

**CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME**  
**FOR THE YEARS 2019-2022**  
**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**

**Tallinn, 29 November 2018**

The ninth meeting of the Joint Commission to discuss the Co-operation Programme for the years 2019-2022 to implement the Co-operation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of Flanders was held in Tallinn on 29 November 2018

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

**Estonian delegation:**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| - Marika Linntam    | Department for European Affairs<br>Director General<br>Head of Delegation |
| - Erika Ellamaa-Ots | Head of Division  |
| - Anne Mardiste     | Counsellor, Secretary of the<br>Joint Commission                          |

**Ministry of Culture**

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| - Reet Palis | International Relations Department,<br>Adviser |
|--------------|--|

**Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication**

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| - Marti Mätas | EU and International Co-operation<br>Division, Counsellor for<br>International Co-operation and Trade |
|---------------|---|

**Enterprise Estonia**

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| - Sven Aulik | Export Division,<br>Head of Export Advisors |
|--------------|---|

**Ministry of Education and Research**

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| - Anu Peljo | EU and International Co-operation<br>Department, Chief Expert |
|-------------|---|

**Ministry of the Environment**

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| - Karoliine Mäeots | EU and International Co-operation<br>Department, Senior Officer |
|--------------------|---|

**Ministry of Social Affairs**

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| - Jürgen Ojalo | European and International<br>Co-ordination Department, |
|----------------|---|

Chief Specialist

**Association of Estonian Cities  
and Rural Municipalities**

- Mr. Kaimo Käärman-Liive Advisor, International affairs

Invited by the Estonian Delegation:

- Toomas Tirs Ambassador of the Republic of Estonia to the Kingdom of Belgium

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

**Flemish delegation:**

**Department of Foreign Affairs**

- Koen Jongbloet Head of Division, Division Co-ordination  
Head of Delegation
- Yves Wantens General Representative  
of the Government of Flanders
- Stefaan De Groot Policy officer Central-Europe

**Flanders Investment and Trade Agency**

- Thomas Castrel Economic and Trade Counsellor for  
the Flemish Region

**Department of Culture, Youth and Media**

- Anna Geukens Policy officer International Affairs

**Department of Chancellery and administrative affairs**

- Jan De Mulder Counsellor at the Representation of  
Flanders to the European Union

Both delegations, hereafter called the “Parties”,

Reaffirming their ties of friendship and good cooperation;

Recognizing the successful implementation of the previous cooperation programme in a number of areas;

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

Promoting the goals and exchange of information in the framework of the future development strategies of “Estonia 2020” and “Flanders 2050” as well as the forthcoming “Estonia 2035”;

Agreed upon the following.

## **1. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND TRADE**

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 research in initiatives in the field of entrepreneurship, financed either through regional, national and/or European funding sources (ERDF, COSME and Horizon Europe).

Both Parties are committed to enhance and promote the trade relations between Estonia and Flanders. 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 Estonia, the above will be realized by Enterprise Estonia, the official Estonian institution supporting Estonian companies in trade and investment as well as various kinds of international matters, being also the first source of information and assistance for foreign companies when looking to do business in Estonia.

Enterprise Estonia has interest in exchanging information and exploring the cooperation possibilities in sectors like e-ID/e-Governance, transport & logistics and shipbuilding.

For Flanders, the above will be realized by Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT) - 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.

Since the opening of the office of Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT) for the Baltic region in 2016, economic cooperation between Flanders and Estonia received a new impetus. The office of FIT in Vilnius deals with questions from Flemish companies about doing business in Estonia and from Estonian companies about investing in Flanders. The Flemish economic representative visits Estonia on regular basis.

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 regarding how to approach the Estonian market.

## **2. ENVIRONMENT**

### **2.1. Climate change, Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement**

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 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, its Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

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 transition to a low-carbon economy

## **2.2. Circular Economy**

In view of the European Commission's "EU Action Plan for Circular Economy" and new developments regarding the Commission's Communications on "A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy", "A Monitoring Framework for the Circular Economy" and on "Implementation of the Circular Economy package: options to address the Interface between Chemical, Product and Waste legislation", the Estonian Party is in a process of drawing up a "Circular Economy Strategy" and its Action Plan, a strategic and action oriented document on the transition to circular economy in Estonia. Production, consumption, waste management, primary and secondary raw materials and chemicals management have been identified as key areas for action.

