Follow-up of CONFINTEA VI:

Reporting template for National progress reports in preparation of the
Global Report on Adult Learning and Education (GRALE)
and the end of the
United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD)

National progress report submitted by
the Government of Estonia

This report is submitted on behalf of the Government of Estonia in accordance with the commitments made at the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI)[1] as laid down in the *Belém Framework for Action*[2], specifically with regard to monitoring its follow-up.

This report is organised in different sections according to the key areas of CONFINTEA VI. Accompanying this are the explanatory notes[3], which are meant to provide further clarification.

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[1] For more information about CONFINTEA VI see: http://www.unesco.org/en/confinteavi/

[2] Available in nine languages at http://www.unesco.org/en/confinteavi/belem-framework-for-action/

[3] The explanatory notes are intended to be a reference material to clarify the scope and background of the reporting template and explain some basic terms.

Report elaboration process

Which institutions and stakeholders provided input to this report?	*Mark all that apply*
Government Ministries	

Agriculture	☐
Defence	☐
Education	☒
Foreign Affairs	☐
Health	☐
Interior/Home affairs	☐
Labour	☐
Others *(please mark and specify below)*	☐
Civil society organisations	☒
National non-governmental organisations	☒
International non-governmental organisations	☐
Educational or research institutions/Universities	☐
Private sector companies	☐
United Nations agencies	☒
Non-UN bilateral or multilateral organisations	☐
Others *(please mark and specify below)*	☐

Briefly provide any additional information on the process by which this report has been produced, including information on: 1) which types of public authorities were consulted or contributed to its preparation; 2) how the stakeholders were consulted and how the outcomes of this consultation were taken into account; and 3) the types of references used as a basis for reporting.

1) Ministry of Education and Research; Tallinn University; UNESCO Estonian National Agency

2) E-mail; Internet; phone

3) Development Plan for the Estonian Adult Education 2009-2013; Action Plan 2009 - 2011; Achievement report of the Action Plan 2009 - 2011; Development Plan for the Estonian Vocational Education and Training System 2009-2013; Action Plan 2009 - 2011; Achievement report of the Action Plan 2009 - 2011; Plan of Capability for Competition "Estonia 2020"; Statistics Estonia; Programme PIAAC Estonia (initiated by OECD 2010); Acts and Regulations regulating adult education and lifelong learning; European Social Fund Programmes.

All references could be found on the following webpages -

MInistry of Education and Research: www.hm.ee;

AEAE Andras: www.andras.ee;

SA INNOVE: www.innove.ee;

Statistics Estonia: www.stat.ee

Government of Estonia: www.riigiteataja.ee

1. Definitions and data collection on adult learning and education

	Yes	No
1.1 Does your country have an official definition of **adult education**? *If Yes, please provide it in the space below:* Adult education is divided into formal education, vocational education and informal education: Formal education obtained within the adult education system allows adults to acquire basic and general secondary education at adult upper secondary schools through distance learning, evening courses or external study and higher education at universities through part time study. Vocational education allow adults to acquire and improve their professional, occupational and speciality knowledge, skills and experience as well as to retrain themselves. Informal education allow students to develop their creativity, talents and social skills.	☒	☐
1.1.1 Are other definitions used in practice? *If Yes, please provide them in the space below:*	☐	☒
1.2 Has your country adopted or developed an official definition of **literacy**? *If Yes, please provide it in the space below:*	☐	☒
1.2.1 Are other definitions used in practice? *If Yes, please provide them in the space below:*	☐	☒

1.3 How is literacy data obtained in your country?

Please select the option(s) below

National census	☒
School administrative data (years of schooling completed/primary certificate)	☐
Direct testing (e.g. Literacy Assessment and Monitoring Programme, LAMP)	☐
Household surveys	☐
Other methodology (*please describe below*):	☐

	Yes	No
1.4 Has your country changed literacy data collection methods since the UNLD mid-term review in 2006?	☐	☒

