

Name of the Council	Estonian Education Forum
Short presentation of the Council Tasks	<p>The Estonian Education Forum (in Estonian <i>Eesti Haridusfoorum</i>) started its activities in 1995. Estonian Education Forum (EEF) is a think-tank type NGO representing all the most important interest groups in educational policy.</p> <p>The main aim of the EEF is to support the democratic processes like participation, partnership and social agreement in Estonian education policy. So far, EEF has established a functioning co-operation network that consists of more than fifty interest groups and innovative organisations in the field of education. During 1999-2000 EEF in co-operation with different public and private organisations, incl. the Ministry of Education and different NGOs elaborated the Concept and Strategic Development Plan for Estonian Education System.</p> <p>One of the main forms of activity for EEF is the annual educational forum – a set of preliminary forums and the plenary forum where the situation in the education system (lifelong learning system) in Estonia is discussed, the education policy and the labour policy issues in Estonia are discussed and solutions developed.</p> <p>As a result of preliminary forums, draft documents and proposals for the plenary forum prepared. These shall be presented to the EEF for decision-making on educational policy issues. Such an approach enables to mould a common understanding which shall be formulated in the adopted resolutions.</p> <p>The organisational structure of the EEF consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Board of the EEF (Chairwoman of the Board <a href="#">Ms Krista Loogma</a>)</li> <li>* Executive Management (<a href="#">Check contacts</a>)</li> <li>* Annual Council of the EEF</li> </ul> <p>EEF has over 40 members (organisations and individuals), among them are highly qualified experts (scientists and practitioners) in</p>

	the fields of education, work and lifelong learning
Annual work programme Summary and Priorities	<p>Preparing for the forum: the topics include the strategy for lifelong learning; the development of education strategies during 15 years.</p> <p>Maintaining the internet forum.</p> <p>Improving the “Database of best practices”.</p> <p>Co-operation with social partners.</p> <p>Compiling the “Proceedings of EEF 2009”.</p> <p>Presenting materials about the results of the discussions and proposals made by EEF to the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research.</p>
Recent publications Summary and links	<p>Proceedings of EEF (in Estonian) over the past 5 years:</p> <p><b>The role of the county, town and local community in the school education system. 2004.</b> The publications aim to explain how and what should be done so that the principle and slogan “education for everyone” would become a reality.</p> <p><b>21<sup>st</sup> century education – is it for everybody? 2005.</b> Summary of EEF's work during 10 years. It looks at the past as well as into the future, deals with concerns and brings good examples from the forums and also from work done at local level.</p> <p><b>Lifelong learning – bridges and obstacles. 2006.</b> It has been compiled taking into account the purposes of “education for everyone”. It mainly focuses on problems in the vocational training system and deals with the conditions for learners with special needs.</p> <p><b>Teacher in a learning society and in a learning school. 2007.</b> Deals with the following: the status of teachers in Estonian schools and society; what should be done about the teacher's profession so it would become as popular among young people as the doctor's, lawyer's or business manager's professions; how can we transform every school into a learning organization; how can we transform Estonia into a learning society etc.</p> <p><b>Comprehensive school creates a foundation. 2008</b> The main theme: primary and lower secondary education as a vital part of the foundation for lifelong learning. Includes examples of successful undertakings in the educational field.</p> <p><b>Adult learner in today's and tomorrow's Estonia. 2009.</b> - in development</p> <p><b>The entire list of publications:</b> <a href="http://www.haridusfoorum.ee/index.php?page=EHF_tr_kised">http://www.haridusfoorum.ee/index.php?page=EHF_tr_kised</a></p>

Publications/documents on the conference theme: Guidance through transition moments in the learning pathways

### **Publications**

**Career services in Estonia.** This brochure gives an overview about career services in Estonia at present. There is also a historical time line of career services during 10 years (1998-2008) when services are provided in Estonia. Publication is in **English**.