The Estonian Party is interested in exchanging views or best practices with the Flemish Party on achieving circular economy in these key areas, especially implementing circular economy at political level, engaging stakeholders and cooperating between different public institutions. The Estonian Party is particularly interested in actions that could be taken under the chemicals, products and waste interface or that are related to these policy areas and could provide input to the interface (e.g. implementation plans, national coordination networks, data collection systems, etc.)

## **2.3. Environmental education**

The Nature and Environmental Education (NEE) Services of the Flemish Government 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, the NEE-services can organise three or four 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 (ESD) 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, etc 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. 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; and
- site visit to one or more NEE-centres, linked with a Flemish nature reserve (coast, heath, forest, etc), and/or to a provincial NEE-service, getting acquainted with the common educational means.

The Ministry of the Environment of Estonia together with the Environmental Board can offer

- sharing experiences about the Joint Action Plan of Environmental Awareness and Education, signed in 2018 between the Ministry of Education and Research of Estonia and the Ministry of the Environment of Estonia;
- introduction and sharing experience about financing system of environmental education programmes
- sharing experiences about the environmental education website [www.keskkonnaharidus.ee/en/](http://www.keskkonnaharidus.ee/en/) ; and
- co-operation with Estonian schools and non-formal education centres (e.g. nature schools, environmental education centres).

The Institute of Ecology at the School of Natural Sciences and Health together with the School of Educational Sciences (the Centre of Excellence in Educational Innovation) at 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); and
- co-operation with Estonian schools and non-formal education centres (e.g. nature schools, environmental education centres).

#### **2.4. Water Management**

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

The Estonian Party would be interested in visiting relevant organisations 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.

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.

Additionally, the Institute of Ecology at the Tallinn University is interested in mapping and methods of aquatic ecosystem services, and indicators that are used to evaluate the ecological situation of lakes.

#### **2.5. Exchange of experts**

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

### **3. MOBILITY AND PUBLIC WORKS**

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

- Hinterland connections from sea ports,
- Logistics developments in the hinterland;
- Application of smart logistics concepts and tools for optimising the different links in the logistics chain; Flanders can exchange expertise on ITS, which strategic action plan will be completed in 2018.
- Smarter use of the available means of transport and the existing transport infrastructure;
- Promotion and encouragement of full modal integration, Flanders can give information on the initiative of “Multimodaal Vlaanderen”. This platform will be used for information, sensitization and guidance on the optimal choice of type of transport for every flow of goods.
- Greening of maritime transport with regard to air pollution, the use of LNG and biofuels as fuel for maritime shipping and the use of on shore power supply for sea going vessels.
  
- The role of the waterways in adapting to climate change

The Estonian and Flemish 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 Estonian/Flemish experts for a period of five days at the most in Estonia/Flanders 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.

### **4. 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 ( Horizon Europe, COST, ESFRI, JPI, ...) for Research and Development

During the forthcoming 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.

### **5. EMPLOYMENT**



- 5.1. 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
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. Both Parties encourage the cooperation in the field of the European Social Fund (ESF) and they shall exchange information and expertise concerning the management and the monitoring of the ESF
- 5.4. The Flemish Party (Flemish Department Work and Social Economy) 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

## **6. CULTURE, INCLUDING ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE**

- 6.1. Both Parties aim at building sustainable, cooperative cultural relations by fostering exchanges and by making use of win-win opportunities
- 6.2. 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.

The Parties will encourage and promote direct professional contacts by stimulating and fostering:

- exchanges, in order to develop, extend and deepen the knowledge and expertise of the culture sector and/or a specific subsector, theme or item, to discuss challenges and opportunities, ea.;
- networking in order to search for (long term) partners, projects or events, peer learning, exchange of (best) practices, studies, ea.

When common subjects, of considerable importance have been detected, the Parties or the involved sector stakeholders may decide by consensus to organise specific projects in that field, such as exchanges, training, study visits, seminars, residences, etc. Details for collaborations, including financial provisions, are to be agreed upon case by case between the entities concerned.

- 6.3. Both Parties would welcome the following initiatives in the coming years.

6.3.1. In respect of residencies: residencies for artists, writers, translators and other creative workers are an excellent instrument to stimulate contacts and exchanges

The list of possibilities for residencies in Estonia can be found on:

- for visual arts, [www.kul.ee/en/artist-residencies](http://www.kul.ee/en/artist-residencies);
- for performing arts: Kanuti Gildi SAAL, [www.saal.ee/en/residency](http://www.saal.ee/en/residency); and
- for literature and translation: Writer's and Translator's House in Käsmu, [www.ekl.ee](http://www.ekl.ee).

