If you consider a Widening Country organisation as a partner or host for your Marie Skłodowska-Curie project, THIS COUNTRY PROFILE IS FOR YOU!

ESTONIA
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FACTS AND FIGURES

1.32 million inhabitants (EU28: 513 million)
6.84 thousand researchers (EU28: 87 thousand)
108 new doctorate graduates per 100,000 population aged 25-34 (EU28: 237)
10,778 international scientific co-publications per 100,000 population (EU28: 5179)
201 Estonian organisations successful in H2020 so far (EU28: 26,671)

Estonian organisations have already signed the Charter & Code:
https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/charter/declaration-endorsement

The most successful organisations in Horizon 2020 and MSCA (until June 2019)

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To know more about the Estonian R&I system, check the RIO analysis:
MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS
Conduct research with an Estonian institution!

80 researchers are already in Estonia with MSCA, will you become the next one?
Team up with an Estonian organisation – 26 are already participating in MSCA.

MSCA key figures – country profile for Estonia:
- https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/msca-numbers_en

Check the next MSCA calls on the EC website:
- https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/node_en

Excellent MSCA IF proposals with Estonian host institutions also have a chance of getting funding under the Widening Fellowship Programme. Learn more:

Check out the success stories of the Widening countries under MSCA:

Look for job opportunities and find out practical issues about Estonia with EURAXESS:
- http://www.euraxess.ee/

If you need more information, contact the Estonian National Contact Point for Horizon 2020:
- https://www.etag.ee/en

or the dedicated MSCA NCP: https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/contacts/
The Mobilitas Pluss programme supports both top researchers who come to work in an Estonian R&D institution to establish their research group and researchers who have carried out their post-doctoral research abroad to return and continue their research in Estonia. Until now, the programme has funded 55 returning researcher grants amounting to 3.74 million euros, while 13 top researchers have received grants totalling €11.01 million.

Close-knit research community

The number of international researchers working in Estonia has grown almost 9-fold since 2004, and now accounts for around 10% of the total number of researchers in Estonia. From Germany to India, Finland to USA, foreign researchers are welcomed from all over the world.
Science goes to business

Estonia ranks third in Europe regarding the highest number of start-ups per capita — 31 start-ups per 100,000 inhabitants! Estonia is the birthplace of Starship delivery robots, Skeleton ultracapacitors, Guardtime’s cryptographic verification services, etc.

Excellent infrastructure: the University of Tartu, Institute of Genomics

To develop personalised medicine in its national healthcare, Estonia has launched a programme to recruit one third of its population as biobank participants. DNA samples are collected and analysed by the Estonian Genome Centre, University of Tartu, and stored in its biobank. Its core facility is dedicated to providing genotyping and sequencing services to researchers, clinicians and others with state-of-the-art technology.

For further exploration of Estonian research innovations, visit “Research in Estonia”

http://researchinestonia.eu/

One of the leading biomedical researchers in the world, Prof. Lili Milani. Photo: Renee Altrov
Specialty of the country

Estonia is a land of lush forests and fast wifi. Estonians believe in innovation and the constant quest to improve. The culture of low power distance enables fast advancement. There is always room for bold ideas, doing things differently, and being first. Estonia is the most entrepreneurial country in Europe, as well as one of the cleanest countries and one of the most developed digital societies in the world. In Estonia, starting a company takes just three hours, and filing taxes just minutes.

Estonia is the first country to offer e-residency, a transnational digital identity that allows digital signatures and the creation and operation of location-independent businesses online. Since 2014, people from 167 different countries have applied for e-residency.

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