

LIFE+ Call for proposals 2011

National annual priorities for Estonia

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2. METHOD EMPLOYED TO SELECT THE NATIONAL PRIORITIES

The directorate of Ministry of the Environment made a decision on establishment of the national annual priorities for Estonia in the middle of March 2008.

The compilation process started by the nomination of the contact experts from all relevant departments of Ministry of the Environment. The experts carried out an analysis over all principal objectives and priorities as set out in Annex II of the LIFE+ Regulation under their subject field and presented their vision and justifications on national annual priorities. The assessment was based mainly on the actuality of the specific subject field in Estonian environmental policy and on long-term development trends as set up in Estonian Environmental Strategy 2030¹, which is a strategy for developing the sphere of the environment and serves as the basis for the preparation and revision of all sector-specific development plans within the sphere of the environment. Estonian Environmental Strategy 2030 builds upon the principles of the Estonian National Strategy on Sustainable Development “Sustainable Estonia 21” which was approved by Estonian Parliament in year 2005. “Sustainable Estonia 21” is an integral conception clearly focused on the sustainability of long-term development of the Estonian state and society until the year 2030. According to the Strategy the long-term goals for the development of the Estonian society are: Viability of the Estonian cultural space; Growth of welfare; Coherent society; Ecological balance.

The proposed priorities were presented to the heads of departments and three Deputy Secretary Generals of Ministry of the Environment and the priorities were approved by the directorate of Ministry of the Environment on the 26th of May 2008.

In 2011 the experts (nominated in year 2008 for analysing principal objectives and priorities as set out in Annex II of the LIFE+ Regulation) carried out an analysis over the national annual priorities set up for the year 2010. Their study concluded that the same priorities are relevant also for the year 2010 and in addition three priority areas of action (3 b; 8 a and b) were added. The references to the documents were also updated where necessary.

¹ http://www.envir.ee/orb.aw/class=file/action=preview/id=328494/KS_loplil_riigikokku_1.pdf

3. IDENTIFIED LONG-TERM NEEDS IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Estonian long-term development trends are fixed in Estonian Environmental Strategy 2030, which was approved by the Government of Republic in 14.02.2007. Pursuant to Regulation No. 302 of the Government of Republic of 13 December 2005 “Types of Strategic Development Plans and Procedure for Drawing up, Modification, Implementation, Evaluation and Reporting Thereof,” the National Environmental Action Plan of Estonia 2007-2013² serves as the implementation plan of the Estonian Environmental Strategy 2030. The National Environmental Action Plan of Estonia 2007-2013 was approved by the Government of Republic in 22.02.2007.

The Estonian Environmental Strategy 2030 aims at defining long-term development trends for maintaining a good status of the natural environment, while keeping in mind the links between the sphere of the environment and economic and social spheres and their impact on the natural environment and people.

In the strategy trends in the sphere of natural resources and waste (including waste, groundwater, surface water, mineral resources, forest, fish, game, soil and use of land), landscapes and biological diversity, climate change mitigation and quality of ambient air, health and quality of life (including external environment, interior space, food, drinking and bathing water) were covered. On the basis of analyses of the current situation the most important problems of all sectors within the sphere of the environment were identified and alternative courses of action were determined on the basis of these problems, which require the adoption of strategic decisions. Long-term objectives and measures (lines of action) were derived on the basis of the strategic choices and the general development trends of society. The long-term objectives and measures were set for sustainable use of natural resources and reduction of waste generation (including waste, water, mineral resources, forest, fish, game, soil and use of land), preservation of the diversity of landscapes and biodiversity (including landscape, biodiversity), climate change mitigation and quality of ambient air (including energy, energy consumption, protection of the ozone layer, transport), the environment, health and quality of life (outdoor environment, interior space, food, drinking and bathing water, disused hazardous sites, safety and protection of the population).

Monitoring and revision of the Environmental Strategy will be carried out through the monitoring of the Environmental Action Plan. In the case that the results of monitoring of the Environmental Action Plan reveal a need to alter any objectives of the Environmental Strategy, working groups will be formed on the initiative of the Ministry of the Environment, which consist of specialists of the areas of activity that need to be adjusted. The working groups will elaborate proposals of amendments and introduce the amendments to the Strategy.

