

Ministry of Culture

- **Information whether the business register giving access to media ownership information was provided for a fee prior to 1 October 2022 (the written input from Estonia states that “it is free of charge from October 1, 2022”). However, we reported that the information in the business register was already free of charge last year in July.**

The business register started to be free of charge as of October 2022. Only documents in the public files of non-profit organizations will be subject to a request fee, as they may contain special types of personal information that are subject to restrictions on reuse.

Ministry of Justice

- **Could you please share a link to the draft law on political party financing?**

The latest version of the draft law on political party financing was submitted to the government in February 2023, but eventually was not discussed before the election. Please find the latest versions of the draft act and the explanatory memorandum attached to the e-mail (both in Estonian language):

- 1) Draft act 01022023
- 2) Explanatory Memorandum to Draft Act 01022023

- **Could you please provide information how many persons have completed trainings on conflicts of interest?**

In the moodle.edu.ee which is accessible with the password delivered by the Ministry of Justice 2094 people have registered to the course. In addition, several public institutions have imported the course into their moodle or created a special password to access the course – the statistics on these officials is not available to the Ministry of Justice.

- **Could you please share the link to the dashboard related to the lobbying register?**

Please find the link here:

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/kriminaalpoliitika/viz/Lobistidestatistika/Lobistidestatistika?publish=yes>

- **Could you please send us the draft law on revolving doors?**

It is already the law in force since August, 2022. According to the changes to the Republic of the Government Act adopted in 01.08.2022 (enforce 19.08.2022):

§ 12¹. Limitation of activities of a member of the Government of the Republic after the end of the mandate

A member of the Government of the Republic may not act as a member of the management or control body in a private legal entity that falls under the jurisdiction of the ministry headed by him during the six months following the end of his mandate, if the minister has made decisions with significant impact on the activities of this legal entity during his term of office, or if the legal entity has contractual relations with the ministry headed by him. The restriction does not apply to a non-profit organization.

Please find the link to the act itself here:

<https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/530082022002/consolide>

- **Could you please send us the powerpoint on the co-creation platform?**

Please find the powerpoint slide attached to the e-mail (pdf-version): Co-creation-workspace_20022023

- **Could you please provide us with a written reply to the question related to the Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner?**

Q4: Could you inform us about the election of Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner? How did you choose the election committee? Has the procedure for their election been concluded?

Ministry of Social Affairs: Yes, the procedure for the election has been concluded. We renewed the procedure to increase transparency in the election process and to ensure it is even more structured and the representatives of strategic partners in the civil society are involved in the decision-making. For the candidate's assessment we cooperated with the Top Civil Service Excellence Centre. There were also six representatives of our strategic partners from the civil society as expert committee members being part of the assessment of final candidates and submitting the final candidate to the Minister of Social Affairs. Full process took place accordingly October-November 2022. New Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner Christian Veske started recently, February 16th, 2023.

- **Could you please send us the statistics that you referred to as regards the percentage of cases handled by written procedure (for administrative, civil and criminal cases)?**

Closed court cases in 2022 resolved in the written procedure		
	I instance	II instance
Civil court cases (commercial cases are not distinguished from civil cases under Estonian law)	91,2%	85,1%
Criminal cases (pre-trial investigative cases and post-trial enforcement cases are included)	42,5%	82,3%
Misdemeanour court cases (minor offences)	19,3%	95,1%
Administrative court cases	85,6%	93,1%

Anti-corruption Select Committee:

- **Could you please provide a position of the Select Committee on the guidelines on lobbying submitted to the Parliament in 2022?**

Please find the file attached to the e-mail (in Estonian language): RK juhatuse ettepanek lobikohtumiste avalikustamiseks 09062022

- **Could you please provide a link to the summary of the conclusions of the roundtables on transparency held in 2022?**

Please find the files with the summaries (3 files) and also the protocols of the committee (3 files) attached to the e-mail (all in Estonian language):

- 1) I Summary of the roundtable (EE) - 10 May 2022
- 2) II Summary of the roundtable (EE) - 14 April 2022
- 3) III Summary of the roundtable (EE) – 20 May 2022
- 4) KVEK_protokoll_98_30_05_2022
- 5) KVEK_protokoll_99_06_06_2022
- 6) KVEK_protokoll_102_12_09_2022

Additional information and specification regarding the EE input submitted on 23 January

Q15 of the 2023 questionnaire (digitalisation):

In addition to the input already submitted on 23 January we would like to bring out under this question that on 18 January 2023 the Parliament adopted a law (Kohtuekspertiisiseadus/Forensic Examination Act), which established the legal grounds for fully digital criminal proceedings and prepared the field of forensic examination for the transition to fully digital court proceedings.

Please find the drafts of the adopted law here (in Estonian): <https://www.riigikogu.ee/tegevus/eelnoud/eelnou/4384c379-6b59-4e54-a879-1a9a918990b7/kohtuekspertiisiseadus>

The Forensic Examination Act is available here (the latest version of the text with the latest amendments is not available yet): <https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/509082021002/consolide>

Q18 of the 2023 questionnaire (length of proceedings) (data added into the answer, highlighted):

18. Length of proceedings According to the procedural statistics of 2022, civil cases were resolved in county courts on average in 102 days, criminal cases were resolved on average in 245 days in general criminal proceedings (only 8,5% of criminal cases on 2022 were solved in general criminal proceedings), 33 days in simplified proceedings and 44 days in misdemeanour cases. Administrative cases were resolved in the first instance courts on average in 149 days. The average processing time for appeals was 196 days in civil cases, 81 days in criminal cases and 257 days in administrative cases.

Q5 of the targeted questions, On Justice System, MoJ

5. *In your written input, you provide information about the Document Delivery Portal (DDP) - could you explain more in detail how it works, and also how does it improve/help the work of judges, prosecutors and court staff? How does it affect the accessibility of justice for citizens?*

In addition to the input submitted on 23 January, please find the link to the DDP here: <https://kattetoimetamisportaal.rik.ee/eng/>, there is some technical information about the portal available without logging in as well: <https://kattetoimetamisportaal.rik.ee/eng/info>