**Cooperation between career-specialists and parents 2007.** This publication is targeted to all specialists who have contacts with youngsters and their parents who are in the middle of the process of career planning and choosing a profession. The book helps to rise career-specialists awareness about different possibilities when creating cooperation with parents. Available only in Estonian.

**Career services in Estonia in 2007** gives an overview of career guidance and -services field in Estonia. Issues covered: target groups, problems of providing service, qualifications, financing, quality assurance, creating and spreading career information and legislation. Available only in Estonian.

**Study in Europe 2008** is targeted to youngsters and others who are interested in mobility opportunities and distractions that can appear when one is planning to study abroad. Publication also introduces working as one alternative to fund studies. There is also an overview of tendencies of Estonians mobility. Available only in Estonian.

**Education, labour market and career guidance in Estonia in 2006.** This publication is an overview of Estonian education, labour market and current situation in career guidance in Estonia. Last chapter is about developments in career guidance- national ESF project to improve quality in guidance and European Joint Actions project for establishment of national guidance forums. There is also written about service provision, target groups and qualification and training of guidance personnel. Publication is in **English**

**From school to work. Education and labour market in Estonia in 2007.** First chapter is about general-, vocational-, higher education, students with special needs, adult training and allowances. Second chapter gives an overview of labour market situation (unemployment, international perspectives, forecasts etc.). The last part of publication looks at relations between education and labour market.

[Challenges for Career Guidance in Small States 2006](#) (study by Ronald G. Sultana) carried out within the context of the MEDSUI Joint Actions project, challenges the view that small states are

simply scaled down versions of larger ones. The study goes further by proposing that the whole notion of career may need to be considered differently in a small state context. The monograph is divided into four sections: methodology used in the study, definition and characteristics of small states, literature on small states in various fields that are related to career guidance, and conclusions concerning the specificity of the challenges for career guidance in small states. Publication is also available in **Estonian**

**Collaboration in the Provision of Career Guidance Services 2006** introduces case studies of co-operation among career guidance providers, stakeholders and various partners as mapped and submitted by 6 different European countries. All initiatives are described within a similar framework of topics – the context, goals, partners, description and challenges of co-operation, partnership related outcomes and impact on policy. The publication is aimed at everyone interested in the development of career guidance services and in reviewing related initiatives in other countries. This compendium has been produced within the framework of the EU Joint Actions programme, and is one of the outputs of the project called MEDSUI – Developing National Fora for Guidance in Six Member States – Malta, Estonia, Denmark, Slovenia, the United Kingdom and Ireland. Publication is also available in Estonian.

**Learning by leaving 2006.** Placements abroad as a didactical tool in the context of vocational education and training in Europe is based on a PhD thesis of a Danish expert on education Søren Kristensen. The book analyses learning processes which are related to placements abroad. The author tries to create a reliable theoretical framework to move on from the best practice to the elaboration of a specific pedagogy of the placements abroad. Available in Estonian only.

**Career Information Guide - how to create and mediate information about education, labour market and professions 2005.** The aim of the publication is to support practitioners who work daily with career information, and to enhance the quality of their information seeking. It provides an overview of the information retrieval process and various means for performing it, information seeking methods and strategies, principles of establishing a career library, content and format design of a web site and the management of a web project. Available only in Estonian

**Career information guide 2009**

Materials to make obtaining information work skills easier; target

group are the people who come deal with career information in their everyday work.

**A guide for the decision maker – opportunities for vocational training 2009**

[www.innove.ee](http://www.innove.ee)

[www.innove.ee/trykised](http://www.innove.ee/trykised)

[www.innove.ee/career-services/euroguidance/euroguidance-estonia\\_0](http://www.innove.ee/career-services/euroguidance/euroguidance-estonia_0)

**A guide for the decision maker – opportunities for vocational training 2009/2010**

**The need for skills in the European labour market until 2020**

**Training materials regarding entrepreneurship**

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