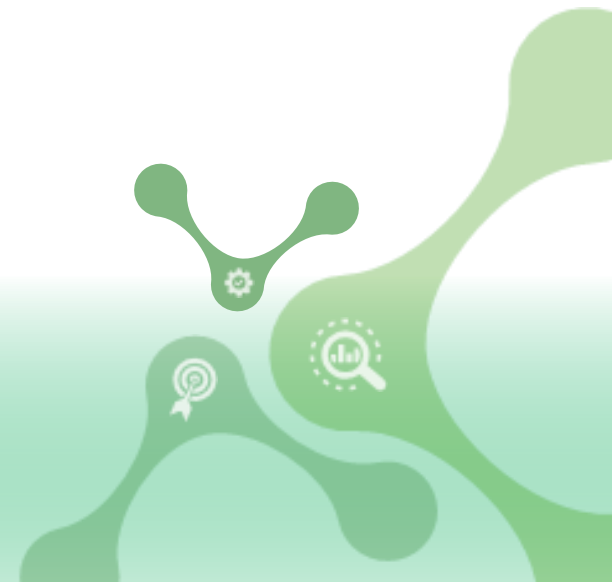


eForms implementation in Estonia

No pain, no gain?

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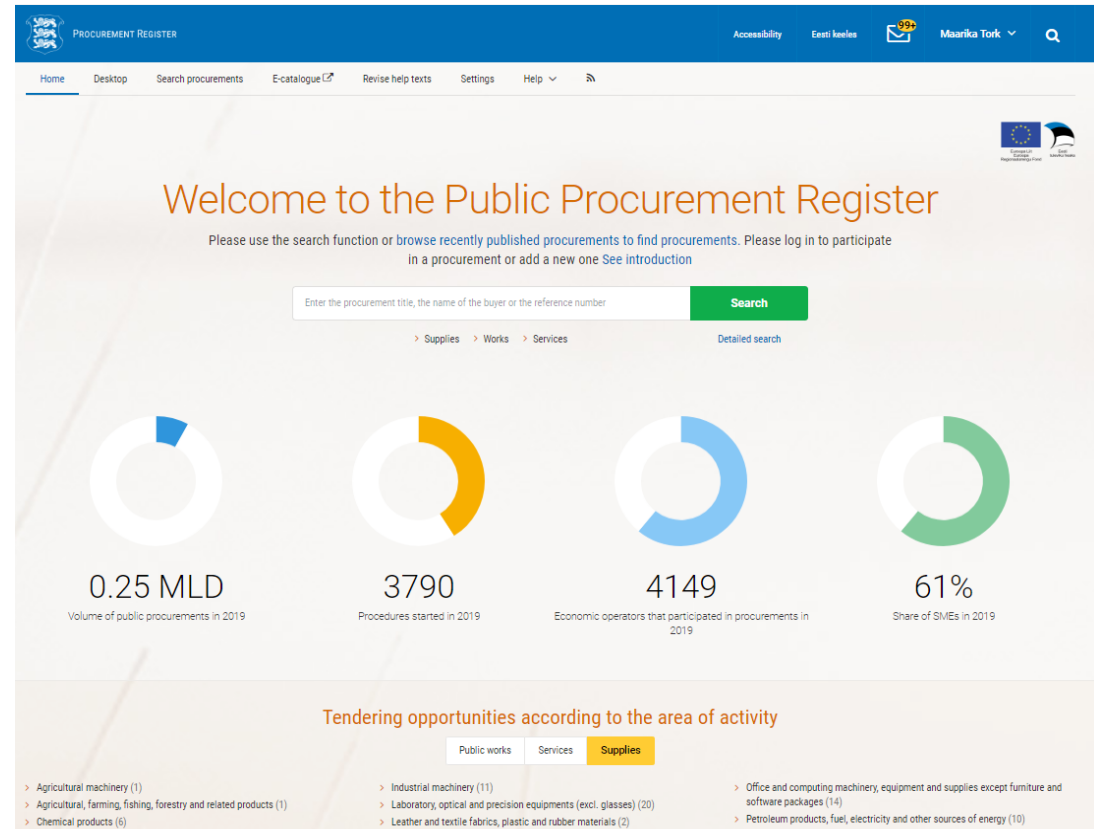
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eForms are available in Public Procurement Register

<https://riigihanked.riik.ee>

- Central mandatory eProcurement portal
- Self-service environment offering full procurement circle services both pre-award and post-award
- Ca 76 000 registered users, of which 23% cross-border users
- Up to 10 000 procedures per year
- Value ca 5 billion EUR



Public Procurement Register offers various services

eNotification	eSender	eAccess	eCommunication	eSubmission
eEvaluation	eAuction	eCatalogues	Dynamic Purchasing Systems	Market consultation
Contract register	Review decisions	Machine-readable open data	Links to other national IT systems	Integrated European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)

eForms version 1.3 live on May 12, 2023

Struggles with preliminary technical documents being among the first implementers

Custom-development into the current system

32 eForms (xml) formulated from the data entered in the system

Provide users TED validation and viewer service (html and pdf)

Provide machine-readable open data and statistics based on eForms

Estonia's approach

Keep:

- Same structured data out of which new eForms (xml) are put together
- Same eForms above and below threshold – differences in mandatory fields

Add:

- a few new fields
- new xml structure eForms which provide machine-readable open data
- Validation service provided for above EU threshold eForms only

Approach to optional fields (1)

Some of them were already mandatory for transparency, monitoring and automated assistance:

organisation ID

buyer legal type

duration

documents restricted justification

submission non-electronic justification

submission electronic /URL

green/social/innovative procurement

Approach to optional fields (2)

New fields to become mandatory for transparency and monitoring purposes:

award criteria order justification

unpublished justification code/description

documents official language

vehicles/vehicles 0 emission/vehicles clean

accessibility

eForms v 1.9 live in January 17, 2024

Implementation took 3 months to be Live ready

A few near heart-attack situation lived by

Version upgrades take a lot of effort and resources

Still some quality issues and surprise error situations

Future of eForms for Estonia - work is never-ending...

- Introduce new mandatory fields
- Upgrading to newer version
- Challenges with understanding and implementing changes
- Perhaps a whole new approach should be taken to reduce the workload

PS! Help has, however, been available from the Publications Office. Thanks to Karl and others. Hope they have strength to continue.

Thank you!

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