



Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Education

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We are almost neighbours 😊



About Estonia





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- **Location:** North East Europe
- **Area:** 45 227 km²
- **Population:** 1.3 million
- **Capital:** Tallinn
- **Official language:** Estonian
- **Ethnic groups:** 72% Estonian, 22% Russian, 6% other

Over 1500 islands and 2500 lakes.
Forests: 52% of the territory.



“ e-Estonia”

- e-government (paperless meetings)
- e-elections
- e-taxes
- digital signature
- e-police
- e-healthcare
- e-school, e-tests, e-school bag
- e-residence
- e-parking

Skype was invented in Estonia



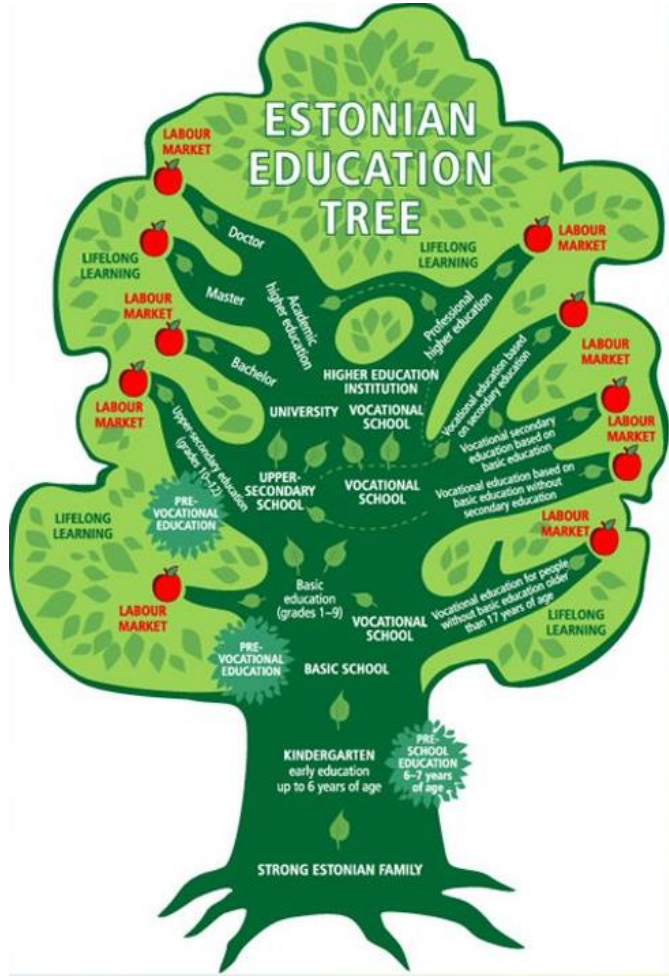
What brought us here?

“ Estonian people believe in education. We truly think that the best thing we can give to our children is not land, house or a bank account, but good education.”

Toomas Hendrik Ilves,
former President of Estonia



Estonian Educational Landscape



- Pre-school education
- Basic education
- General upper secondary education
- Vocational education
- Higher education
- Adult education



PISA and Estonian Education System



Vision and Strategic Goals for 2020

Vision for 2020:
Learning is a lifestyle.
Development opportunities are noticed and smart solutions are pursued.