The principal aim of the Environmental Action Plan is to present a consensual list of nationally prioritised activities aimed at achieving the primary goals of the environmental policy specified in the national Environmental Strategy, indicating the financing needs and discussing the most optimal use of non-budgetary funding sources (incl. various internal and

² http://www.envir.ee/orb.aw/class=file/action=preview/id=380093/Keskkonnategevuskava+2007_2013_20022007_rtf_1.pdf

external resources, the non-profit sector, companies' own funds, etc.). The environmental action plan includes European Union-oriented activities, the immediate regulation of which has not been placed in the capacity of the European Union, but which spring from national needs (e.g. elimination of disused hazardous sites, environmental impact of the energy sector, etc.).

Experts from all the relevant sectors participated in the formulation of the Environmental Strategy. Representatives of the Ministries of the Environment, Social Affairs, Internal Affairs, Economic Affairs and Communications, Agriculture, and Education and Research were involved as members of working groups and consultants. Ministry of the Environment managed also the preparation (included representatives of relevant ministries, formation of steering group and coordination with partners) and will direct later reporting and assessment of the Environmental Action Plan, but among others the Ministries of Social Affairs, Internal Affairs, Economic Affairs and Communications, Agriculture, and Education and Research are involved.

	Principal objectives and priorities as set out in Annex II of the LIFE+ Regulation	Area chosen as national annual priority: (Tick if appropriate)	Types of projects as set out in Article 3(2) of the LIFE+ Regulation	Specific national objective (Please include reference to more information)
LIFE+ NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY				
1. Nature and Biodiversity To protect, conserve, restore, monitor and facilitate the functioning of natural systems, natural habitats, wild flora and fauna, with the aim of halting the loss of biodiversity, including diversity of genetic resources, within the EU by 2010.				
Priority areas of action (PPA)	a) contributing to implement Community policy and legislation on nature and biodiversity, in particular of Directives 79/409/EEC and 92/43/EEC, and promote its integration with other policy areas;	X	Best-practice or demonstration projects	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030³ (Priority 5.2.2 Biodiversity, objective: To ensure the existence of habitats and biotic communities necessary for the preservation of viable populations of species)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013⁴ (2.2 Biodiversity)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014⁵ (Area of activity: Protection and sustainable usage of nature including forestry and fisheries measure: management and development of nature protection and preservation of biodiversity)</p> <p>4. Nature Conservation Law⁶ (The purpose of this Act <i>inter alia</i> is to protect the natural environment by promoting the preservation of biodiversity through ensuring the natural habitats and the populations of species of wild fauna, flora and fungi at a favorable conservation status; and to promote the sustainable use of natural resources)</p>
	b) supporting the further development and	X	Best-practice or	1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030 ⁷ (Priority 5.2.2

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⁶ <https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/13342186>

	<p>implementation of the Natura 2000 network, including coastal and marine habitats and species;</p>		<p>demonstration projects</p>	<p>Biodiversity, objective: To ensure the existence of habitats and biotic communities necessary for the preservation of viable populations of species)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013⁸ (2.2 Biodiversity)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014⁹ (Area of activity: Protection and sustainable usage of nature including forestry and fisheries measure: management and development of nature protection and preservation of biodiversity)</p> <p>4. Estonian Rural Development plan 2007-2013¹⁰ (Measure: Improving the Environment and the Countryside: Natura 2000 support for agricultural land; Natura 2000 support for private forest land)</p> <p>5. Nature Conservation Law¹¹ (The purpose of this Act <i>inter alia</i> is to protect the natural environment by promoting the preservation of biodiversity through ensuring the natural habitats and the populations of species of wild fauna, flora and fungi at a favorable conservation status; and to promote the sustainable use of natural resources)</p>
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¹⁰ http://www.agri.ee/public/ftp/MAK_2007-2013_20_11_2007.pdf

