

**CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME  
FOR THE YEARS 2015 - 2018  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ESTONIA**

**IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CO-OPERATION TREATY  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ESTONIA**

**Brussels, 14 May 2014**

The eight meeting of the Joint Commission to discuss the Co-operation Programme for the years 2015-2018 to implement the Co-operation Agreement between the Government of Flanders and the Government of the Republic of Estonia was held in Brussels on 14 May, 2014.

The chairperson of the Flemish delegation welcomed the Estonian delegation and presented the members of his delegation:

**Flemish delegation:**

**Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs**

- Koen Verlaeckt Secretary-General
- Koen Haverbeke Representative of the Flemish Government in Riga (residing in Warsaw)
- Yves Wantens Representative of the Flemish Government currently in Madrid and from autumn onward in Tallinn (Residing in Warsaw)
- Peter Van Heesvelde Policy Advisor, Secretary

**Department of Culture, Youth, Sport and Media**

- Nele Haegemans Policy Advisor, international co-operation
- Lieve Caluwaerts Policy Advisor, International youth policy

**Department of Mobility and Public Works**

- Olivier Vandersnickt Policy Advisor, General Policy Division

**Department of Public Governance**

- Jan De Mulder Policy Advisor, International Developments Policy Department

The head of the Estonian delegation thanked for the kind reception and presented the members of his delegation:

**Estonian delegation:**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

- Tõnis Nirk  
Department of Europe and  
Transatlantic co-operation  
Director General  
Head of Delegation

- Ann Hänni Head of Division

- Ivo Parmas Desk Officer, Secretary

### **Ministry of Culture**

- Kadri Jauram Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU, Cultural Attaché

- Reet Palis International Relations Department, Senior Specialist

### **Ministry of the Environment**

- Natalja Jegorova EU and International Co-operation Department, Senior Officer

### **Ministry of Education and Research**

- Tiina Jaksman EU and International Co-operation Department, Chief Expert

### **Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications**

- Maila Midri EU and International Co-operation Division, Chief Specialist

### **Ministry of Agriculture**

- Malle Klaassen International Co-operation Division, Chief Specialist

### **Ministry of Social Affairs**

- Edith Kallaste European and International Co-ordination Department Head of Department

### **Enterprise Estonia**

- Indrek Pällo Export Division Head of Export Advisors

### **Association of Estonian Cities**

- Toivo Riimaa Deputy Director

### **Association of Municipalities of Estonia**

- Ott Kasuri

Office of the AME  
Managing Director

Both delegations, hereafter called the Parties,

Reaffirming their ties of friendship and good cooperation,

Recognizing the successful implementation of the previous cooperation agreement in a number of areas,

Desiring to expand cooperation in new areas, as defined in the agreement within their specific field of competence,

Promoting the goals and exchange of information in the framework of the future development strategies of Flanders 2020 and Estonia 2020,

Welcoming Estonia's Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2018,

agreed upon the following:

## **1. ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Both Parties shall examine ways of further optimizing their co-operation in the framework of the European open method of coordination (OMC) or the OECD between entities responsible for outlining and executing entrepreneurship policies.

The conditions for co-operation in the field of entrepreneurship policies can be elaborated in a separate protocol, in case both Parties can reach an agreement.

In the field of bilateral co-operation both Parties will stimulate mutually beneficial exchanges and co-operation in entrepreneurship policy. They will search for suitable occasions for contacts among scientific institutions, companies, universities and administrations that are in charge of entrepreneurship policies.

As far as multilateral co-operation is concerned both Parties strive for joint researchers in initiatives in the field of "entrepreneurship" financed either through regional, national and/or European funding sources (ERDF, COSME, H2020).

## **2. FOREIGN TRADE**

Both Parties are committed to enhance and promote the trade relations between Flanders and Estonia. For that purpose, they will exchange information regarding business and investment opportunities. Ad hoc, and at the request of the other Party, both Parties will also exchange information regarding its market and sectors, useful contacts, experiences and knowledge concerning the promotion of international entrepreneurship.

For Flanders, the above will be realized by Flanders Investment & Trade, the official Flemish

institution supporting Flemish companies in various kinds of international entrepreneurship, as well as helping foreign companies in setting up or expanding in Flanders.

The FIT Office in St. Petersburg deals with questions from Flemish companies about doing business in Estonia and from Estonian companies about investing in Flanders. Multisectoral trade mission and road trips are planned in the coming years. The Flemish attaché visits Estonia on a regular basis to meet companies and official institutions.