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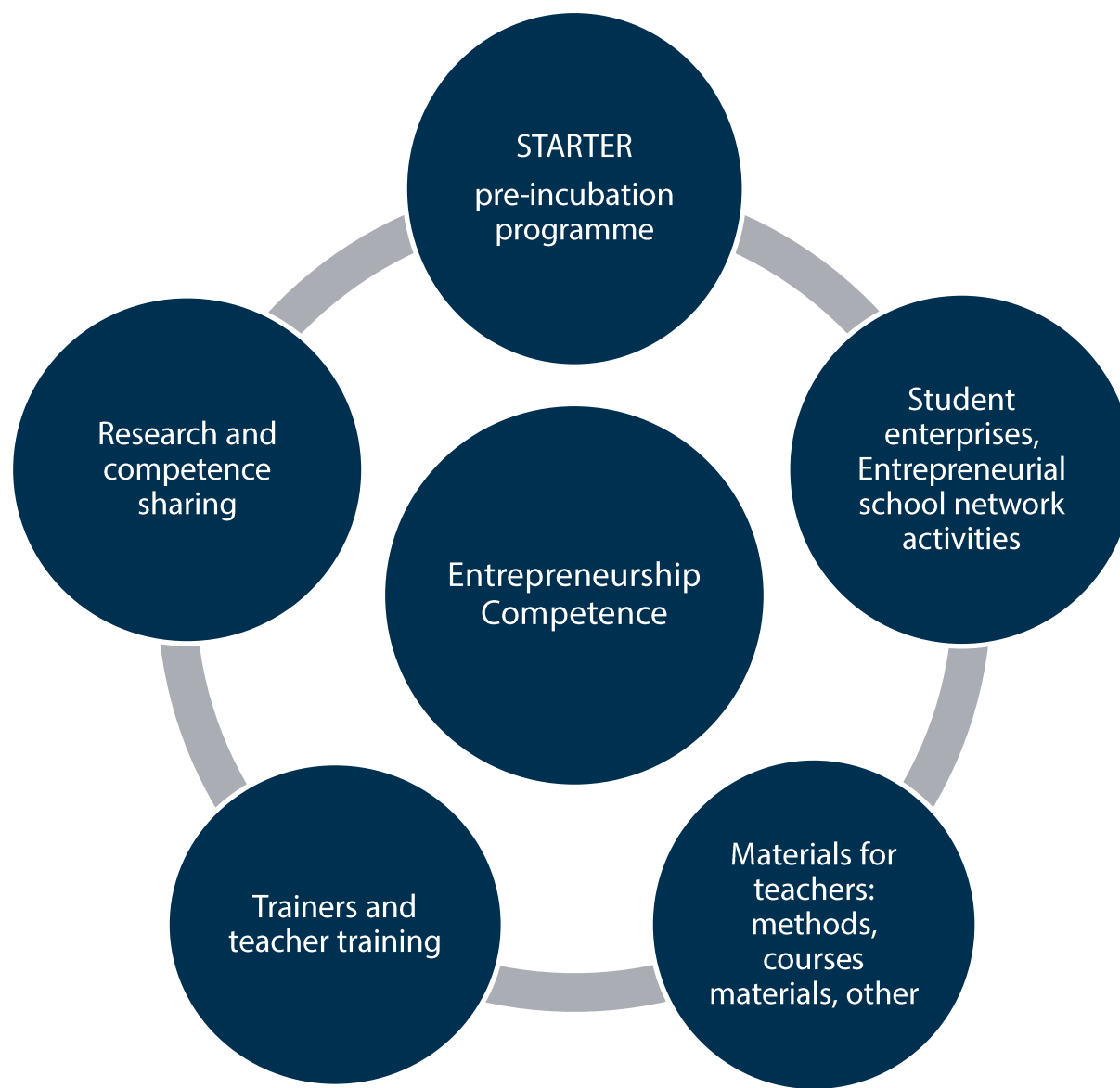


Entrepreneurship Education program in Estonia

Main goals:

- to encourage the enterprising spirit in Estonian students and teachers
- to ensure that creating the sense of initiative and developing entrepreneurial competencies become a natural part of education.
- entrepreneurship education is essential to shape the mindsets of young people and provide skills, knowledge and attitudes central to developing an entrepreneurial culture.





Why do we need EE?

By developing the sense of initiative, entrepreneurial competencies and providing the students with relevant experiences,

they will benefit and have more opportunities

when shaping their career, becoming a competent employee, entrepreneur or just an active citizen.



What is the goal?

We encourage and train teachers, school leaders and entrepreneurs to raise the sense of initiative and entrepreneurial competencies in young people through all subjects and the organisation of school life.

Our aim is that all students in Estonia at general, vocational or higher education have an opportunity to complete activity-based entrepreneurship training.

This is the best way for young people to obtain knowledge, skills and experience for their future career.



