, deadline first half of 2017.

The activity plan for the state reform has been prepared and submitted to Cabinet for discussion and approval. The activity plan includes activities until Q1 2019.
Implementation of several activities is underway.

The Ministry of Finance will, in cooperation with the sectoral Ministries, carry out analyses on various topics that hold a promise of potentially decreasing redundancy, economizing or providing better services, incl. e.g. in the agricultural and transport sectors, through joint support services in the joint ministry building, in the sector of ICT services, in the resource usage of courts, in the work organisation of state labs, in providing career services, and in reorganising museum, school and hospital networks.

A document elaborating on the analysis and principles for the tasks and locations of institutions in the government sector was submitted to the Government on 23 March 2017. According to a Government decision, Ministries have to present specified proposals across structural units and employment positions to the Ministry of Finance by 31 May. After that the Ministry of Finance will assemble an integral picture, hold negotiations with Ministries if needed and implement. Final deadline for implementing the plan is March 2019.

The activity plan was discussed in the Government on 28 February 2017. The Ministry of Finance is submitting the package of public services offered in a state house and the operating model of a state house to the Government in June 2017, and a detailed timeline and activity plan for establishing state houses in December 2017.

i.	Activity plan and timeline for ending the activities of county governments and implementation of the activity plan.			x	x	x			Ministry of Finance
j.	Concept for the plans to increase efficiency and developing a plan for increasing the efficiency of the areas of business and innovation in cooperation between Ministers.			x	x	x	x		Ministry of Finance
k.	Enforcement of the action plan for making machine readable e-bills compulsory when dealing with the government.			x	x				Ministry of Finance
l.	Changes in legislation based on the white paper on the ownership policy of state enterprises.			x	x				Ministry of Finance
m.	Regular personnel- and salary analyses as input to the government budget strategy and yearly budgeting.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Ministry of Finance
n.	Implementation of the plan to reduce the volume of lawmaking.		x	x	x	x			Ministry of Justice
o.	Concept of the Government of the Republic Act and concept of the Organisation of the Public Administration Act.		x	x	x	x	x		Ministry of Justice
p.	Implementation of the zero bureaucracy programme.			x	x	x			Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
r.	Implementation of the Open Government Partnership action plan 2016-2018.			x	x	x	x	x	Government Office
s.	Public sector and social innovation task force proposals and their implementation.			x	x	x	x	x	Government Office

On 12 January, the Government decided to end the activities of county governments from 1 January 2018. The according amendments to the Act will be presented to the Government in the first half of 2017.

The Government discussed the concept on 16 February 2017 and initiated the plan for increasing the efficiency in the area of business and innovation in accordance with the initial task. The deadline for proposals for the plan is April 2018.

Implementation of the activity plan for making machine readable e-invoices mandatory for transactions with the state continues. The Riigikogu approved the Accounting Act Amendment in late 2016, stipulating the obligation that starting from 1 January 2017, an invoice presented to the public sector for the sales of goods or services has to be an e-invoice.

The State Assets Act has to be amended in order to implement the participation policy white paper. The draft legislation for amendments to the law will be going to the approval round shortly. Deadline May 2017.

Ongoing activity.

Ongoing activity. An overview of the implementation of the plan is presented by the Minister of Justice once a year, in September. The next deadline is September 2017.

Discussed during the Cabinet meeting on 2 March 2017, where it was decided to discuss the issue again during the Cabinet meeting on 16 March 2017 (was not included in the 16 March 2017 meeting, new time for discussion not set).

A task force was created in spring 2016 to coordinate the implementation of activities aimed at cutting red tape. The Minister of Economic Affairs and Infrastructure will present the 2016 results of the task force to the Government in the first quarter of 2017, and a final report will be presented by the end of 2018.

Two-year activity plans are developed by countries participating in the international initiative. Deadline for the 2016-2018 activity plan report is June 2018.

The public sector and social innovation task force will present their proposals (incl. for a better, more citizen-centered and smarter organisation of public administration) in July 2017, after which the implementation of the proposals will start.