

# **EU Funding Facts & Figures** Estonia

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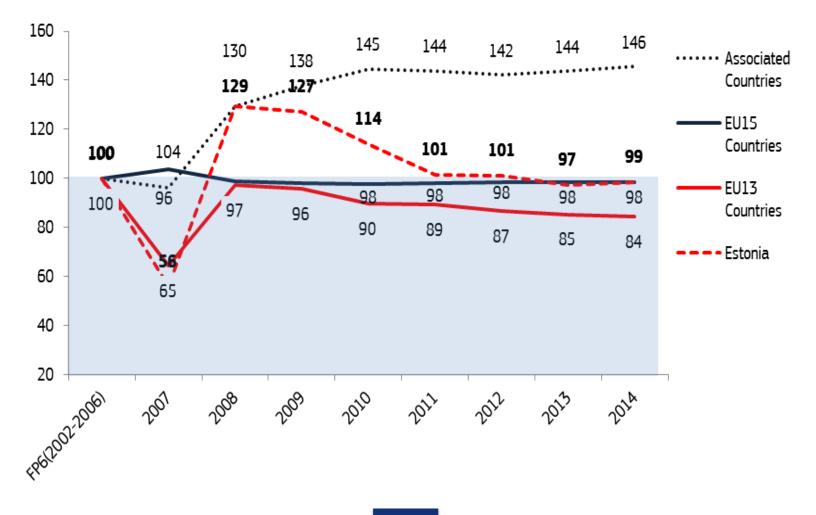


### Main characteristics in terms of EU funding absorption

- The level of R&D expenditure based on GDP in Estonia (1.74%) is higher than the EU13 average (1.05%) but lower than the EU15 average (2.09%).
- The FP7 financial contribution per inhabitant (66.2€) is notably higher than the EU13 average (17.8€) but still remains below the EU15 average (95.2€) [541 participations & 55 project coordinations].
- EE share of FP7 budget remains more-less same compared to the share of FP6.
- Total RTDI SF allocated to project was 780.03 M€ (for 2007-2013), corresponding to 588.7€/inhabitant.



#### **Evolution of the share of EU FP contribution**





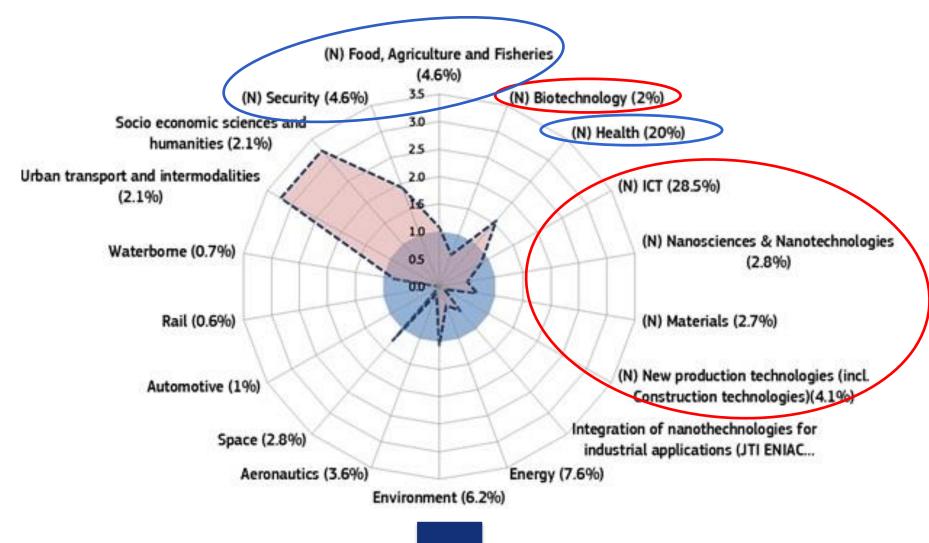
### The FP specialisation profile

### Specialisation areas and FP

- The specialisation areas chosen in the RIS3 strategy are partially aligned with the FP7 specialisation profile.
- In terms of funding, ~68% of the FP7 funding can be estimated as being aligned to specialisation areas