If Yes, please select the option(s) below that best describe the change(s)

New conceptual definition on literacy in place (for policy)	☐
New conceptual definition on literacy in place (for data collection only)	☐
New assessment of youth and/or adults' literacy skills	☐
Increase in the periodicity without significant conceptual changes	☐
Other changes (*please provide details below*):	☐

	Yes	No
1.5 Has your country faced challenges in collecting literacy data? *If Yes, please describe them briefly in the space below:*	☐	☒

1.6 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

Illiteracy is not a problem in Estonia for centuries. In the period 1995-2005 adult literacy rate (% of those aged 15 and older) was 99.8 in Estonia, what puts us on the second/third place (sharing it with Cuba) after Georgia in the world. This is the reason, why Estonia is not making special efforts in the field of literacy.

2. Policy: political commitment to adult education and adult literacy

2.1 Does your country have laws, legal regulations or other public policy measures/initiatives with a primary focus of supporting lifelong learning, adult education and adult literacy? Please name them, giving the year in which they were enacted and adding documentation/evidence, if possible.

	Yes	*No*	*If Yes: name of legal/policy instrument and references (add as many lines as needed)*	*Year*
Lifelong learning	☒	☐	Lifelong Learning Strategy 2005-2008 Strategy of Sustainable Estonia 21, 2003 Estonian Success 2014	2005
Adult education	☒	☐	Adult Education Act Development Plan for the Estonian Adult Education 2009-2013 Development Plan for the Estonian Vocational Education and Training System 2009 - 2013 Operational Programme for Human Resource Development 2007–2013 Estonian National Strategic Reference Framework 2007 – 2013 Rural Development Plan 2007–2013	1993
Adult literacy	☐	☒		

2.2 Which target groups of learners do current national adult education and/or adult literacy policies address? Examples could include women, youth, indigenous peoples, minority linguistic/ethnic groups, migrants, individuals with disabilities, rural residents, prisoners and others (please specify). Which age groups are targeted? What is the size of the target group?

	Specific target groups, including age range (add as many lines as needed)	*Total number of individuals in the group*
Adult education Adult literacy	All adults from 18 - 65+ age who want to obtain their initial education (general or vocational - primary, secondary or higher) or enhance their professional and/or personal competences, incl. - employed & unemployed (white & blue collared), people from rural areas, elderly people, mothers on maternity leave, non-Estonains, migrants etc.	600 thousand

2.3 Has your country set any goals and deadlines that national policy/ies in adult education and/or adult literacy are expected to reach? If yes, please specify the goal and, if applicable, relevant timeframe.

	Yes	*No*	*Specify goal*	*Specify timeframe*
Adult education	☒	☐		2013
Adult literacy	☐	☐		

2.4 Does your country have a policy on the language of instruction in adult	*Yes*	*No*

education?		
	☐	☒

If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references in the space below including when it was put in place:

2.5 Does your country have a policy framework to recognise, validate and accredit non-formal and informal learning?	*Yes*	*No*
	☒	☐

If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references in the space below, including when this policy framework was put in place:
The Estonian National Framework of Professional Qualification of Adult Educators' (functioning from 2004) recognise, validate and accredit all forms of adult learning, incl. formal, non-formal and informal.

2.6 Have action plans been formulated or updated since CONFINTEA VI (December 2009) at national or sub-national level?	*Yes*	*No*
Adult education	☒	☐

If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references:
Development Plan for the Estonian Adult Education 2009-2013 and Action Plans 2009 - 2011 and 2012 - 2013 for implementation the Development Plan.
Development Plan for the Estonian Vocational Education and Training System 2009 - 2013 and Action Plans 2009 - 2011 and 2012 - 2013 for implementation the Development Plan.