Residencies in Flanders are to be found on:

- for arts: [www.kunsten.be/internationaal/residencies-workplaces](http://www.kunsten.be/internationaal/residencies-workplaces);
- for writers: <http://writersinresidence.passaporta.be/index.php?q=residences/en/request/>; and
- for translators: <http://www.re-cit.org/2018/04/10/vertalershuis-antwerpen-translators-house-antwerp-belgium/>.

Candidates for residencies should meet the criteria and pass the selection of the involved institution.

For example, in 2018 and recently for 2019, Wiels, Brussels in cooperation with the Center for Contemporary Arts Estonia (CCA), Tallinn selected two Estonian artists for its residency programme. The selected artists are/will be residing in Wiels successively, each for six months.

6.3.2. In respect of performing arts: Several theatres, art centres, production companies and others in Flanders (such as Kaaitheater, KVS, Vooruit) have been cooperating with Estonian partners (such as Kanuti Gildi SAAL, Theatre NO 99, Baltoscandal Festival). Continued and new collaborations are encouraged.

6.3.3. In respect of music: There is an ongoing good collaboration between several Flemish and Estonian partners in diverse music disciplines. Continued and new collaborations are encouraged.

Festival van Vlaanderen, Kortrijk is interested in cooperation opportunities in the field of traditional music. Viljandi Traditional Music Centre could be a potential cooperation partner from the Estonian side.

Estonian and Flemish music organisations and musicians have established contacts in the frame of the Tallinn Music Week. Flanders Arts Institute proposes to invite Estonian music professionals for a visitors' programme on jazz and classical music.

Musica, Impulscentrum voor Muziek, in Flanders is proposing among others two music educational programmes and wider cooperation possibilities (visitors' programme, sharing expertise, conference, etc). The organisation will be looking for Estonian counterparts.

6.3.4. In respect of visual arts: Several cooperation initiatives have taken place and new ones are welcome.

Co-operation opportunities could be explored between relevant museums and art institutions in Flanders and Estonia in view of common projects, including exhibitions. Possible cooperation partners in Estonia could be the Art Museum of Estonia, Estonian Contemporary Art Development Center, Center for Contemporary Arts Estonia among others.

Tallinn Art Hall is planning a joint exhibition involving artists from both countries.

6.3.5. In respect of design and architecture: Both Parties shall explore the possibilities to exchange contacts, expertise, best practises; improve and support networking and bilateral projects in the field

of design and architecture between relevant professional institutions and development centres, universities, design and architecture companies and organisations.

6.3.6. In respect of the mobility of artists and culture professionals: Mobility of artists and culture professionals is of particular interest for Flanders. Contacts and collaboration would be welcome from the Estonian side.

In Flanders a Mobility Information Point (MIP) is working in the frame of the organisation "Cultuurloket". Cultuurloket is willing to share expertise, exchange contacts, ideas, best practices and personnel with relevant organisations in Estonia working on this kind of service, digitization of working processes being one of possible collaboration topics and of special interest for Cultuurloket.

6.3.7. In respect of culture education: With regard to cultural education/cultural learning, both Parties are willing to look for possibilities to cooperate and exchange experiences from policy and field experts in order to learn from each other.

6.3.8. In respect of film, including animation: both Parties shall explore the possibilities to exchange contacts, expertise and best practises in the field of film and animation between relevant professional institutions, universities, film and animation industries and festivals. Earlier cooperation has been ongoing between Anima Festival, Filmfest Gent, Filem'On Film Festival for Young Audiences, Black Nights Film Festival, etc.

6.3.9. Both Parties are willing to improve and to stimulate the networking of the cultural heritage institutions of their countries for the purpose of the exchange of knowledge, competences, best practices and experts related to the sustainable care, safeguarding, preservation, promotion and digitization of movable and intangible heritage.

**6.4.** Both Parties will cooperate in the field of culture and cultural heritage in the framework of the multilateral organisations and fora, both European and global, such as the European Union, Council of Europe, UNESCO, etc. Both Parties can agree to participate in related working groups, exchange best practices and to look closer into opportunities for common projects.

Both Parties welcome the exchange of ideas and experiences connected to the implementation of the existing EU Creative Europe Programme as well as the new programme for the 2021-2027 period and other EU programmes supporting the development of culture, media, heritage, cultural and creative sectors and industries.