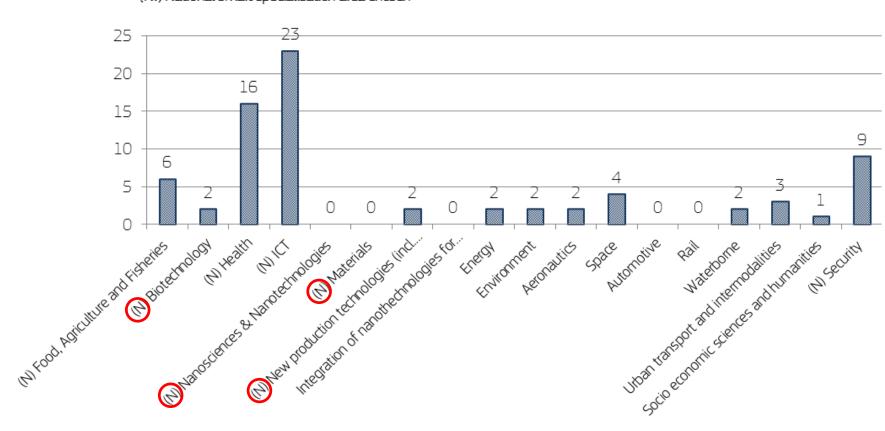
## Estonia – FP7 thematic profile





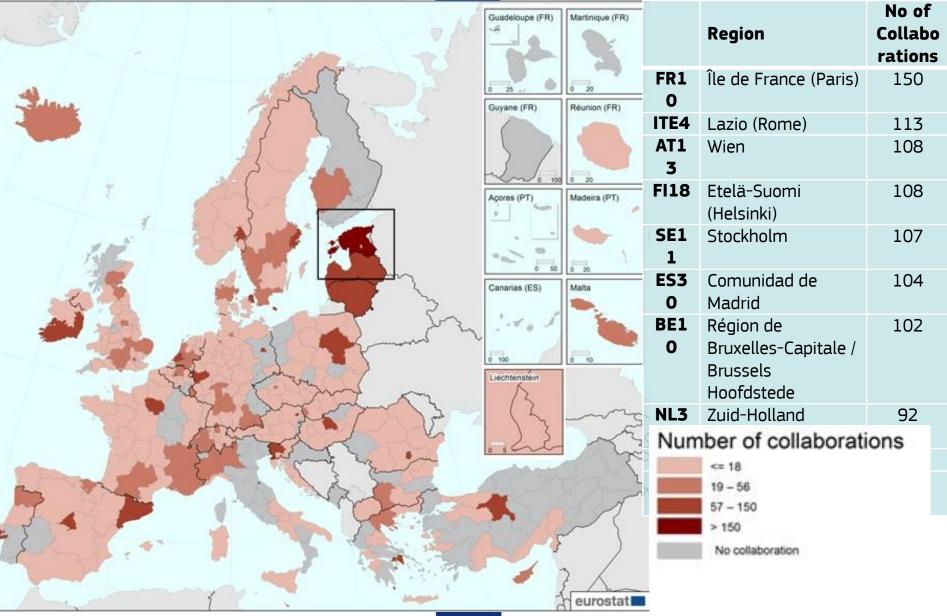
### The EU funding users profile

#### Number of SMEs in FP7 research themes for Estonia



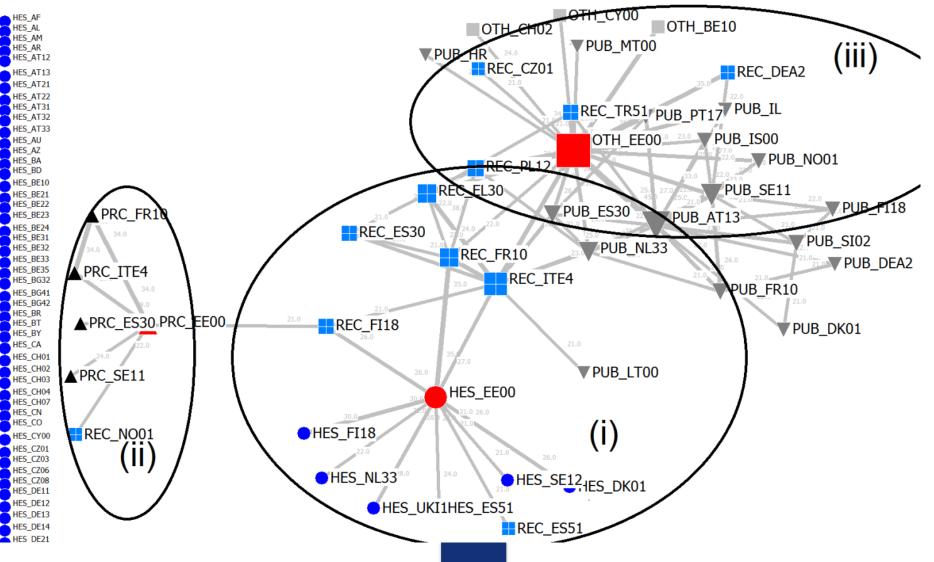
(N:) National smart specialisation area chosen