The development plan for the Adult Education has three main goals:
1) implementation of the development plan will enable adults better access both to formal and non-formal education in order to improve the knowledge of people and the level of education of the population and to increase the percentage of people aged 25-64 participating in lifelong learning to 13.5% by 2013;
2) will decrease the proportion of people aged 25-64 with general education (general secondary education, basic education or a lower level of education) and those without professional or vocational education to 32% in the population;
3) will create the preconditions for obtaining a one level higher level of education or qualification through high-quality education for as many people as possible.

The main goal of the new VET development plan is to define common strategic bases and objectives as well as measures, activities and resources for sustainable development of the Estonian VET, incl. lifelong learning system for the years 2009-2013.

Adult literacy	☐	☒

If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references:

2.7 Have adult education and adult literacy been included in other national plans/strategies?			
Adult education:	*Mark all that apply*	*Timeframe*	*References*
National Development Plan	☒	2011 - 2015	www.riigiteataja.ee
Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper	☐		
Education strategy	☒	2009 - 2013	www.hm.ee
Skills development (including vocational education and training) strategy	☒	2009 - 2013	www.hm.ee
Education For All Fast Track Initiative (EFA FTI) Education Sector Plan	☐		
Sustainable development strategy	☒	2005 - 2030	www.riigiteataja.ee

	Mark all that apply	Timeframe	References
Other (specify in the space below) Plan of Capability for Competition "Estonia 2020"	☒	2010 - 2020	www.hm.ee

Adult literacy:	*Mark all that apply*	*Timeframe*	*References*
National Development Plan	☐		
Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper	☐		
Education strategy	☐		
Skills development (including vocational education and training) strategy	☐		
Education For All Fast Track Initiative (EFA FTI) Education Sector Plan	☐		
Sustainable development strategy	☐		
Other (specify in the space below)	☐		

2.8 Have adult learners and/or adult literacy learners been involved in discussions about your policy and or plans?

	Yes	*No*	*Specify policy/plan (add as many lines as needed)*	*References*
Adult education	☒	☐		
Adult literacy	☐	☐		

If Yes, please elaborate how they have been involved.

Adult learners are involved through participation in the following National events:
National Council of Adult Education
Adult Learner's Week
Adult Education Forum
Adult Learners' Forum

2.9 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

3. Governance: governance and cooperation in adult education and adult literacy

3.1 Please list the names of organisations, institutions or agencies that are involved in planning, implementing and evaluating policies for adult education and adult literacy. Please mark/tick the level(s) at which they operate (national, sub-national).

Governmental:

Institution (add as many lines as needed)	Geographical scope (mark all that apply)		Is it involved in the implementation of programmes/courses? (mark all that apply)	
	National	*Sub-national*	*On adult education*	*On adult literacy*
Ministry of Education and Research	☒	☐	☒	☐
Ministry of Social Affairs	☐	☒	☒	☐
Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication	☐	☒	☒	☐
Ministry of Agriculture	☐	☒	☒	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐
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	☐	☐	☐	☐
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	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐

Non-Governmental:

Institution (add as many lines as needed)	Geographical scope (mark all that apply)		Is it involved in the implementation of programmes/courses? (mark all that apply)	
	National	*Sub-national*	*On adult education*	*On adult literacy*
Association of Estonian Adult Educators ANDRAS	☒	☒	☒	☐
Estonian Non-formal Adult Education Association	☒	☒	☒	☐
Foundation for Lifelong Learning Development INNOVE	☒	☒	☒	☐
Tallinn University	☐	☒	☒	☐
Tartu University	☐	☒	☒	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐

3.2 Is there any entity at national level responsible for ensuring the coordination of adult education and/or adult literacy activities?	*Yes*	*No*
Adult education	☒	☐
If Yes, please provide name and contact details: Ministry of Education and Research, Department of Vocational and Adult Education, Mr. Andres Pung, andres.pung(at)hm.ee; Munga 18, EE 50088 Tartu, Estonia Foundation for Lifelong Learning Development INNOVE, Agency of Structical Funds, Ms. Lea Orro, lea.orro(at)innove.ee; Lõõtsa 4, EE11415 Tallinn, Estonia		
Adult literacy	☐	☐
If Yes, please provide name and contact details:		