Addresses of the Creative Europe Desks in Estonia and in Flanders can be found on:

[www.ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/contact\\_en](http://www.ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/contact_en)

## **7. CULTURAL AND CREATIVE SECTORS AND INDUSTRIES**

Both Parties are willing to co-operate in the field of cultural and creative sectors and industries. 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, etc) and in Flanders (Flanders Arts Institute, Flanders DC, Cultuurloket, Enterprise Flanders Agency).

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

The Parties shall foster networking, supporting direct contacts between organisations, the micro and small-sized culture and creative enterprises and mutual participation in fairs and showcase festivals.

## **8. YOUTH**

The work programme regarding Youth is being discussed at the Youth Sub-Commission. The informal bilateral meeting in preparation of the Sub-Commission meeting (for multilateral and bilateral co-operation) took place in Brussels on 26 and 27 November 2018. The minutes of this preparation meeting will be distributed after the meeting.

The Parties agreed to hold the next Youth Sub-Commission in the beginning of 2019 in Estonia in order to develop a common roadmap, vision and strategy for future multilateral and bilateral co-operation. The Parties will jointly prepare a proposal for future co-operation programmes that will serve as the basis for discussions with Latvia and Lithuania.

## **9. 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; and
- the exchange of students, researchers and teaching staff.

The Dutch Language Union is studying if it is possible to provide a Dutch language course at an academic level in Estonia. There are currently contacts with two possible teachers.

### **9.1. “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 (Belgium) and one in Zeist (The Netherlands). 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 [taalunieversum.org/inhoud/dutch-worldwide/summer-courses-dutch](http://taalunieversum.org/inhoud/dutch-worldwide/summer-courses-dutch).

### **9.2. 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 is 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.

### **9.3. 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 the responsible authority is the Flemish Ministry of Education and Training. The information on study opportunities in Flanders can be found at [www.flanders.be/en/studying](http://www.flanders.be/en/studying) or [www.studyinlanders.be/](http://www.studyinlanders.be/). The Government of Flanders awards scholarships to outstanding students for Master programmes in Flanders and Brussels. More information on: [www.studyinlanders.be/en/scholarship-programmes/master-mind-scholarships/](http://www.studyinlanders.be/en/scholarship-programmes/master-mind-scholarships/)

## **10. PUBLIC SECTOR GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION**

The Estonian Party (Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication, Ministry of Finance, The e-Governance Academy) and the Flemish Party (Department of Public Governance and the Chancellery, Flanders Information Agency, Flemish Agency for the Interior) will co-operate by exchanging information, experience, expertise and best practices between the administrations (including local governance and smart cities).

Further to the fruitful study-visits (both in 2017 and 2018) by managers and experts from the Flemish administration 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 digitization objectives of the European Union).

Both Parties agree to focus further contacts and co-operation on public sector modernization. In case of further mutual interest, particular exchanges or joint initiatives could be outlined and agreed upon by the concerned services and administrations of both Parties.

## **11. WELFARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **Healthcare - Child and Family**

The Flemish Agency 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 organisation and regulation of child care in Flanders and Brussels and provide information about the organisation 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 at [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.

## **12. 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.

Department of Public Governance and the Chancellery, Flemish Agency for the Interior and the Agency for the Integration coordinate 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 in 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.);
- 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; and
- 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).

Estonia would be interested in learning from Flanders' knowledge and experience in promoting and monitoring accessibility for people with special needs (including different disabilities), in particular accessibility of transport, housing, public buildings and spaces.

Estonia would also be interested in learning from the long-term experience of Flanders Equal Opportunities Agency, especially concerning public awareness raising through campaigns to promote gender equality and equal opportunities.

## **13. CAPACITY BUILDING**

## **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 Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Centre (APEC).

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

## **14. 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 local officials and civil society organisations of the EaP partner countries;
- analytical reports on the progress made by the EaP partner countries through measurable indicators/indexes of public administration reform; and
- policy advice to the EaP partner countries' local administrations in specific areas of reform, institution-building and EU approximation.

## **14. GENERAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

### **14.1. 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/>.

### **14.2. Exchange of persons**

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

### **14.3. Exchange of exhibitions**

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

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

**14.5.** 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 agree to hold the next meeting of the Joint Commission in Brussels in 2022.

Drawn up in Tallinn, on 29 November 2018, in English, in two (2) original versions.