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<p>c) supporting design and implementation of policy approaches and instruments for monitoring and assessing national and biodiversity and the factors, pressures and responses that impacts on it, in particular in relation to achieving the target of halting biodiversity loss within the Community by 2010;</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Demonstration or innovative projects</p>	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030¹² (Priority 5.2.2 Biodiversity, objective: To ensure the existence of habitats and biotic communities necessary for the preservation of viable populations of species)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013¹³ (2.2 Biodiversity)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014¹⁴ (Area of activity: Protection and sustainable usage of nature including forestry and fisheries measure: management and development of nature protection and preservation of biodiversity)</p> <p>4. Nature Conservation Law¹⁵ (The purpose of this Act <i>inter alia</i> is to protect the natural environment by promoting the preservation of biodiversity through ensuring the natural habitats and the populations of species of wild fauna, flora and fungi at a favorable conservation status; and to promote the sustainable use of natural resources)</p>
<p>d) improving the knowledge of the impact of genetically modified organisms on ecosystems and biodiversity: risk assessment methodologies.</p>			
<p>LIFE+ ENVIRONMENT POLICY AND GOVERNANCE</p>			
<p>2. Climate change Stabilising greenhouse gas concentration at a level that prevents global warming above 2°C.</p>			

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Priority areas of action	a) Ensuring the implementation of EU commitments under the UNFCCC Kyoto protocol and developing a post 2012 strategy and implementation programme with a view on further reducing EU greenhouse gas emissions up to 2020.	X	Innovative demonstration projects	or	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030¹⁶ (Priority 5.3 Climate change mitigation and quality of ambient air)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013¹⁷ (3 Climate change mitigation and quality of ambient air)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014¹⁸ (Activity area: Ensuring efficient environmental management and sustainable use of mineral resources and water; measure: ambient air protection and climate change mitigation)</p> <p>4. The National programme on reducing the amount of greenhouse gases for years 2003-2012 (Sub-priorities: 1 To find out measures for reducing the amount of man made greenhouse gases emissions; 5 To rise the energy efficiency of Estonian economy and reduce the energy consumption)</p> <p>5. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants¹⁹ (The main aim of the Convention is to protect the health of humans and environment from the persistent organic pollution)</p>
	b) ensuring the adaptation of the EU economy and society, nature and biodiversity, water resources and human health to the adverse impacts of climate change (to a potential temperature increase of 2°C resulting from increased greenhouse gas concentrations) and mitigating its impact;	X	Innovative demonstration projects	or	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030²⁰ (Priority 5.3 Climate change mitigation and quality of ambient air)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013²¹ (3 Climate change mitigation and quality of ambient air)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014²² (Activity area: Ensuring efficient environmental</p>

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				<p>management and sustainable use of mineral resources and water; measure: ambient air protection and climate change mitigation)</p> <p>4. The National programme on reducing the amount of greenhouse gases for years 2003-2012 (Sub-priorities: 1 To find out measures for reducing the amount of man made greenhouse gases emissions; 5 To rise the energy efficiency of Estonian economy and reduce the energy consumption)</p> <p>5. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants²³ (The main aim of the Convention is to protect the health of humans and environment from the persistent organic pollution)</p>
	c) ensuring the implementation and use of market-based instruments, in particular greenhouse gases emissions trading, in order to achieve a cost-efficient emissions reduction in a post-2012 framework.			
<p>3. Water Contributing to enhanced water quality by developing cost-effective measures to achieve good ecological status in view of developing the first river basin management plan under the Water Framework Directive (WFD) by 2009.</p>				
Priority areas of action	a) preparing the WFD programmes of measures and integrating measures from parent directives such as e.g. Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive, the Bathing Water Directive, the Drinking Water Directive, the Plant Protection Products and Nitrates Directive, and the IPPC Directive;	X	Innovative or demonstration projects	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030²⁴ (Priority 5.1.2 Water, objective: Managing good condition of surface and groundwater, sustaining good condition of water bodies)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013²⁵ (1.2 Implementing action plans for improvement and preservation of surface and groundwater condition)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014²⁶ (Area of activity Ensuring efficient environmental</p>

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				<p>management and sustainable use of mineral resources and water; measure: water protection and sustainable use of water resources)</p> <p>4. Water Act²⁷ (The purpose of the Water Act is to guarantee the purity of inland and transboundary water bodies and groundwater, and ecological balance in water bodies. The Water Act regulates the use and protection of water, and relations between landowners and water users)</p> <p>5. River basin water management plans (total of 3 sub-river basins)²⁸</p> <p>6. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants ²⁹ (The main aim of the Convention is to protect the health of humans and environment from the persistent organic pollution)</p> <p>7. Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EU³⁰ (The Directive lays down rules on integrated prevention and control of pollution arising from industrial activities)</p> <p>8. Integrated Pollution Prevention Act ³¹</p>
	b) contributing to the effective implementation of the EU Marine Strategy;	X	Innovative demonstration projects or	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030³² (Priority 5.4.6 Safety and protection of the population, objective: To ensure the safety and protection of people against risks jeopardizing their security)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013³³ (1.2 Implementing</p>