3.3 Does the national government conduct specific actions intended to facilitate cooperation among the different stakeholders in...	*Yes*	*No*
...adult education?	☒	☐

If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and/or which frameworks are in place and provide references:
Ministry of Education and Research is a supporting partner for the following actions, provided by the Association of Estonian Adult Educators ANDRAS:
1) Adult Learner's Week
2) Adult Education Forum
3) Adult Learners' Forum
Reference: www.andras.ee

...adult literacy?	☐	☒

If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and/or which frameworks are in place and provide references:

3.4 Does the national government provide capacity-building to ensure that the different stakeholders are able to participate in policy and programme development, implementation and evaluation in…	*Yes*	*No*
...adult education?	☒	☐

If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and provide references:
Professional Standards of Adult Educators, levels 5, 6, 7 and 8 by the Eu framework

...adult literacy?	☐	☒

If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and provide references:

3.5 Do local communities play a role in the planning, implementation and evaluation of programmes in ...	*Yes*	*No*
...adult education?	☒	☐
...adult literacy?	☐	☒

3.6 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

Local governments are responsible for distributing ressourses for school teachers and kindergarden pedagogues for their professional contiunuing training.
Funds can be allocated for informal adult education from the budgets of rural municipalities and cities.

4. Financing: investment in adult education and adult literacy

4.1 Data on public expenditure provided in this questionnaire should refer to actual expenditure. If actual expenditure is not available, please provide budget allocation.
Please indicate which data are reported:

Actual expenditure	*Budget allocation*
☐	☒

4.2 Please indicate the name of the currency used for reporting:

Euro

4.3 Please indicate the monetary unit used in the following tables:

Units	*Hundreds*	*Thousands*	*Millions*
	☐	☐	☒

4.4 What was the overall public expenditure on education and training in the financial years ending in 2009 and 2010 (in nominal local currency)?[4]

	Amount (2009)	*Amount (2010)*	*Source*
National government	631	708	State Budget
Sub-national governments[5]	5,95	5,99	Local Budgets
Total	636,95	713,99	

4.5 Are equivalent figures on the financial contributions to adult education by the following agents available?

	Amount (2009)	*Amount (2010)*	*Not available*
National government	In thousands: 25 (ALE) 2 597 (VET) 163 (In-service train ing programme)	In thousands: 19 (ALE) 2 878 (VET) 385 (In-service training programme)	☐
Sub-national governments[5]			☒
Civil society organisations	340 (Andras) 929 (NF AEA)	422 (Andras) 1 111 (NF AEA)	☐
Donors/international aid (not loans)	925 (ESF) 375 (EU Grundtvig prog.)	2 183 (ESF) 409 (EU Grundtvig prog.)	☐
Private companies			☒
Learners/households			☒

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[4] Include both current and capital expenditure on education and training directly allocated to educational institutions as well as transfers and payments to students (scholarships, grants or loans for tuition fees and/or living expenses) and the private sector. Exclude expenditure other than for educational institutions (e.g. general administration at ministry level). If the information is not available, please provide the best possible estimates. In any case, attach a detailed explanation on how this amount was computed and possible anomalies (elements not covered, etc.).
[5] Control for the potential double-counting effect of transfers across different government levels.

4.6 Are equivalent figures on the financial contributions to adult literacy by the following agents available?			
	Amount (2009)	*Amount (2010)*	*Not available*
National government			☒
Sub-national governments[5]			☒
Civil society organisations			☒
Donors/international aid (not loans)			☒
Private companies			☒
Learners/households			☒

4.7 Have new mechanisms or sources of funding for adult education and adult literacy been introduced since CONFINTEA VI (December 2009)?	*Yes*	*No*
	☐	☒
If Yes, please provide a brief description:		

4.8 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.
P. 4.5 Actual expenditures are in Euro and in thousands Andras - Association of Estoninan Adult Educators; NF AEA - Non-Formal Adult Education Association; ESF - European Social Fundation.