The economic representative returns once a year to Flanders for individual meetings with Flemish companies in order to give them tailor made advice concerning the business opportunities in Estonia and how to approach the Estonian market.

For Estonia, the above will be realized by Enterprise Estonia, the official Estonian institution supporting Estonian companies in various kinds of internationalisation matters, as well as being the first source of information and assistance for foreign companies when looking to do business in Estonia.

### **3. AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES**

The Department for Agriculture and Fisheries of the Flemish Government has taken note of the informal demands of Estonia to exchange knowledge and information on the following themes:

- Voluntary agricultural and environmental climate measures
- Agriculture advisory systems

The Department is open for proposals and invites the Estonian colleagues to table concrete suggestions. Concerning the first suggestion on climate measures, the Flemish counterpart proposes to embed this in a larger exchange on rural development programs.

The Estonian Party (Ministry of Agriculture) and the Flemish Party (Department for Agriculture and Fisheries of the Flemish Government and/or the Flemish Land Agency) also agree to cooperate in the following specific areas:

- Functional agro-biodiversity: Exchange of best-practices concerning functional agro-biodiversity in order to optimize agro-biodiversity benefits and promotion of sustainable agriculture;
- Organic farming.

### **4. ENVIRONMENT**

#### **4.1. Climate change and Kyoto Protocol**

The Estonian Party (Ministry of the Environment) and The Flemish Party (Environment, Nature and Energy Department - ENE) are willing to co-operate within the objective of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol

Furthermore, both Parties are willing to co-operate in areas of climate change mitigation and adaptation to climate change, including analyses of climate change impacts, greenhouse gas inventory, emissions trading system and low carbon development.

## **4.2. Waste Management**

The Public Waste Agency of Flanders (OVAM) is prepared – within its financial possibilities and dependent in the availability of staff – to invite a number of experts in the field of waste management and soil remediation in order to exchange know-how and information on specific items in this matter.”

## **4.3. Environmental education**

The Nature and Environmental Education Services (NEE) are prepared to receive a delegation to introduce them within the NEE-working, the educative environmental care projects and the structure on the Flemish level in a profound and participative way.

Taking into account the wishes/needs, the NEE-services can organise 3 or 4 days with the following interests, possibly in a follow-up project (MOS, Ecocampus):

- introduction of and making acquaintance with the working of the NEE-unit service within Flanders, with Education for Sustainable Development as the frame of reference, and with the networking on NEE (diverse target groups) and on ESD; a specific educational activity or course on NEE and ESD for educators, teachers, guides, ... can be organized for the delegation.
- making acquaintance in a profound way with the MOS-project (Environmental Care at School, eco-schools), an educational and environmental care project from kindergarten to secondary education and, if preferred, linked with one or more school visits; getting acquainted with the educational means;
- introduction of the Ecocampus project which is concerned with the particular role of universities and colleges in a sustainable society: higher education can offer the intellectual leadership – through its teaching, research, and outreach - needed to get on track for a sustainable future. If interested, this introduction can be linked to a visit to a Flemish higher education institution.
- introduction of the procedure in Flanders on the phasing and implementation of the Strategy on ESD in the formal education and informal or/and non-formal education; making acquaintance with examples of good practices how ESD can be introduced in NEE;
- site visit to one or more NEE-centres, linked with a Flemish nature reserve (coast, heath, forest, ...), and/or to a provincial EE-service, getting acquainted with the common educational means.

Sustainable Development Education Centre of the Institute of Ecology of Tallinn University can offer:

- sharing experience and methods in the field of sustainable development education programmes for teachers and non-formal environment education specialists;
- trainings / workshops in English in the field of sustainable development;
- initiation of research co-operation;
- discussions and sharing experience about university curriculum development (for sustainability).

The Estonian Environmental Board is organizing an international environmental education conference in 2015 and invites the Flemish Party to take part in it.

## **4.4. Land use and environmental protection**

Upon the proposal of the Estonian Ministry of Agriculture and for those aspects that fall within the competences of the Policy Domain of Environment, Nature and Energy, both parties suggest to cooperate in the following fields:

- 1) Databases, legal acts, conformity to the EU support requirements.
- 2) Land improvement, irrigation, water management (brooks and ditches, etc.), environmental conditions in agriculture, soil protection, land protection from urbanisation, in-service training of specialists (practical side, involving the specialists of sub-agencies).