Main collaboration network of Estonia in FP7



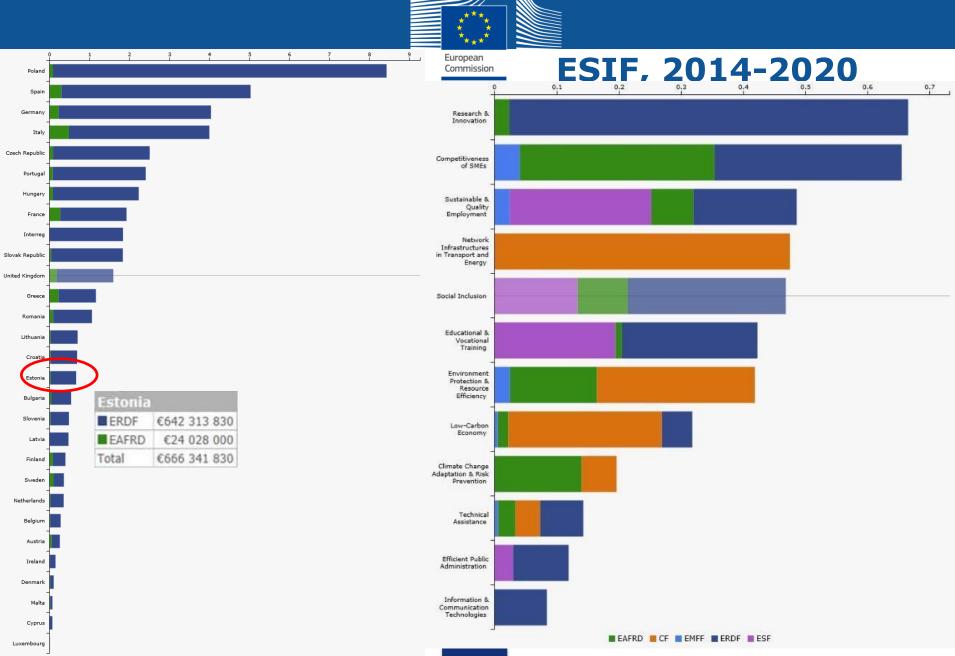


## Main characteristics in terms of SF

- In terms of funding absorption, Estonia accessed almost all the envelope dedicated to research and innovation in three national OPs.
  - 645.3M€ (44.1% of total) in the Development of Economic Environment OP was earmarked for R&I (655M€ absorbed, 101.5%)
  - 76.9M€ (19.6% of total) in the Human Resources OP was earmarked for R&I (104.7M€ absorbed, 136.3%)
  - 60.1M€ (3.9% of total) in *the Development of Living* Environment was earmarked for R&I (20.3M€ absorbed, 33.7%)
- However, there are variations in terms of what was originally programmed in the OP and what has finally been allocated among the priorities.



Priorities 2007-2013	Allocated,M€	Absorption
R&TD activities in research centres (01)	186.5	33.3%
R&TD infrastructure(02)	133.3	217.7 %
Technology transfer (03)	56.8	37.6 %
Assistance to R&TD, particularly in SMEs (04)	20.8	63.6 %
Advanced support services for firms(05)	15.1	14.8 %
Assistance to SMEs(06)	9.3	11.2 %
Investment in firms linked to R&I (07)	80.7	n/a
Other investment in firms (08)	85.8	189.1 %
Other measures (09)	56.9	180.0 %
Total R&I activities in OP (Economic Environment OP)	645.3	101.5 %
Technology Transfer (9)	0.7	4104.3 %
Developing human potential (74)	76.2	100.5%
Total R&I activities in OP (Human Resource OP)	76.9	136.3 %
Technology transfer (3) <b>(Living Environment OP)</b>	60.1	33.7%





### **Questions on the Estonian innovation ecosytem**

- Reflection of the successful R&D activities into the economic impact?
- Lack of strategic vision?
- Better combination of national and EU funding sources?
- Lack of capacity for coordination and management?
- Asymmetric participation in research programmes (dominated by same institutions and companies)?
- Lack of linkages between reserach and business?
- Brain drain?
- Lack of venture capital? –research outcomes commercialised outside Estonia?
- Missing promotion to attract entreprises?





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