Government at a Glance 2013

Country Fact Sheet

Estonia

Did you know?

Government debt in Estonia represented 10% of GDP in 2011, the lowest level across the OECD.

In Estonia, 3 out of 4 government employees are women, the highest level among OECD countries.

Tax collection in Estonia is the most efficient across the OECD, with a tax administration cost to net revenue collected ratio of 0.3%.

How to read the figures:

- Values have been rounded.
- Country value in blue (not represented if not available).
- Average of OECD countries in green.
- Range of OECD country values in grey.

Strategic Governance

Trust in government

% of citizens who have confidence in their national government (2007 & 2012)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Estonia</th>
<th>OECD</th>
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<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>45</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>27</td>
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Percentage point change 2007-2012

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<td>2012</td>
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Source: Gallup World Poll

Impact of the tax system and grants on reducing income inequality

Differences in income inequality before and after tax and government transfers (2010)

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Gini Coefficient Before</th>
<th>Gini Coefficient After</th>
<th>Percentage change</th>
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<tr>
<td>Estonia</td>
<td>0.49</td>
<td>0.32</td>
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<td>OECD</td>
<td>0.47</td>
<td>0.31</td>
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Public sector efficiency

Education: performance in PISA reading scores and expenditure per student (aged 6 to 15) in USD PPP (2009)

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<th>Country</th>
<th>PISA Reading Score</th>
<th>Expenditure (USD)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Estonia</td>
<td>501</td>
<td>58 400</td>
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<td>OECD</td>
<td>495</td>
<td>83 500</td>
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Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2012

Fiscal sustainability

Total consolidation requirements between 2012 and 2030 in order to reduce government debt to 60% of GDP

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<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Percentage of potential GDP</th>
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<tr>
<td>Estonia</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>OECD</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
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Note: In Estonia, no consolidation is needed to achieve the 60% debt-to-GDP ratio by 2030.
Source: OECD Economic Outlook No. 93 (May 2013)
**Government revenues (2011) % of GDP**

- Estonia: 39.5%
- OECD: 41.9%

Source: OECD National Accounts

**Government expenditures (2011) % of GDP**

- Estonia: 38.3%
- OECD: 45.4%

Source: OECD National Accounts

**Fiscal balance (2011) % of GDP**

- Estonia: +1.2%
- OECD: -3.5%

Source: OECD National Accounts

**Government debt (2011) % of GDP**

- Estonia: 10%
- OECD: 79%

Source: OECD National Accounts

**Structure of government expenditures (2011) % of total government expenditure**

- Estonia:
  - Public order and safety: 5.6%
  - Economic affairs: 12.0%
  - General public services: 8.4%
  - Education: 16.9%
  - Health: 13.3%
  - Social protection: 34.2%
  - Defence: 4.1%
  - Other: 5.5%

- OECD:
  - Public order and safety: 3.9%
  - Economic affairs: 10.5%
  - General public services: 13.6%
  - Education: 12.5%
  - Health: 14.5%
  - Social protection: 35.6%
  - Defence: 3.6%
  - Other: 5.9%

Source: OECD National Accounts

**Budget Practices and Procedures**

**Fiscal rules: Types and legal foundation (2012)**

- Expenditure rule(s): YES, R
- Revenue rule(s): NO
- Budget balance rule(s): YES, L R
- Debt rule(s): YES

Legal foundations:
- C: Constitution
- IT: International Treaty
- L: Primary and/or Secondary Legislation
- I L: Internal Rules/Policies
- PC: Political Commitment

- Estonia: 21
- OECD: 5

**Use of performance budgeting practices at the central level of government (2011)**

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- Estonia: 0.46
- OECD: 0.38

Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Budget Practices and Procedures

Source: OECD 2011 Survey on Performance Budgeting
Public Employment and Pay

Employment in general government (2011) % of labour force

- Estonia: 19.4%
- OECD: 15.5%

Source: International Labour Organization Database & OECD Labour Force Statistics

Annual compensation across central government positions (2011)

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<th>Position</th>
<th>2011 USD PPP</th>
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<td>Secretaries (general office clerks)</td>
<td>17 000</td>
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<td>Senior professionals</td>
<td>27 000</td>
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<td>Middle managers (D3 positions)</td>
<td>47 000</td>
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<td>Senior managers (D1 positions)</td>
<td>116 000</td>
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<td>Executives</td>
<td>232 000</td>
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Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Compensation of Employees in Central/Federal Governments

Women in Government

Share of women in general government (2010) % of general government employment

- Estonia: 74.2%
- OECD: 56.8%

Source: International Labour Organization

Share of ministers who are women (2012) % of ministers

- Estonia: 8.3%
- OECD: 24.9%

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union Parline Database

Public Procurement

Procurement expenditure (2011) % of government expenditures

- Estonia: 34.3%
- OECD: 29.0%

Source: OECD National Accounts

Use of innovative procurement tools in central government (2012)

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<th>Functionality</th>
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<tr>
<td>Procurement plans are published</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Tenders are announced</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Bids can be submitted electronically</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Invoices can be submitted electronically</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>15</td>
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Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Public Procurement
**Open and Inclusive Government**

**Asset disclosure: Level of disclosure of private interests and public availability of information (2012)**

- Low level
  - Estonia: 76
  - OECD: 51

**Serving Citizens: quality of public services**

**Access to medical care (2011)**
- out of pocket expenditure as a % of final household consumption
  - Estonia: 2.0%
  - OECD: 2.9%

**Citizen take-up of e-government services (2012)**
- % of individuals using the internet to interact with public authorities
  - Estonia: 55%
  - OECD: 50%

**Satisfaction and confidence across public services (2012)**
- % of citizens expressing confidence/satisfaction

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