For the Government of Flanders

For the Government of Estonia



Koen Jongbloet



Marika Linntam

**ATTACHMENT TO THE CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME  
FOR THE YEARS 2019-2022  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
ESTONIA AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS**

**Tallinn, 29 November 2018**

## Delegations to the Joint Commission

The Delegation of Estonia	The Delegation of Flanders
<p><b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b></p> <p>Marika Linntam            Department for European Affairs            Director General  <a href="mailto:marika.linntam@mfa.ee">marika.linntam@mfa.ee</a>            +372 637 7260            Islandi Valjak 1            15049 Tallinn, Estonia</p> <p>Erika Ellamaa-Ots            Department for European Affairs            Director            Division of Western Europe  <a href="mailto:erika.ellamaa-ots@mfa.ee">erika.ellamaa-ots@mfa.ee</a>            +372 637 7260            Islandi Valjak 1</p> <p>Anne Mardiste            Department for European Affairs            Counsellor            Division of Western Europe  <a href="mailto:anne.mardiste@mfa.ee">anne.mardiste@mfa.ee</a>            +372 637 7260            Islandi Valjak 1            Toomas Tirs            Ambassador of Estonia to Belgium            Embassy of Estonia in Brussels            Rue Guimard 11/13            B-1040 Brussels            Phone: +32 2 779 07 55            E-mail: <a href="mailto:embassy.brussels@mfa.ee">embassy.brussels@mfa.ee</a></p>	<p><b>Department of Foreign Affairs</b></p> <p>Koen Jongbloet            Head of Division            Division Co-ordination            +32 (0)476 89 94 89  <a href="mailto:Koen.jongbloet@buza.vlaanderen">Koen.jongbloet@buza.vlaanderen</a>            Havenlaan 88, 1000 Brussel</p> <p>Yves Wantens (from 1 September 2019            mr. Dries Willems)            General Representative of the            Government of Flanders for Poland and            the Baltic States            + 48 (0) 22 584 73 43  <a href="mailto:Yves.wantens@flanders.pl">Yves.wantens@flanders.pl</a>            Al. Ujazdowskie 51            00-536 Warszawa, Polska</p> <p>Stefaan de Groote            Policy officer bilateral co-operation with            North- and Central-Europe            +32 (0)499 58 99 20  <a href="mailto:Stefaan.degroote@buza.vlaanderen">Stefaan.degroote@buza.vlaanderen</a>            Havenlaan 88, 1000 Brussel</p>
<p><b>Ministry of Economic Affairs and            Communication</b></p> <p>Marti Matas            EU and International Co-operation Division</p>	<p><b>Flanders Investment and Trade Agency</b></p> <p>Thomas Castrel            Economic and Trade Counsellor for            Flanders, Belgium in the Baltic states            +370 675 92 332</p>

<p>Counsellor for International Co-operation and Trade  <u><a href="mailto:marti.matas@mkm.ee">marti.matas@mkm.ee</a></u>  +372 62 56 438  Suur-Ameerika 1  10122 Tallinn, Estonia</p> <p><b>Enterprise Estonia</b>  Sven Aulik  Export Division  Head of Export Advisors  Lasnamae 2  Tallinn, Estonia  Mob: +372 5086 628  Tel: +372 627 9539  <u><a href="mailto:Sven.Aulik@eas.ee">Sven.Aulik@eas.ee</a></u>  <u><a href="http://www.eas.ee">www.eas.ee</a></u>  <u><a href="http://www.facebook.com/EnterpriseEstonia">www.facebook.com/EnterpriseEstonia</a></u>  <u><a href="https://e-estonia.com/">https://e-estonia.com/</a></u></p>	<p><a href="mailto:vilnius@fitagency.com">vilnius@fitagency.com</a>  Gedimino Prospektas 20  LT-01103 Vilnius  Lithuania</p>
<p><b>Ministry of Culture</b>  Reet Palis  International Relations Department  Adviser  <u><a href="mailto:reet.palis@kul.ee">reet.palis@kul.ee</a></u>  +372 628 2326  Suur-Karja 23, 15076 Tallinn, Estonia  <u><a href="http://www.kul.ee/en">http://www.kul.ee/en</a></u></p>	<p><b>Department Culture, Youth and Media</b></p> <p>Anna Geukens  Policy officer international affairs  Knowledge and Policy Division -  <i>Transversal and International Policy Team</i>  T +32 (0)2 5530694 M +32 (0)476 54 17 05  anna.geukens@cjsm.vlaanderen.be  Arenbergstraat 9, 1000 BRUSSELS</p>
	<p><b>Department of Chancellery and administrative affairs</b></p>