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				<p>action plans for improvement and preservation of surface and groundwater condition; 4.6 Safety and protection of the population)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014³⁴ (Area of activity Ensuring efficient environmental management and sustainable use of mineral resources and water; measure: water protection and sustainable use of water resources)</p> <p>4. HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan³⁵</p> <p>5. The Implementation Plan of the Baltic Sea Action Plan for 2008-2011³⁶</p>
4. Air Achieving levels of air quality that do not give rise to significant negative impacts on and risks to human health and the environment				
PAA	a) implementing the Thematic Strategy on air pollution	X	Innovative demonstration projects or	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030³⁷ (Priority 5.3 Climate change mitigation and quality of ambient air)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013³⁸ (3 Climate change mitigation and quality of ambient air)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014³⁹ (Area of activity: Ensuring efficient environmental management and sustainable use of mineral resources and water; measure: ambient air protection and climate change mitigation)</p> <p>4. Long-term Public Fuel and Energy Sector Development Plan until 2015⁴⁰ (point 1.6)</p>

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⁴⁰ http://www.mkm.ee/failid/Long_term_Public_Fuel_and_Energy_Sector_Development_Plan_until_2015.doc

				<p>5. Transport Development Plan 2006-2013⁴¹ (Objective 5)</p> <p>6. Ambient air protection act ⁴² (The principal objective of this Act is to maintain the quality of the ambient air in areas where the quality of the air is good and to improve the quality of the ambient air in areas where the quality of the air does not conform to the requirements provided by this Act)</p> <p>7. Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EU⁴³ (The Directive lays down rules on integrated prevention and control of pollution arising from industrial activities)</p> <p>8. Integrated Pollution Prevention Act⁴⁴ (The Act determines the activities with environmentally dangerous impact and regulates the bases for the measures of the prevention and control of the integrated pollution)</p> <p>9. National emission reduction program for mobile and stationary sources 2006-2015⁴⁵ (The program comprises the measures for reduction the emissions of relevant compounds)</p>
5. Soil Protecting and ensuring the sustainable use of soil by preserving soil functions, preventing threats to soil, mitigating their effects and restoring degraded soils.				
PPA	a) implementing the Thematic Strategy on the protection of soil; and			
	b) ensuring the protection and restoration of soil biodiversity.			
6. Urban environment Contributing to improving the environmental performance of Europe's urban areas.				

⁴¹ http://www.mkm.ee/failid/4TAK_ENG.doc

⁴² <https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/131122010028>

⁴³ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2010:334:0017:0119:EN:PDF>

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⁴⁵ http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/pdf/nat_prog/estonia_et.pdf

PPA	a) contributing to a better implementation of existing EU environmental policies and legislation at the local level by supporting and encouraging local authorities to adopt a more integrated approach to urban management, including the transport and energy sectors.			
7. Noise Contributing to policy development and implementation on ambient noise.				
PPA	a) to prevent and reduce the harmful effect from exposure to ambient noise.			
8. Chemicals To improve the environment and health from risks posed by chemicals by 2020 by implementing chemicals legislation, in particular the REACH regulation and the Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides.				

PPA	a) enhancing science-policy integration and the transfer of results to provide a solid technical background in support of REACH;	X	Innovative demonstration projects or	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030⁴⁶ (Priority 5.1.2 Water, objective: Managing good condition of surface and groundwater, sustaining good condition of water bodies; Priority 5.3 Climate change mitigation and quality of ambient air; Priority 5.4 Environment, health and quality of life)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013⁴⁷ (1.2 Implementing action plans for improvement and preservation of surface and groundwater condition; 3.1 Energy production; 4.1 Outdoor environment)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014⁴⁸ (Area of activity Ensuring efficient environmental management and sustainable use of mineral resources and water; measure: water protection and sustainable use of water resources; measure: ambient air protection and climate change mitigation; measure: Environmental impact assessment, development of the environmental management system and technologies and raising the effectiveness of the environmental responsibility)</p> <p>4. The Act on Chemicals⁴⁹ (The Act regulates the management of chemicals)</p>
				5. Integrated Pollution Prevention Act ⁵⁰ (The Act determines the activities with environmentally dangerous impact and