How do we do it?

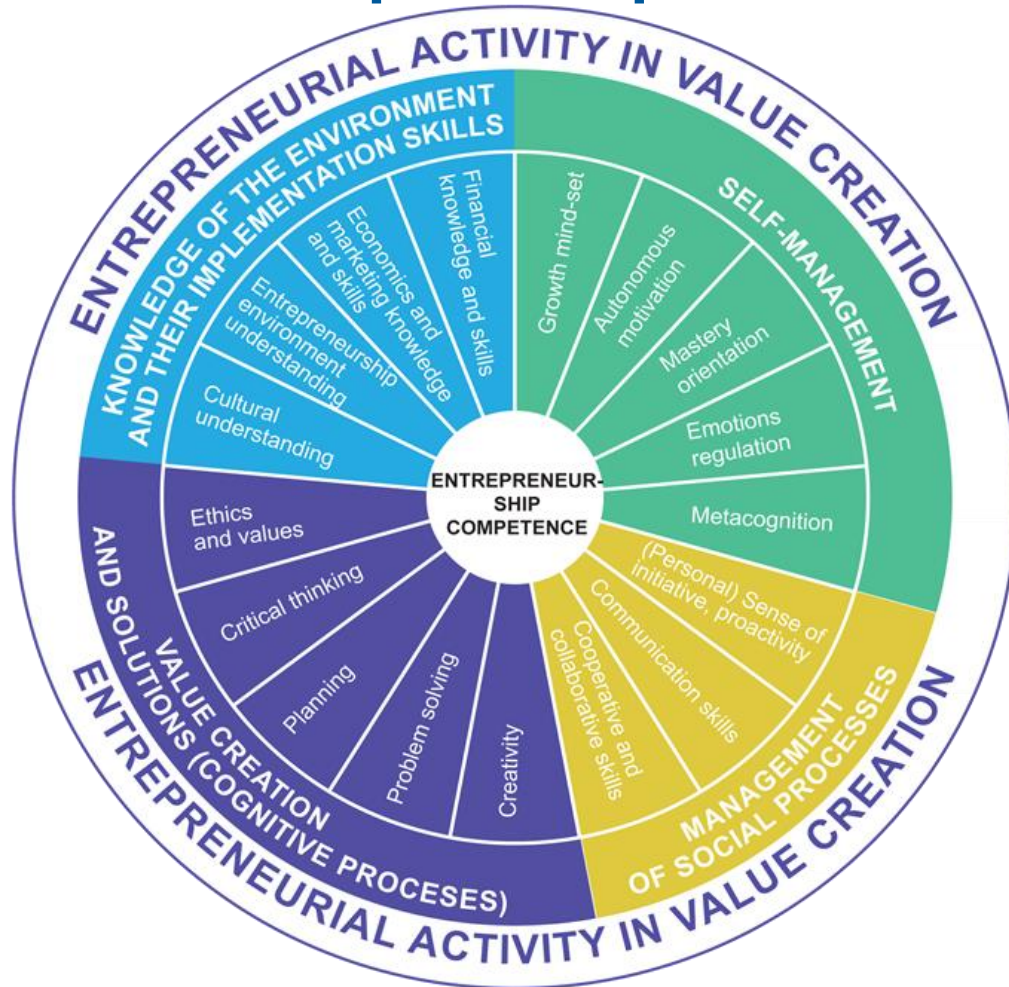
The programme activities include:

- developing the entrepreneurship competence model and pedagogical materials,
- conducting training programmes for teachers, business mentors and entrepreneurs actively, participating in entrepreneurship education.

Entrepreneurship courses are designed, piloted and implemented at all levels of education.



Entrepreneurship competence model



Teachers - key players in the implementation of entrepreneurship education

Teachers are the center of a Network of relationships at different levels

- School level
- Community level
- National/regional level

Challenge

- Lack of teacher training in entrepreneurship education.
- Development and integration of entrepreneurship in education system.
- Teachers are not traditionally trained in entrepreneurship education.
- Need to develop teachers' initial and in-service training.



Þakka þér fyrir!

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