	<p>Jan De Mulder  Public governance counsellor  + 32 (0)474 999 432  Jan.demulder@vlaanderen.be  General Representation of the  Government of Flanders  to the EU  Wetstraat 61-63  BE-1040 Brussels</p>
<p><b>Ministry of Education and Research</b>  Anu Peljo  EU and International  Cooperation Department  Chief Expert  <a href="mailto:anu.peljo@hm.ee">anu.peljo@hm.ee</a>  +372 7350197</p>	
<p><b>Ministry of the Environment</b>  Karoline Maeots  EU and International Co-  operation Department  Senior Officer  <a href="mailto:Karoline.Maeots@envir.ee">Karoline.Maeots@envir.ee</a>  +372 6262 844  Narva mnt 7a, 15172 Tallinn, Estonia  <a href="https://www.envir.ee/en/">https://www.envir.ee/en/</a></p>	
<p><b>Ministry of Social Affairs</b>  Jurgen Ojalo  European and International Coordination  Department  Chief Specialist  <a href="mailto:Jurgen.Ojalo@sm.ee">Jurgen.Ojalo@sm.ee</a>  6269 165</p>	

<p>Suur-Ameerika 1 , 10122 Tallinn <a href="http://www.sm.ee">http://www.sm.ee</a></p>	
<p><b>Association of Estonian Cities and Rural Municipalities</b> Mr. Kaimo Kaarmann-Liive Advisor (International affairs) <a href="mailto:Kaimo.Kaarmann-Liive@elvl.ee">Kaimo.Kaarmann-Liive@elvl.ee</a> +372 69 43 418 Roosikrantsi 12, B korpus Tallinn 10119</p>	

FIELD OF CO-OPERATION	RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVES IN ESTONIA	RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVES IN FLANDERS
1. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND TRADE	<p><b>Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication</b>  Marti Matas  EU and International Co-operation Division  Counsellor for International Co-operation and Trade  <a href="mailto:marti.matas@mkm.ee">marti.matas@mkm.ee</a>  +372 62 56 438  Suur-Ameerika 1  10122 Tallinn, Estonia</p> <p><b>Enterprise Estonia</b>  Sven Aulik  Export Division  Head of Export Advisors  Lasnamae 2  Tallinn, Estonia  Mob: +372 5086 628  Tel: +372 627 9539  <a href="mailto:Sven.Aulik@eas.ee">Sven.Aulik@eas.ee</a>  <a href="http://www.eas.ee">www.eas.ee</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/EnterpriseEstonia">www.facebook.com/EnterpriseEstonia</a>  <a href="https://e-estonia.com/">https://e-estonia.com/</a></p>	<p><b>Flanders Investment &amp; Trade</b></p> <p>Thomas Castrel  Economic and Trade Counsellor for Flanders, Belgium in the Baltic states  +370 675 92 332  <a href="mailto:vilnius@fitagency.com">vilnius@fitagency.com</a></p>
2. ENVIRONMENT	<p><b>Ministry of the Environment</b>  Karoline Maeots  EU and International Co-operation Department  Senior Officer  <a href="mailto:Karoline.Maeots@envir.ee">Karoline.Maeots@envir.ee</a>  +372 6262 844  Narva mnt 7a, 15172 Tallinn, Estonia  <a href="https://www.envir.ee/en/">https://www.envir.ee/en/</a></p>	<p><b>Environment, Nature and Energy Department</b></p> <p>Quirina Huet  Policy officer international affairs  +32(0)25537552  <a href="mailto:quirina.huet@vlaanderen.be">quirina.huet@vlaanderen.be</a></p> <p>Matthias De Moor</p>

		<p>Policy officer international affairs  +32(0)25537860 or  +32(0)490587316  Matthias.demoor@vlaanderen.be</p>
<p>3. MOBILITY AND PUBLIC WORKS</p>	<p><b>Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication</b>  Marti Matas  EU and International Co-operation Division  Counsellor for International Co-operation and Trade  <a href="mailto:marti.matas@mkm.ee">marti.matas@mkm.ee</a>  +372 62 56 438  Suur-Ameerika 1  10122 Tallinn, Estonia</p>	<p><b>Flemish Ministry of Mobility and Public Work</b></p> <p>Katrien Criel  Policy officer international affairs  +32 (0)25537289  <a href="mailto:katrien.criel@mow.vlaanderen.be">katrien.criel@mow.vlaanderen.be</a>;</p> <p>Olivier Vandersnickt  Team Leader EU &amp; International  +32(0)25537119 or  +32(0)492722889  <a href="mailto:olivier.vandersnickt@mow.vlaanderen.be">olivier.vandersnickt@mow.vlaanderen.be</a>;</p>
<p>4 SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION</p>	<p><b>Ministry of Education and Research</b>  Anu Peljo  EU and International Cooperation Department  Chief Expert  <a href="mailto:anu_peljo@hm.ee">anu_peljo@hm.ee</a>  +372 7350197</p>	<p><b>Department of Economy, Science &amp; Innovation</b></p> <p>Peter Spyns,  Senior policy advisor international affairs  +32 (0)25530046  <a href="mailto:peter.spyns@ewi.vlaanderen.be">peter.spyns@ewi.vlaanderen.be</a>;</p>



