

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ESTONIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

### II. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

1. **Membership** since 14 October 1991
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term 2013-2017)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions** (by year of end of term):
  - 2023: Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
  - 2021: International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere
  - Permanent membership in the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **Director-General's visits:** none
5. **Former Director-General's visits:** 1 in 2015
6. **Permanent Delegation:**
  - H.E. Mr Clyde Kull, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 1 October 2019)
  - Ms Riia Salsa, Deputy Permanent Delegate
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: Mr Alar Streimann (2018-2019); Ms Ingrid Amer (2016-2018), Mr Marten Kokk (2011-2016)
7. **National Commission:**
  - Creation: 17 August 1992
  - Chairperson: Dr Kristin Kuutma (since February 2008)
  - Secretary-General: Ms Kerli Gutman (since January 2012)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Professor Toivo Maimets, member of the International Bioethics Committee (2010-2011)
9. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks:** 1 Chair
  - 2019: UNESCO Chair on Applied Studies of Intangible Cultural Heritage (2019), University of Tartu
10. **Associated Schools:** 30 institutions
  - 4 primary, 13 primary/secondary, 11 secondary, and 2 vocational and technical institutions
  - Joined the ASP Network in 1960
11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
12. **UNESCO Clubs:** 1 (Estonian UNESCO Youth Association – EUYA)
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1 (1990: West Estonian Archipelago)
14. **Global Geoparks:** none

**15. World Heritage Sites: 2 (cultural)**

- 2005: Struve Geodetic Arc, jointly with Belarus, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Sweden and Ukraine
- 1997: Historic Centre (Old Town) of Tallinn

**16. Tentative List: 3 sites**

- 2004: Wooded meadows (Laelatu, Kalli-Nedrema, Mäepea, Allika, Tagamoisa, Loode, Koiva, Halliste)
- 2004: Baltic Klint
- 2002: Kuressaare Fortress

**17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 4 elements on the Representative List**

- 2014: Smoke sauna tradition in Võromaa
- 2009: Seto Leelo, Seto polyphonic singing tradition
- 2008: Kihnu cultural space
- 2008: Baltic song and dance celebrations

**18. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription**

- 2008: The Baltic Way - Human Chain Linking Three States in Their Drive for Freedom

**19. Creative Cities: 2 cities**

- 2019: Viljandi, City of Crafts and Folk Art
- 2015: Tartu, City of Literature

**20. Legal instruments: 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified**

<i>Ratified Conventions:</i>	Deposit:	
	Date	Type
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris	7/08/2007	Approval
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	3/12/2006	Approval
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	7/01/2006	Approval
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	7/01/2005	Accession
Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999.	7/01/2005	Approval
Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed.	1/08/2001	Accession
Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H. Nairobi, 26 November 1976.	1/08/2001	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	3/04/2000	Ratification
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of	3/02/2000	Accession

their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.		
Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997.	1/04/1998	Ratification
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	7/10/1995	Ratification
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	7/10/1995	Ratification
Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	4/04/1995	Accession
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar	9/03/1994	Ratification
Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.	7/06/1993	Ratification

- 21. Anniversaries UNESCO is associated with in 2018-2019:** none in 2018-2019, no proposals for 2020-2021
- 22. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO,** based in the country: 3
- International Association of Universities and Colleges of art, Design and Media
  - University of the Arctic Association
  - World Federation of the Deaf
- 23. Participation Programme:** no requests submitted since 2012 (2010-2011: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 95,000)
- 24. Fellowships:** Since 2010, 3 fellowships awarded for a total amount of US\$ 27,750
- 27. Representation within the Secretariat:** under-represented with 1 professional staff member in a geographical position (min. 2, max. 4):