5. Participation: youth and adults' access to, and participation in, education and literacy programmes

5.1 Please indicate the areas of learning that are addressed by different organisations. Identify target groups (for example women, youth, indigenous peoples, minority linguistic/ethnic groups, migrants, individuals with disabilities, rural residents, prisoners and others) and if information and communication technologies (ICTs) are used.

Public sector organisations	Mark all that apply	Target group(s)	Use of ICT
Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)	☒	Adults' basic schools and gymnasiums students	☒
Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)	☒	Employees & employers, unemployed people,	☒
Life skills and/or health issues	☒	Professional contiunuig education for the medical workers (doctors, nurses)	☒
Use of information and communication technologies	☒	ICT college students, pedagogues	☒
Official/local languages	☒	Representatives of minority linguistic groups and foreign studets at universities	☒
Foreign languages	☒	Students at adult gymnasiums and part time students at universities	☒
Human rights/civic education	☒	Elderly people - third age university "students"	☒
Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)	☐		☐
Other (please provide a brief description below:) Train the trainers	☒	Adult educators	☒

Private companies	Mark all that apply	Target group(s)	Use of ICT
Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)	☐		☐
Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)	☒	Employees & employers, unemployed people	☒
Life skills and/or health issues	☒	Professional contiunuig education for medical workers (	☒
Use of information and communication technologies	☒	All adults, interested in learning, pedagogues	☒
Official/local languages	☒	Minorities, foreigners	☒
Foreign languages	☒	All adults, interested in learning	☒
Human rights/civic education	☐		☐
Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic,	☐		☐

cultural)			
Other *(please provide a brief description below:)* Train the trainers	☒	Adult educators	☒

Civil society or non-governmental organisations	*Mark all that apply*	*Target group(s)*	*Use of ICT*
Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)	☐		☐
Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)	☒	Unemployed	☒
Life skills and/or health issues	☒	Elderly people, pensioners, individuals with disabilities	☒
Use of information and communication technologies	☐		☐
Official/local languages	☐		☐
Foreign languages	☐		☐
Human rights/civic education	☒	Pedagogues	☒
Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)	☒	All adults, interested in personal growth	☒
Other *(please provide a brief description below:)* Train the trainers	☒	Adult educators	☒

5.2 Are there surveys on provision and demand?		
	Provision	Demand
On adult education **On adult literacy**	☒ ☐	☒ ☐

Please provide references or attach reports that may have been produced with the information generated by these surveys (if any).
Estonian Statistics: www.stat.ee

5.3 Please list which languages are used for the provision of literacy programmes. Indicate if learning materials are available in the respective language.	
(add as many lines as needed)	*Mark if language of learning materials*
	☐
	☐
	☐
	☐
	☐
	☐

5.4 List and describe briefly any key challenges related to implementing literacy classes in languages other than the official/dominant language(s).

5.5 Have the languages in which literacy programmes are offered changed since the UNLD mid-term review in 2006?	*Yes*	*No*
	☐	☒

If Yes, please provide a brief description and references:

5.6 At what administrative levels are literacy learning materials developed and who is involved in the process?			
	Mark all that apply	*Are local communities involved?*	
		Yes	*No*
National level	☐	☐	☐
Sub-national level	☐	☐	☐
Please provide references or attach documents on local community participation:			

5.7 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in 5.1 to 5.6. Pay particular attention to innovative practices and services for marginalised groups.