5. EMPLOYMENT	<p><b>Ministry of Social Affairs</b>  Jurgen Ojalo  European and International  Coordination Department  Chief Specialist  <a href="mailto:Jurgen.Ojalo@sm.ee">Jurgen.Ojalo@sm.ee</a>  6269 165  Suur-Ameerika 1 , 10122  Tallinn  <a href="http://www.sm.ee">http://www.sm.ee</a></p>	<p><b>Department of Work and Social Economy</b></p> <p>Farah Nolens  Policy officer international affairs  +32 (0)2 553 39 55  farah.nolens@wse.vlaanderen.be</p>
6. CULTURE	<p><b>Ministry of Culture</b>  Reet Palis  International Relations  Department  Adviser  <a href="mailto:reet.palis@kul.ee">reet.palis@kul.ee</a>  +372 628 2326  Suur-Karja 23, 15076 Tallinn,  Estonia  <a href="http://www.kul.ee/en">http://www.kul.ee/en</a></p> <p><b>Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU</b>  Eike Eller  Counsellor for Cultural Affairs  <a href="mailto:Eike.Eller@mfa.ee">Eike.Eller@mfa.ee</a>  +322 227 3917   +324 7387 7867  Rue Guimard 11/13, 1040  Brussels</p>	<p><b>Department of Culture, Youth and Media</b></p> <p>Anna Geukens  Policy officer international affairs  Knowledge and Policy Division  -  <i>Transversal and International Policy Team</i>  +32 (0)2 5530694 or +32 (0)476 54 17 05  anna.geukens@cjsm.vlaanderen.be</p>
7. CULTURE AND CREATIVE SECTORS AND	<p><b>Ministry of Culture</b>  Reet Palis  International Relations  Department  Adviser</p>	<p><b>Flanders Investment and Trade Agency</b></p> <p>Thomas Castrel</p>

INDUSTRIES	<p><a href="mailto:reet.palis@kul.ee">reet.palis@kul.ee</a>  +372 628 2326  Suur-Karja 23, 15076 Tallinn,  Estonia  <a href="http://www.kul.ee/en">http://www.kul.ee/en</a></p>	<p>Economic and Trade Counsellor  for Flanders, Belgium in the  Baltic states  +32 (0)370 675 92 332  vilnius@fitagency.com</p>
8. YOUTH	<p><b>Ministry of Education and Research</b>  Reelika Ojakivi  Head of Youth Affairs  Department  <a href="mailto:reelika.ojakivi@hm.ee">reelika.ojakivi@hm.ee</a>  +372 7350133</p> <p><b>The Estonian Youth Work Centre (EYWC)</b>  Edgar Schlummer  Director of EYWC  <a href="mailto:edgar.schlummer@entk.ee">edgar.schlummer@entk.ee</a>  +372 735 0399</p>	<p><b>The Department of Culture, Youth and Media</b></p> <p>Jan Vanhee  Policy officer international affairs  janvanhee@cjm.vlaanderen.be  +32(0)25534230 or  +32(0)499865327</p>
9. EDUCATION	<p><b>Ministry of Education and Research</b>  Anu Peljo  EU and International Cooperation Department  Chief Expert  <a href="mailto:anu.peljo@hm.ee">anu.peljo@hm.ee</a>  +372 7350197</p> <p><b>Universities in Estonia:</b></p> <p>Kaja Kruusamagi - Estonian Academy of Arts, Head of International Relations  Office, phone +3726267369,  <a href="mailto:kaja.kruusamagi@artun.ee">kaja.kruusamagi@artun.ee</a>,  <a href="http://www.artun.ee">www.artun.ee</a></p>	<p><b>Department of Education and Training</b></p> <p>Marie-Anne Persoons  Policy advisor international affairs  marieanne.persoons@ond.vlaanderen.be  +32 (0)25539589 or +32 (0)474920091</p>