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				<p>regulates the bases for the measures of the prevention and control of the integrated pollution)</p> <p>6. Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EU⁵¹ (The Directive lays down rules on integrated prevention and control of pollution arising from industrial activities)</p> <p>7. Ambient air protection act ⁵² (The principal objective of this Act is to maintain the quality of the ambient air in areas where the quality of the air is good and to improve the quality of the ambient air in areas where the quality of the air does not conform to the requirements provided by this Act)</p> <p>8. Water Act⁵³ (The purpose of the Water Act is to guarantee the purity of inland and transboundary water bodies and groundwater, and ecological balance in water bodies. The Water Act regulates the use and protection of water, and relations between landowners and water users)</p>
	b) implementation of the Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides.	X	Innovative or demonstration projects	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030⁵⁴ (Priority 5.1.2 Water, objective: Managing good condition of surface and groundwater, sustaining good condition of water bodies; Priority 5.3 Climate change mitigation and quality of ambient air; Priority 5.4 Environment, health and quality of life)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013⁵⁵ (1.2 Implementing action plans for improvement and preservation of surface and groundwater condition; 4.1 Outdoor environment)</p>

⁵¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2010:334:0017:0119:EN:PDF>

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				<p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014⁵⁶ (Area of activity Ensuring efficient environmental management and sustainable use of mineral resources and water; measure: water protection and sustainable use of water resources)</p> <p>4. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Social Affairs 2011-2014⁵⁷ (Area of activity; Ensuring long and quality life for humans)</p> <p>5. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Agriculture 2011-2014⁵⁸ (1.2.6 Agricultural production input and methods)</p>
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	<p>b) implementation of the Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides.</p>	X	<p>Innovative demonstration projects</p> <p>or</p>	<p>6. The Act on Chemicals⁵⁹ (The Act regulates the management of chemicals)</p> <p>7. Integrated Pollution Prevention Act⁶⁰ (The Act determines the activities with environmentally dangerous impact and regulates the bases for the measures of the prevention and control of the integrated pollution)</p> <p>8. The Act on Plant Protection⁶¹</p> <p>8. Water Act⁶² (The purpose of the Water Act is to guarantee the purity of inland and transboundary water bodies and groundwater, and ecological balance in water bodies. The</p>
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⁵⁸ http://www.agri.ee/public/juurkataloog/ARENDUSTEGEVUS/Ministri_kk_70_2010.pdf

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				Water Act regulates the use and protection of water, and relations between landowners and water users)
9. Environment and health Developing the formation base for policy on the environment and health (the Environment and Health Action Plan for 2004 to 2010).				
PPA	a) human bio monitoring and data linkage on environment and health;			
	b) protection of the ozone layer to reduce negative health and environmental impacts.			
10. Waste and natural resources Developing and implementing policies designed to ensure sustainable management and use of natural resources and waste, improving the environmental performances of products, sustainable production and consumption patterns, waste prevention, recovery and recycling. Contributing to the effective implementation of the Thematic Strategy on waste.				
Priority areas of action	a) promoting sustainable use of natural resources, with a life-cycle approach, including environmental, social and economic aspects, in order to decouple environmental impact from economic growth;			

	<p>b) promoting waste prevention, recovery and recycling with a focus on life-cycle thinking, eco-design and the development of recycling markets; and</p>		<p>Innovative or</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030⁶³ (Priority 5.1.1 Waste, objective: By 2030 waste sent to landfills will have decreased by 30% and the harmfulness of waste generated will have been reduced significantly) 2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013⁶⁴ (1.1 Long-term planning of waste management measures) 3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014⁶⁵ (Area of activity: Ensuring efficient environmental management and sustainable use of mineral resources and water; measure: reducing the generation of waste and developing the waste management) 4. Estonian Waste Plan 2008-2013⁶⁶ (chapter 5.2 Objectives, measures, actions and indicators) 5. Waste act ⁶⁷ (Division 2 Prevention of waste generation and reduction of quantity and harmfulness of waste. Division 3 General Requirements for waste handling) 6. Packing act ⁶⁸ (Chapter 1 General provisions) 7. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants ⁶⁹ (The main aim of the Convention is to protect the health of humans and environment from the persistent organic pollution) 8. Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EU⁷⁰
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⁶⁷ <https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/131122010029>

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⁶⁹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:209:0003:0029:ET:PDF>