5.8 Does the government collect information on the following items...?	*Mark all that apply*
Enrolment in adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	☒
Attendance in adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	☒
Completion of adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	☒
Enrolment in literacy programmes	☐
Attendance in literacy programmes	☐
Completion of literacy programmes	☐
If this information is available please attach the corresponding figures and documentation, or provide the references: Estonian Statistics: www.stat.ee	

5.9 Does the government measure the learning outcomes of the following programmes...? (mark all that apply)				
	Only by teachers/ facilitators	Standardised tests for statistical purposes	Standardised tests for certification purposes	Other
Adult education programmes (other than literacy)	☐	☒	☒	☐
Adult literacy programmes	☐	☐	☐	☐
If this information is available please attach the corresponding figures and documentation, or provide the references:				

5.10 Are there differences between men and women in terms of their participation in adult education and/or adult literacy programmes?	*Mark all that apply*	
	Yes	*No*
Adult education	☒	☒
Adult literacy	☐	☐
	Adult education	Adult literacy
If yes: Who participates more? Women	☒	☐
Men	☐	☐
	Yes	*No*
If there are differences: Have measures have been undertaken to address these differences in adult education/adult literacy programmes? **Adult education**	☒	☒
Adult literacy	☐	☐
If measures have been undertaken please provide a brief description and references: It is proposed that special attention would be paid for reqruiting more men in ESF financed programmes.		

5.11 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in 5.8 to 5.10. Pay particular attention to equity-related issues regarding access, participation and outcomes.

6. Quality: quality assurance

6.1 Do quality criteria for adult education and adult literacy exist in the following areas: curriculum, learning materials, facilitators' training, teaching/learning methodology and assessment of learning outcomes? If yes, please specify. Since when have they been in place?

Adult education

Area	*Mark when quality criteria are in place*	*Indicate year when quality criteria were introduced*	*Specify quality criteria in place*
Curricula	☒	2008	Developed new curricula based on key competences and learning outcomes.
Learning materials	☒	2011	A Handbook af Adult Educator
Facilitators' training	☒	2008	Number of people who have completed adult educators' training (funded by the ESF and the state budget during the period 2008 - 2013).
Teaching/ learning methods	☒	2008	Developing the conception and methodology of competence based adult learning.
Assessment of learning outcomes	☒	2004	Qualification exams

Adult literacy

Area	*Mark when quality criteria are in place*	*Indicate year when quality criteria were introduced*	*Specify quality criteria in place*
Curricula	☐		
Learning materials	☐		
Facilitators' training	☐		
Teaching/ learning methods	☐		
Assessment of learning outcomes	☐		

6.2 Are there pre-service and in-service training programmes for educators/facilitators for adult education and adult literacy? Please mark all that apply, considering provider and type of training programme.

Adult education

Provider	Pre-service		In-service	
	Mark if yes	Typical duration (months)	*Mark if yes*	Typical duration (months)
Governmental institution	☐		☐	
University	☒	30 + 20	☒	1 - 6
Private company	☐		☒	1 - 4
Non-governmental organisation	☐		☒	6 - 10

Adult literacy

Provider	Pre-service		In-service	
	Mark if yes	Typical duration (months)	*Mark if yes*	Typical duration (months)
Governmental institution	☐		☐	
University	☐		☐	
Private company	☐		☐	
Non-governmental organisation	☐		☐	

6.3 What is the average monthly remuneration (in nominal local currency) for a full-time educator/ facilitator in the following programmes? *(academic year ending in 2010)*

Programme	Monthly average remuneration if available	*Remarks/source*
Adult education (excluding literacy programmes)	700 Euro	State/University budget
Adult literacy		

6.4 Have any initiatives been undertaken by the government concerning the working conditions of adult educators/facilitators/volunteers? Please mark if yes.

	Mark all that apply
Adult education	☐
Adult literacy	☐

6.5 Have the national or sub-national governments implemented monitoring and evaluation mechanisms? *(If yes, mark all that apply)*

	Monitoring	Evaluation
Adult education	☒	☒
Adult literacy	☐	☐

Please provide a brief description and references:
All projects and training programmes financed from ESF weree monitored and evaluated. www.innove.ee

6.6 Have the national or sub-national governments commissioned studies in order to inform policy and programme design and implementation since 2009?