#### **4.5. Water Management**

##### **IWRM-measures and green infrastructure**

The Estonian Party would be interested in experiences of Flanders in integrated water resources management measures like taken to reduce impact from diffuse sources on aquatic ecosystems, monitoring of priority substances, water management plans and organization of the implementation of the plans, including the role of water companies in this implementation.

The Estonian Party would be interested in visiting relevant organizations in Flanders, especially those who prepare measures for water management plans and measure programs, where these measures are implemented. Also, visiting institutions where the influence of diffused pressure is being evaluated and monitored.

Additionally, there are subjects of interest for another Estonian partner (Estonian University of Life Sciences) in connection with ECOSTAT: indicators which are used to evaluate ecological situation of lakes in Belgium, especially of phytoplankton, zooplankton (which is not included as indicator in Water Framework Directive but as utmost important indicator, should be commonly evaluated and included), macrozoobenthos, aquatic macrophytes and fish.

#### **4.6. Exchange of experts**

Both Parties are prepared to invite, during the validity of the present programme, a team of maximum five (5) experts (fluent English required) for a period of five (5) days within the frame of environment, nature and energy in order to exchange knowledge and to establish contacts.

### **5. MOBILITY AND PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Ports and Water Policy Division**

Both Parties are willing to exchange information and experiences regarding one or more of the following topics:

1. Hinterland connections from sea ports;
2. Logistics developments in the hinterland;

3. Application of smart logistics concepts and tools for optimising the different links in the logistics chain;
4. Smarter use of the available means of transport and the existing transport infrastructure;
5. Promotion and encouragement of full modal integration;
6. Greening of maritime transport with regard to air pollution, the use of LNG as a fuel for maritime shipping;
7. The role of the waterways in adapting to climate change.

The Flemish and Estonian governments will facilitate co-operation and the establishment of maritime connections between Flemish and Estonian ports.

Both Parties are prepared to consider receiving two delegations of maximum five (5) Estonian/Flemish experts for a period of five (5) days at the most in Flanders/Estonia to exchange information, training, documentation (including site visits to various locations to be determined) and knowledge about one or more of the aforementioned themes, according to their points of interest.

## **6. SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

Both Parties shall examine ways of further optimizing their co-operation in the framework of the European Research Area, both in the field of research, science and innovation policies.

The conditions for co-operation in the fields of science and technological innovation can be elaborated in a separate protocol, in case both Parties can reach an agreement.

In the field of bilateral co-operation both Parties will stimulate mutually beneficial exchanges and co-operation in science and technological innovation. They will search for suitable occasions for contacts among scientific institutions, companies, universities and administrations that are in charge of science and technological innovation policies, in particular in growth areas.

As far as multilateral co-operation is concerned both Parties strive for joint participation of researchers in the European Programmes (H2020, COST, ESFRI, JPI, ...) for Research and Development.

During the forthcoming seven years Estonia will focus mainly on areas where co-operation between businesses and researchers has the greatest potential to create added value, particularly information and communication technology, health technology and services and more effective use of resources.

## **7. EMPLOYMENT**

- 7.1. Both Parties shall continue the cooperation in the field of employment policy, social economy, vocational and entrepreneurial training, and encourage the contacts between the competent bodies and the social partners in this field.



- 7.2. Both Parties shall, at the request of the other Party, exchange information about the labour market, the legislation, the statistical data and any other information concerning employment policy, social economy, vocational and entrepreneurial training.
- 7.3. Both Parties encourage the cooperation in the field of the European Social Fund (ESF) and they shall exchange information and know-how concerning the management and the monitoring of the ESF.
- 7.4. The Flemish Party (Vlaamse Departement Werk en Sociale Economie) shall act as mediator for possible cooperation with any actor or network active in the field of vocational and entrepreneurial training, labour market, social economy and employment policy.

The Flemish Party is ready to:

- investigate, if in Estonia workers can be found for Flemish bottleneck vacancies;
- exchange information in this respect;
- make bilateral agreements with the competent employment services in Estonia regarding the exchange and fulfilment of job vacancies.

The impact of the subject of this cooperation can in no way have a negative impact on the labour market situation of one or of both Parties.

## **8. CULTURE**

- 8.1. Both Parties shall inform each other in an active way concerning important developments in cultural policies, including the identification of the stakeholders involved and references to other sources that may be available.