	<p>Kai Liiv – Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre, International and Public Relations, phone +372 667 5 721, kai@ema.edu.ee, www.ema.edu.ee</p> <p>Eda Tursk - Estonian University of Life Sciences, Department of Academic Affairs, Senior Specialist of Foreign Relations, phone: +372 731 3021, eda.tursk@emu.ee, www.emu.ee</p> <p>Reijo Karu - Tallinn University of Technology, Head of International Cooperation, phone +372 620 3503, reijo.karu@ttu.ee, www.ttu.ee</p> <p>Kristi Kerge – University of Tartu, Head of International Cooperation, phone +372 737 6123, kristi.kerge@ut.ee, www.ut.ee</p> <p>Kätlin Keinast - Tallinn University, Management Support Office, Senior Specialist of International Cooperation, phone +372 640 9123, katlinke@tlu.ee, www.tlu.ee</p>	
<p>10. PUBLIC SECTOR GOVERN</p>	<p><b>Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Chancellery and administrative affairs</b></p>

<p>ANCE AND INNOVAT ION</p>	<p>Marti Matas EU and International Co- operation Division Counsellor for International Co-operation and Trade <a href="mailto:marti.matas@mkm.ee">marti.matas@mkm.ee</a> +372 62 56 438 Suur-Ameerika 1 10122 Tallinn, Estonia</p> <p><b>e-Governance Academy</b> Hannes Astok</p> <p>Deputy Director Director for Development and Strategy, Member of the Management Board, Programme Director of Smart Cities and Regions +372 663 1511 Mobile: +372 509 1366 <a href="mailto:hannes.astok@ega.ee">hannes.astok@ega.ee</a> Skype: <a href="https://www.skype.com/user/hannesastok">hannesastok</a></p> <p>Kristina Reinsalu Programme Director of e- Democracy +372 5281392 <a href="mailto:kristina.reinsalu@ega.ee">kristina.reinsalu@ega.ee</a> Skype: kristinare1 <a href="http://www.ega.ee">www.ega.ee</a> FB &amp; Twitter: eGovAcademy</p>	<p>Jan De Mulder Public governance counsellor + 32 (0)474 999 432 <a href="mailto:Jan.demulder@vlaanderen.be">Jan.demulder@vlaanderen.be</a></p> <p>Bert Janssens Coordinator Europe and International Flemish Association of Cities and Municipalities +032(0)2 211 56 13 and M +32(0)473 59 37 40 <a href="mailto:bert.janssens@vvsb.be">bert.janssens@vvsb.be</a></p>
<p>11. SOCIAL WELFARE , PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE</p>	<p><b>Healthcare – Child and Family</b></p> <p><b>Social Insurance Board</b> Eve Liblik Head of Child Protection Department <a href="mailto:Eve.Liblik@sotsiaalkindlustusamet.ee">Eve.Liblik@sotsiaalkindlustu samet.ee</a></p>	<p><b>Welfare, Public Health and Family Department</b></p> <p>Fabian Dominguez Counsellor international affairs +32 (0)499 59 40 25</p>

	<p><b>National Institute for Health Development</b> Tiia Pertel  Head of Health Promotion Department  <u><a href="mailto:tiia.pertel@tai.ee">tiia.pertel@tai.ee</a></u></p>	<p>fabian.dominguez@wvg.vlaanderen.be</p>
<p>12. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY</p>	<p><b>Ministry of Social Affairs</b>  Kathlin Sander  Head of Equal Treatment Policy  Equality Policies Department  +372 626 9252  <u><a href="mailto:kathlin.sander@sm.ee">kathlin.sander@sm.ee</a></u></p>	<p><b>Department of Foreign Affairs</b>  Koen Jongbloet  Head of Division  Division Co-ordination  +32 (0)476 89 94 89</p>
<p>13. CAPACITY BUILDING</p>	<p><b>Estonian Center of Eastern Partnership</b>  Jaan Reinhold  Director  <a href="mailto:jaan.reinhold@eceap.eu">jaan.reinhold@eceap.eu</a>  +372 629 9217  Estonia pst 9  10143 Tallinn, Estonia  <u><a href="http://www.eceap.eu">www.eceap.eu</a></u></p>	<p><b>Department of Foreign Affairs</b>  Koen Jongbloet  Head of Division  Division Co-ordination  +32 (0)476 89 94 89</p> <p><u>Port Training</u>  Peter Van Heesvelde  Policy officer  Mobility and public works  Division Co-ordination  +32 (0)2 553 60 32  <a href="mailto:peter.vanheesvelde@vlaanderen.be">peter.vanheesvelde@vlaanderen.be</a></p>