⁷⁰ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2010:334:0017:0119:EN:PDF>

	c) contributing to the implementation of Community policy and legislation on waste, in particular the Landfill Directive, the Waste Framework Directive, the Waste Shipment Regulation and POPs Regulations and the Directives on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), Restrictions of the use of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS), End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs), Hazardous Waste, Waste Oils, PCBs and mining waste.			
11. Forests Providing, especially through an EU coordination network, a concise and comprehensive basis for policy relevant information on forest in relation to climate change (impact on forest ecosystems, mitigation, substitution effects), biodiversity (baseline information and protected forest areas), forest fires, forest condition and the protective functions of forests (water, soil and infrastructure) as well as contributing to protect forests against fires.				
Priority areas of action	a) promoting the collection, analysis and dissemination of policy-relevant information concerning forests and interactions between forests and the environment;			
	b) promoting the harmonisation and effectiveness of forest monitoring activities and data collection systems and making use of synergies by creating links between monitoring mechanisms established at regional, national, European and global level;			

<p>c) stimulating synergies between specific forests related issues and environmental initiatives and legislation (e.g. EU soil strategy, Natura 2000, Water Framework Directive, etc.);</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Projects for the development and implementation of Community objectives relating to the broad-based, harmonised, comprehensive and long-term monitoring of forests and environmental interactions</p>	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030⁷¹ (Priority 5.1.4 Forest, objective: Balanced satisfaction of ecological, social, cultural and economic needs in the course of utilisation of forests in a very long perspective (longer than the period of 25 years discussed in the Strategy)).</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013⁷² (1.4 Forest)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014⁷³ (Area of activity: protection and sustainable usage of nature including forestry and fisheries; measure: ensuring sustainable forest management)</p> <p>4. Forest Act⁷⁴(regulates the forest management and its development in Estonia).</p>
<p>d) contributing to sustainable forest management in particular by collecting data related to the improved Pan-European Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management as adopted by the MCPFE Expert Level Meeting 7-8 October 2002, Vienna, Austria; and</p>			

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	e) building capacities at national and Community level to allow for coordination and guidance on forest monitoring.	X	Projects for the development and implementation of Community objectives relating to the broad-based, harmonised, comprehensive and long-term monitoring of forests and environmental interactions	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030⁷⁵ (Priority 5.1.4 Forest, objective: Balanced satisfaction of ecological, social, cultural and economic needs in the course of utilisation of forests in a very long perspective (longer than the period of 25 years discussed in the Strategy).</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013⁷⁶ (1.4 Forest)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014⁷⁷ (Area of activity: Protection and sustainable usage of nature including forestry and fisheries; measure: ensuring sustainable forest management)</p> <p>4. Forest Act⁷⁸(regulates the forest management and its development in Estonia).</p>
12. Innovation To contributing to developing and demonstrating innovative policy approaches, technologies, methods and instruments to assist implementation of the European Technologies Action Plan (ETAP).				
PPA	a) promoting the identification, demonstration and dissemination of innovative technologies and practices, through actions complementary to those of the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme;	X	Innovative or demonstration projects	<p>1. Estonian Environmental strategy until 2030⁷⁹ (general orientation on sustainable development)</p> <p>2. Environmental Action Plan 2007-2013⁸⁰ (Broad area of environmental technologies including monitoring)</p> <p>3. Development Strategy of the Ministry of Environment 2011-2014⁸¹ (Area of activity: Ensuring efficient environmental management and sustainable use of mineral resources and water; measure: Environmental impact assessment, development of the environmental management system and technologies and raising the effectiveness of the environmental</p>

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				responsibility).
13. Strategic approaches - Promoting effective implementation and enforcement of EC environmental legislation and improving the knowledge base for environmental policy; - Improving the environmental performance of SMEs;				
Priority areas of action	a) strengthening the knowledge base for policy making and implementation by building a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) and supporting the implementation of the Global Monitoring for the Environment and Security initiative (GMES)			
	b) implementing the Environmental Compliance Assistance Programme for SMEs.			
LIFE+ INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION				
16. Information and Communication Ensuring regular and effective information flow to provide the basis for policy decisions on the environment, and to provide accessible information to citizens on the state and trends of the environment				
PPA	a) disseminating information, eco-labelling, raising awareness and developing specific skills on environmental issues, including on forest fire prevention.			