Since Estonia will hold the Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2018, then both Parties welcome the organization of cultural events, including exhibition or other art projects, in Brussels and in Flanders.

- 8.2. The Parties shall promote direct professional contacts between artists and cultural organisations. When common subjects, of considerable importance have been detected, the Parties may decide by consensus to organise specific projects in that field, such as exchanges, training, seminars, residences, etc. Details for collaboration, including financial provisions, are to be agreed upon case by case between the entities concerned in each other's country.

Both Parties welcome the following initiatives for the coming years:

1) The preparation work for the international art project and exhibition on the painter Michael Sittow, lead by the Kadriorg Art Museum with the Groeningemuseum in Bruges as one of the partners.

2) The ongoing good co-operation between the Kanuti Gildi SAAL in Estonia and the dance production companies in Flanders, a.o. future co-operation for the possible quest performances of Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker in Estonia in 2015.

3) The concert by the National Orchestra of Belgium in Bozar in 2015 with a premiere of a music piece by an Estonian composer Erkki-Sven Tüür, in view of developing further future co-operation.

4) Both Parties shall explore the possibilities to exchange contacts, expertise and best practises in the field of animation between relevant professional institutions and universities.

The Flemish Party wants to draw attention to the possibilities for artists, writers and translators to enter the residence programme of the following organisations (participants should meet the criteria and pass the selection):

- Frans Masereel Centre in Kasterlee: offers residences in the field of graphic arts, ([www.fransmasereelcentrum.be](http://www.fransmasereelcentrum.be))
- Passa Porta: offers residences in Brussels and Vollezele for writers and translators, ([www.passaporta.be](http://www.passaporta.be))
- Flemish Literature Fund: offers residences for translators in the Translators' House in Antwerp, ([www.fondsvoordeletteren.be](http://www.fondsvoordeletteren.be))

The Estonian Party wants to draw attention to the possibilities for artists, writers and translators to enter the residence programme of the following organisations (participants should meet the criteria and pass the selection):

- Mooste Center for Art and Social Practise: offers residences in the field of arts, ([www.moks.ee](http://www.moks.ee)).
- Writer's and Translator's House in Käsmu, ([www.ekl.ee](http://www.ekl.ee)).

**8.3** Both Parties are willing to improve and to stimulate the networking of the heritage institutions of their countries for the purpose of exchange of practices, experts and competences related to movable and intangible heritage.

In the framework of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of 17 October 2003, both Parties will study the possibilities to develop joint projects regarding the methods of registration and safeguarding of the intangible heritage of Estonia and Flanders. The responsible units of the Flemish and Estonian Ministry of Culture can exchange experience and know-how.

Both Parties shall explore the possibilities to exchange experience in the field of studying, preservation, restoration and management of maritime heritage.

## **9. CULTURAL AND CREATIVE SECTORS**

Both Parties are willing to co-operate in the field of Cultural and Creative Sectors. They shall examine possibilities to exchange the knowledge, information and best practices, as well as to develop bilateral projects of common interests and strategies between relevant institutions in Estonia (Creative Estonia, Enterprise Estonia, Statistics Estonia, creative incubators and development centres in different cultural fields, a. o.) and in Flanders (Flanders DC, CultuurInvest, Kunstenloket, Antwerp Management School, Enterprise Flanders Agency, ..).

There is a special interest in interaction between higher arts education and the development of the cultural and creative sectors.

The Parties shall foster networking, supporting direct contacts between the small and medium-sized culture and creative enterprises and mutual participation in fairs and showcase festivals (in the field of design, architecture, and music).

Both Parties welcome the exchange of ideas and experiences connected with the implementation of the new Creative Europe programme for the 2014-2020 period. Estonian Party informs that the Creative Europe Desk Culture Office in Estonia is at Creative Estonia ([www.looveesti.ee](http://www.looveesti.ee)) and the MEDIA Office at the Estonian Film Institute ([www.efsa.ee](http://www.efsa.ee)).

## **10. YOUTH**

The work programme regarding Youth shall be discussed at the Youth sub-commission. This sub-commission meeting (for multilateral and bilateral co-operation) is meant to be held in Vilnius before the end of 2014. The minutes of the meeting will be distributed afterwards.

## **11. EDUCATION**

The Parties consider direct co-operation between their institutions of general education, vocational education and training, higher education, adult education and the research institutes – on the basis of mutual need and interest – as the fundamental form of their educational and scientific co-operation.