	Mark all that apply
Lifelong learning	☐
Adult education	☒
Adult literacy	☐

If one or more of the boxes is marked, please provide a brief description and references:
New curricual in adult educators' training.
New professional standards (5, 6, 7 and 8) for adulr educators, corresponding the EU framework.

6.7 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

7. CONFINTEA VI follow-up: additional activities

7.1 Please indicate which activities have been implemented as a follow-up to CONFINTEA VI and the implementation of the *Belém Framework for Action.*

	Mark if taken place
Advocacy events (conference, forum, etc.)	☒
Media campaigns	☒
Publications (booklets, leaflets, posters, etc.)	☒
Creation of committees to streamline adult education and adult literacy	☐
Adult Learners Week/Learning festivals	☒
Creation of learners' networks and/or fora	☒
Translation of the *Belém Framework for Action* into the national language	☐
Presenting the *Belém Framework for Action* to parliament	☐
Elaboration of a funding plan	☐
Development of a national roadmap for the implementation of the *Belém Framework for Action*	☐
Other (*please specify below*)	☐

7.2 Is there any innovative experience in adult education and/or adult literacy that has been developed in your country since 2009 (CONFINTEA VI) that could be instructive for other countries? If yes, provide a brief description and references.

I During the years 2010 - 2011 special attention was put into the media programmes. The following events were initiated, advocating adult learning and education:
1) Short video clips were presented at the National TV - "Why I learn?" in prime time, befor the main news. All people participating in these video clips were politicians, artists or other public persons.
2) January 2010 - May 2011 every suterday evening a 1/2 hour show on adult and lifelong learning was presented on the National TV, leaded by a famous artist.
3) Onec in month the National radio station presented interviews with well known people about adult education and lifelong learning, promoting adult learning.

II Publications:
2010 - 2011 a journal "Õpitrepp" (The Learning Staircase) was published.

III Every year Adult Learning Week was provided.

IV The following networks were initiated:
1) Adult Learnes' Network
2) Network of key persons (30 people - two from each region) organising the preparatory work and provision Adult Learners' Week.

7.3 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

8. The United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012): specific activities under the framework of the UNLD after the mid-term review in 2006

8.1 Which specific advocacy initiatives/ activities for youth and adult literacy have been undertaken in your country in the last five years? Please rank the frequency/intensity and results or impact of such advocacy work.

	Frequency				Results			
	very frequent	often	hardly	never	excellent	good	modest	no results
Advocacy events (conference, forum, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Media campaigns	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Publications (booklets, leaflets, posters, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐

8.2 Have there been specific initiatives/ activities in support of...?

	Yes	No
... women and girls?	☐	☒

If yes, please provide a brief description and references:

	Yes	No
... other excluded/ under-represented/underprivileged groups?	☐	☒

If yes, please provide a brief description and reference:

8.3 How would you rate the impact of the UN Literacy Decade in helping to boost your advocacy efforts for literacy?

It has been extremely helpful	It has helped a lot	It has helped a little	It has not helped
☐	☐	☐	☐

If your answer is different from "it has not helped", please provide below a brief explanation and examples of advocacy efforts, commenting on their degree of success:

It is not possible to evaluate the use of the UN LITERACY Decade, as no events were provided in Estonia.

8.4 Have literacy policies changed in your country in the last five years?	Yes	No
	☐	☒

If yes, please specify how they have changed below and provide evidence.

8.5 Have your literacy targets changed over the last five years?	*Yes*	*No*
	☐	☒

If yes, please provide below a brief explanation:

8.6 What are the country's current capacity-building needs in literacy and what are the obstacles and challenges in meeting them?

8.7 What are the major challenges for your literacy programme/s regarding planning and implementation, administration, monitoring and evaluation?

8.8 Are there other obstacles or major challenges in increasing efforts in literacy? Which of these areas, or other areas, requires further research?

8.9 What are the prospects for sustaining efforts in literacy beyond 2013, and which steps does your government plan to take in this regard?