

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ESTONIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 14 October 1991
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes, term ends in 2017.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits to Estonia: 1**
 - 4-5 May 2015: you gave a lecture entitled "Attacks against Cultural Heritage" at the Estonian Academy of Arts, visited the Old Town of Tallinn, World Heritage Site, and visited the Centre for Educational Technology, Institute of Informatics of the Tallinn University. You also met with high ranking government officials.
5. **The former Director-General's visits to the country:**
 - 29-30 May 2003: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Marten Kokk, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 18 February 2011)
 - Staff: Mrs Rea Rannu-Ideon, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Ms Heli Aru, Counsellor (Education); Ms Kadri Jogi, Assistant
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: Mr Margus Rava (September 2006 – July 2010); Mr Andres Talvik (March 2002 – June 2006); Ms Ruth Lausma (January 1999 – January 2002)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none
8. **Estonian National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 17 August 1992
 - Chairperson: Dr Kristin Kuutma (since February 2008)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Kerli Gutman (since January 2012)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Prof. Toivo Maimets, Member of the International Bioethics Committee (2010-2011)
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 1**
 - UNESCO Chair in Civics and Multicultural Education Studies, established at the Jaan Tonisson Institute, Tallinn (1999)
11. **Associated Schools:** 22 (2 primary, 11 primary and secondary, and 9 secondary schools). Estonia joined the ASP Network in 1985.
12. **UNESCO Clubs: 1**
 - Estonian UNESCO Youth Association (EUYA)
13. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
14. **Biosphere Reserves: 1**
 - West Estonian Archipelago (1990)

- 15. World Heritage Sites:** 2 Cultural
- Struve Geodetic Arc (2005) – jointly with Norway, Sweden, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Belarus, and the Russian Federation
 - Historic Centre (Old Town) of Tallinn (1997)
- 16. Tentative List:** 3 properties
- Wooded meadows (Laelatu, Kalli-Nedrema, Mäepea, Allika, Tagamoisa, Loode, Koiva, Halliste) (2004)
 - Baltic Klint (2004)
 - Kuressaare Fortress (2002)
- 17. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 4 elements on the Representative List
- Smoke sauna tradition in Võromaa (2014)
 - Seto Leelo, Seto polyphonic singing tradition (2009)
 - The Kihnu Cultural Space (2008)
 - The Baltic Song and Dance Celebrations (2008) – jointly with Latvia and Lithuania
- 18. Memory of the World Register:** 1 inscription
- The Baltic Way - Human Chain Linking Three States in Their Drive for Freedom (2008) – jointly with Latvia and Lithuania
- 19. Creative Cities Network:** 1 city
- Tartu, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature (2015)
- 20. Legal instruments:** 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: approval (17 August 2007)
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: approval (18 December 2006)
 - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: approval (27 January 2006)
 - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
 - Revised Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education: non-ratified
- 21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017:** none
- 22. Participation Programme:**
- 2014-2015: no projects submitted
 - 2010-2011: 4 projects approved for US\$ 95,000
 - 2008-2009: 6 projects approved for US\$ 89,000
- 23. Fellowships:** Since 2010, 3 fellowships awarded for a total amount of US\$ 27,750.
- 24. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016:** fully paid
- Assessment rate for 2016: 0.038%
 - Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 124,070
- 25. Invoicing of the Permanent Delegation:** no outstanding invoices
- 26. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):**

Year	2014	2013
Total	1,281	16,906

27. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented

- 1 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4):

28. National Government Officials:

Head of State: Mr Toomas Hendrik Ilves (*since October 2006*)

Prime Minister: Mr Mr Taavi Rõivas (*since March 2014*)

Foreign Minister: Ms Marina Kaljurand (*since July 2015*)

Minister of Culture: Mr Indrek Saar (*since April 2015*)

Minister of Education and Research: Mr Jürgen Ligi (*since April 2015*)