The Parties shall promote cooperation in the field of education focusing on the following:

- E-learning and IT education;
- entrepreneurship education;
- environmental education;
- vocational education and training;
- in higher education, especially in the music, visual art and arts related education as well as science, technology, engineering and mathematics;
- exchange of students, researchers and teaching staff.

### **11.1. Exchange of information and documentation**

During the validity of the present programme, both Parties shall, at the request of the other Party, exchange relevant information on all types and levels of education and teacher training. In higher education, there's a special interest for music and visual art and arts related education and science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Both parties will seek cooperation and exchange in the framework of the EU programmes and of initiatives of the Council of Europe, the OECD and the European Higher Education Area.

### **11.2. Specialisation scholarships**

All information on study opportunities in Estonia and on conditions of the Estonian scholarships, including for the Estonian language and culture summer courses at Estonian universities, can be found at [www.studyinestonia.ee](http://www.studyinestonia.ee).

For the Flemish Party responsible authority is the Flemish Ministry of Education and Training and the information on study opportunities in Flanders can be found at <http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/English/>, <http://www.flanders.be/en/studying> or <http://www.studyinlanders.be/>.

### **11.3. “Dutch Language and Culture” summer course**

The Dutch Language Union offers support for Dutch language departments, teachers and students of the Dutch language abroad.

The Dutch Language Union offers two summer courses: one in Ghent (BE) and one in Zeist (NL). During the course in Ghent, special attention goes to the Flemish culture.

More information about the support and the summer courses can be found at the website of the Dutch Language Union <http://taalunieversum.org/inhoud/dutch-worldwide/summer-courses-dutch>.

## **12. PUBLIC GOVERNANCE**

The Flemish Party (Public Governance Department, The Flemish Agency for the Interior) and the Estonian Party (Association of Estonian Cities, Association of Municipalities of Estonia, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications etc.) will cooperate by exchanging information, experience, knowhow and best practices between the administrations.

Both Parties agree to focus future contacts and cooperation on public sector modernization.

Specific cooperation themes may cover issues like strategic planning and performance management, human resources management, integrity policy, diversity and integration policies, urban policy approaches and relationships with local authorities, facility management, regulatory management and policy evaluation, as well as research activities.

Further to the study-visit of the Secretary-General of the Public Governance department to Tallinn, the Flemish Party remains particularly interested in public sector innovation such as the E-government developments and ICT-applications in Estonia (as an implementation of the Digital Agenda for Europe).

Existing contacts could be enhanced and specific cooperation possibilities might be further explored in the course of 2015.

The Flemish Party is also willing to present its policy concerning public architecture as implemented by the Flemish Government Architect's team.

In case of further mutual interest, particular exchanges or a joint initiative could be outlined and agreed upon by the services concerned within both administrations and parties.

The Flemish Agency for the Interior and the Estonian Party will cooperate and exchange information about the following subjects: the organization of local elections; local finances and

local statistics; autonomous local enterprises; cooperation between local authorities; internal multi-level governance including issues concerning scale and competencies; the relationship between central and local authorities focusing on policy support and administrative control, and digitalization initiatives.

## **13. WELFARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **13.1. Healthcare – Child and Family**

The Flemish Agency Kind en Gezin (Child and Family) is able and willing to exchange information, knowledge, experiences, documentation and/or tools in the domain of the preventive healthcare, about the wellbeing of young children, in the domain of childcare and concerning target groups and social vulnerable families. They can exchange information, experiences and documentation about the organization and regulation of child care in Flanders and Brussels and provide information about the organization of integrated early childhood preventive care (family centres).

The Agency can also provide tools in the domain of unsafe children's articles, online courses (for instance breastfeeding [www.kindengezinacademie.be](http://www.kindengezinacademie.be)), pictographic material, material about child development, family supporters, vaccination, experience in early eye or hearing screening, etc.

The exchange on the above mentioned items can be realized through different channels of communication. Mutual exchange visits can be organized within the limits of the available financial resources.

## **14. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES and DIVERSITY**

The Government of Flanders has had an equal opportunities and diversity policy since 1995. Flanders wants to establish a position of equality for all citizens and groups of society (6 million inhabitants). This policy aims to map out discriminatory mechanisms and combat them. Certain groups receive particular attention: men and women (gender balance), people with disabilities or chronic illnesses, people with a migratory background, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual people (LGBTs). Flanders has specific equal opportunities and anti-discrimination legislation, conducts awareness-raising activities and commissions scientific research on the theme of equal opportunities and diversity.

