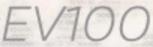
Developments in Estonian Migration Policy

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Migration Policy since 2008:

Encourage the temporary stay and settle in Estonia of these foreigners, whose arrival and stay in Estonia are in accordance with the public interest

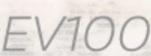
and

to prevent the entry and stay in Estonia of these foreigners, who may pose a threat to public order or public security

National Reform Programme "Estonia 2020":

The two main objectives are:

- to achieve strong growth of productivity
- •to restore the high employment rate observed before the economic crisis





"Estonia 2020"

•A coordinated talent policy, an inevitable part of which is cooperation between different sectors (the public and private sectors and universities), providing practical training opportunities for students from other countries and ensuring the existence of a relevant legal space that would facilitate the continued stay of top specialists in Estonia after they have completed their studies.

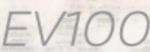
Internal Security Strategy for 2020

•Citizenship and migration policy <u>promotes Estonia's development</u> and ensures internal security, building on the knowledge-based and comprehensive approach to citizenship and migration, and the open social and economic environment.

Amendments to the Aliens' Act:

Together with co-operation partners several amendments to the AA have been made with the aim of encourage the arrival and residence of foreigners:

- 2013 September AA I stage
- 2016 January AA II stage
- 2017 January AA III stage
- 2018 IV stage





Main amendments of the Aliens' Act:

AA 2008

* Private sector partners 3

AA 2016

* Private sector partners 15

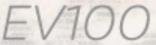
AA 2018

AA 2013

* Private sector partners 14+

AA 2017

* Private sector partners 23

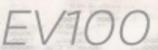




Amendments to the AA are made taking into account:

- Input from partners
- Political will
- Potential risk of misuse
- Potential threat to public order or public security

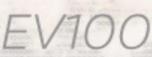
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General requirement for residence permit:

- •The purpose of application for residence permit is justified (work, study, family ties, etc)
- Sufficient legal income
- Actual place of residence in Estonia
- •A medical insurance (if required)

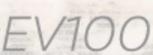




General reasons for refusal or revocation of residence permit:

•Misuse of residence permit

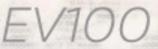
•Threat to public order or public security





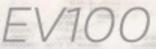
Changes to the AA that have been made:

- Welcoming programme
- •E-residency
- •Start-up visa
- •Flexible transition from visa to residence permit
- •Arrival of family members together with foreigner





- Encouraging the stay of foreigners who have acquired vocational or higher education in Estonia
- Residence permit for an investor
- Providing documents replaced with risk analysis based controls
- Expectation of lawabiding behaviour of a foreigner and a sponsor, etc.



Temporary resident permits

| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Employment | 941 | 1 429 | 835 | 863 | 1237 | 1 659 | 1800 | 2273 |
| Family ties | 1063 | 1371 | 1253 | 1283 | 1387 | 1 458 | 1513 | 1372 |
| Study | 459 | 463 | 516 | 679 | 893 | 1 144 | 1297 | 1413 |
| Enterprise | 68 | 142 | 61 | 54 | 35 | 28 | 18 | 68 |
| International agreement | 968 | 838 | 639 | 624 | 508 | 637 | 106 | 23 |
| Participation in crim.proceeding | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Legal income | 44 | 62 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| For continuous settlement | | | | | | | 1968 | 2359 |
| Beneficiary of international protection | 17 | 11 | 13 | 7 | 20 | 78 | 154 | 120 |
| Family member of beneficiary of International protection | 0 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 16 | 22 |
| EU citizens | 2 107 | 2 110 | 2 577 | 3 380 | 3 044 | 3 176 | 3448 | 4119 |
| EU citizens' family members | 11 | 24 | 45 | 43 | 44 | 42 | 35 | |
| Grand Total | 5 678 | 6 456 | 5 949 | 6 936 | 7 171 | 8 246 | 10 339 | 11 769 |



Thank you!

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