



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS



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Programme: Local Development and Poverty Reduction

Selection Committee meeting
March 25, 2021

Open call for proposals

**„Historic old town centres with
cultural heritage protection areas“**

Overview

Project max duration: 30 months

Call amount: € 2,859,647

Project grant size: € 200,000 – 500,000

Project grant rate: 80%

Eligible applicants: all entities, public or private, commercial or non-commercial, or non-governmental organisation, established as a legal person in Estonia who own a building inside the heritage conservation area of [Haapsalu](#), [Kuressaare](#), [Lihula](#), [Paide](#), [Pärnu](#), [Rakvere](#), [Viljandi](#), [Valga](#) or [Võru](#).

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Eligible activities and criteria of the call for proposals:

- Activities related to the **restoration and taking into public use** of the buildings located at heritage conservation areas of small towns
- Activities must include the restoration of a complete building, meaning **both exterior and interior**. Additions to existing buildings are eligible if they contribute to maximising the use of the existing building.
- Preference is given to the buildings that are located at the area where the **architectural competition “Great Public Space”** was held or at an adjacent property
- **Housing** (private, municipal, social etc) **is not eligible as a function** of the restored building.

Targets (cumulative for the open call):

- at least 5 VET schools and/or sustainable renovation centres have co-operated with cultural heritage revitalisation projects*;
- at least 7 local municipalities have participated as partners or promoters in the restoration projects.

Number	Expected programme results	Indicator	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value
Outcome 1	Historic town centres revitalised through heritage-based local development	Number of cultural heritage buildings revitalised	0	N/A	7

* The financed project promoters will participate in the pre-defined project of the National Heritage Board and Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage "Historic town centres revitalised through heritage-based local development" and establish conditions for carrying out training activities at their restored object.

Evaluation criteria of the open call

No	Criterion	Points	%
1	Project quality	30	30,00%
	Competence and performance of the applicant and partner	5	
	Activity plan and time schedule, risks	5	
	Sustainability of the project	5	
	Financial capability of the applicant	5	
	Quality of the budget	6	
	Rate of co-financing	4	
2	The building, its impact in the urban environment and impact of the function on the heritage conservation area	30	30,00%
	Location of the building in the urban environment	10	
	Cultural value of the building	5	
	Impact of the planned use of the building on the heritage conservation area	15	
3	Share of public use of and access to the building	20	20,00%
	Share of public use of the building	15	
	Access to the building	5	
4	Pre-project rate of use and technical condition of the building	10	10,00%
5	Participation of partners in planning and implementing the project	10	10,00%
	TOTAL	100	

Projects received within deadline:

- ❑ Altogether 29 project proposals were submitted by deadline
- ❑ 5 proposals have already been or will be rejected for reasons of administrative or eligibility criteria

- ❑ Total grant amount applied for is approx. 11 MEUR, while the total grant available is 2,86 MEUR

Evaluation of independent experts

- **Evaluator 1:** Ms Helen Haab, School of Natural Sciences and Health (SNSH), Research coordinator, Tallinn University;
 - **Evaluator 2:** Ms Maris Mändel, PhD, Head of Architectural conservation in-service training courses, Estonian Academy of Arts.
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- ✓ There were no project applications where the difference between the scores given by the two experts was over 30%, therefore no third evaluation was necessary (point 20.5), *all under 20%*
 - ✓ There was 1 project applications that received under 40% of the total score, leading to an automatic negative decision (point 20.6)

Ranking list of experts (1-6)

	Project	Applicant	Grant applied	Average
1	Renovation of the spirits barn of the Lihula manor into community handicraft centre and heritage protection information centre (Linnuse road 1, Lihula city)	Lääneranna Municipality	500 000,00	89,5
2	Renovation of a historical building (timber) at Kesk str 19, Valga	Valga Municipality	399 984,00	89,0
3	Renovation of Kuressaare port storehouse (Veski str 9, Kuressaare)	Kuressaare Port Storehouse Ltd	500 000,00	88,0
4	Holistic lifestyle centre (Tolli str 4, Kuressaare)	Holisticum Ltd	500 000,00	87,5
5	Development of a community centre for NGO Paide unit of Information Centre for Sustainable Renovation	NGO Paide unit of Information Centre for Sustainable Renovation	399 768,00	85,5
6	Development of an historic inn into a guest house and remote workplace (F. R. Kreutzwaldi str 52, Võru)	Freinhold House Ltd	354 383,77	85,0