Equal Opportunities in Flanders pursues its own equal opportunities policy on the themes of gender, sexual identity, accessibility and disability, and additionally coordinates the mainstreaming policy (transversal equal opportunities policy) within other policy domains in the Government of Flanders, including in education, sport, culture, employment, wellbeing and health.

The Local and Provincial Government administration coordinates a policy aimed at integration for immigrants and for citizens of other ethno-cultural backgrounds.

The Government of Flanders also implements a specific internal equal opportunities policy, via the Diversity and Equal Opportunities Unit Flanders under the guidance of the Flemish Emancipation office. The Government of Flanders wants its workforce (44,000 members of

staff) to reflect the diversity of the population. The service develops Human Resources projects and aims its policy at quotas for specific groups.

Flanders is happy to share its experiences and knowledge and to align in the exchange of experts, academics and government officials on areas such as the following: how to create a legislative framework for supporting equal opportunities and anti-discrimination policy; how to implement a diversity policy on the shop floor (regulations, measures to strengthen the position and status of specific vulnerable groups, awareness-raising, projects, etc.); and what initiatives to set up around equal opportunities and diversity in areas such as social policy and welfare, employment, health, defence, education, culture and sport; how to embark, as a government, upon a good dialogue with civil society and the disadvantaged groups in society (stakeholder management government with civil society).

## **15 CAPACITY BUILDING**

### **15.1. Port Training**

The Flemish Party offers to the Estonian Party the possibility to send experts to seminars in the field of Port training, organised by APEC (Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Centre vzw).

The Estonian Party shall present its candidates for these seminars. The participants shall be selected by APEC. The Flemish Party covers the costs of the participation. Travel expenses are to the account of the participant.

### **15.2. Estonian Centre of Eastern Partnership**

Both Parties recognise the importance of contributing jointly to the success of the European Union's Eastern Partnership (EaP) aiming to support the Eastern European countries' (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) sustainable reform processes with a view to accelerating their political association and economic integration with the EU.

In this context the Flemish Party commits itself to explore the possibility to support the activities of the Estonian Centre of Eastern Partnership (ECEAP). Activities could be focused on:

- strengthening the expert body of trainers and researchers of the ECEAP;
- capacity-building seminars for the officials of the EaP partner countries;
- annual research reports comparing the progress made by the EaP partner countries through measurable indicators/indexes of public administration reform;
- policy advice to the EaP partner countries' administrations in specific areas of reform, institution-building and EU approximation;
- scholarships through the ECEAP for the Estonian School of Diplomacy programme for young officials from the EaP partner countries.

## **16. CENTENARY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

The Flemish Party informs the Estonian Party on its plans for the centenary of the First World War (2014-2018) and its devastating impact in the 'Flanders Fields' theatre of war.

The Flemish Party invites the Estonian Party to identify possible joint activities in this regard.

The Estonian Party informs of Estonia's participation in the international project "1000 Voices for Peace" organized by the Flanders Festival Brussels to commemorate the ending of the First World War.

The State Archives of Estonia is creating a thematic website on the centenary of the First World War, which will be a platform for joint activities and where all the material on the War available in Estonia will be displayed. The State Archives is interested in exchanging ideas on ways to introduce the theme of the First World War in the society and on possible joint activities.

## **17. GENERAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

### **17.1. Scholarships**

Every student (applicant) applies individually and all information on the conditions can be found on the sites [www.studyinestonia.ee](http://www.studyinestonia.ee) or <http://www.studyinlanders.be/>.

### **17.2. Exchange of persons**

Criteria and financial conditions to be agreed on a case-by-case basis by the parties concerned.

### **17.3. Exchange of exhibitions**

The precise conditions for these exchanges of exhibitions will be discussed and agreed between the specific co-operation partners.

**17.4.** Other conditions will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

**17.5.** This programme does not exclude the possibilities to organise other events or exchanges or to start new projects on which both Parties will agree.

Both Parties shall agree on the conditions for each specific event through diplomatic channels. All disputes concerning the interpretation or realisation of this programme of activities shall be settled through negotiation between the Signatories.

Both Parties agree to hold the next meeting of the Joint Commission in Tallinn in 2018.

Drawn up in Brussels, on 14 May 2014, in English, in two (2) original versions.

For the Government of Flanders,

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Koen Verlaeckt

For the Government of Estonia,

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Tõnis Nirk