Ranking list of experts (7-12)

	Project	Applicant	Grant applied	Average
7	Development of the museum of Mr Evald Okas into a year-round art centre	NGO Museum of Mr Evald Okas	500 000,00	83,5
8	Puppet theatre. Renovation of a building at Lossi str 3, Viljandi	Viljandi City Government	500 000,00	81,5
9	Renovation of a building at Uus str 2, Pärnu into a Town Hall Courtyard Music House	Pärnu City Government	500 000,00	81,5
10	Renovation of a historic Valga city school at Kesk str 22, Valga	Valga Municipality	479 924,00	81,0
11	Renovation of Rakvere city mound windmill into a visitor centre (Vallimäe road 2, Rakvere)	ANETO Development Ltd	452 778,00	78,0
12	Renovation of the Rehbinder House into a public visitor centre with an permanent exhibition and museum of historic Estonian furniture (Tallinna str 5, Rakvere)	Foundation Museums of Virumaa	458 095,20	74,5

Ranking list of experts (13-19)

	Project	Applicant	Grant applied	Average
13	Renovation of a building at Kauba str 1, Kuressaare	Kauba One Ltd	406 859,12	71,0
14	Renovation of a building at Supeluse str 1, Pärnu	STAT Ltd	500 000,00	69,5
15	Renovation of Viljandi Aeroplane Factory as a public cooperation centre (Hariduse str 12a, Viljandi linn)	NGO Viljandi Aeroplane Factory	528 311,84	69,0
16	Restoration of Pärnu Eliisabet Church (Nikolai str 22, Pärnu).	Pärnu Eliisabet Congregation of the Estonian Evangelical Lutheral Church	500 000,00	67,5
17	Renovation and activation of Pärnu cultural heritage monument (Ranna boulevard 3, Pärnu)	TRANSCOM ASSETS Ltd	458 990,00	66,5
18	Renovation of a building at Kreutzwaldi str 36, Võru for the public community use	Edepol Ltd	499 424,57	65,5
19	Renovation of Arensburg hotel and reconstruction of a historic courtyard. Providing new spa, cultural and culinary experiences to the public	Arens Assets Ltd	426 220,38	63,0

Ranking list of experts (20-26)

	Project	Applicant	Grant applied	Average
20	Turning Kuressaare Postal House into a multifunctional community house	Postal House Ltd	500 000,00	62,0
21	Renovation and rebuilding of a commercial and a residential building at Tartu str 24/24A, Viljandi	Aasa Guesthouse Ltd	500 000,00	61,0
22	Renovation of a building situated along the Pärnu city moat into a cafe-wine shop (Sadama str 5, Pärnu)	Kauni Knittings Ltd	296 994,34	59,0
23	Renovation of a building situated at Valga central square for public use (Sepa str 4, Valga)	Rediver Ltd	500 000,00	56,0
24	Renovation and extension of a commercial building at Ehte str 2, Haapsalu	Rent Ltd	424 502,40	56,0
25	HouseofExperience (F. R. Kreutzwaldi str 39, Võru)	Argeliste Ltd	274 720,00	55,5
26	Competence and development centre for creative education (Lossi str 30, Viljandi)	Classroom Ltd	217 375,00	38,0
		APPLIED:	11 050 018,78 €	
		AVAILABLE:	2 859 647,00 €	

Selection Committee members

Voting members

[Ms Liina Jänes](#) – adviser to the Cultural Heritage Department, Ministry of Culture;

[Ms Ms Nele Rent](#) – member of the Estonian National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS);

[Mr Siim Raie](#) – head of the Estonian National Heritage Board.

Observers

The representatives of the Donor Programme Partner [Riksantikvaren](#) and [Financial Mechanism Committee](#) as well as [Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and State Shared Service Centre](#) (National Focal Point and Programme Operator Implementing Agency).

Evaluators [Ms Helen Haab](#), [Ms Maris Mändel](#)

Selection Committee tasks

The goal

to confirm the list of project applications suggested to be financed and the list of project applications not to be financed and forward its decision to the Programme Operator Implementing Agency (i.e. State Shared Service Centre) for formal decision making.

The tasks

- review the ranking list of project applications resulting from the mathematical average of individual expert evaluation scores;
- confirm the list of project applications suggested to be financed and the list of project applications not to be financed;
- modify the ranking list of the project applications or propose only partial financing of projects in justified cases based on transparent criteria recorded in the minutes of the committee meeting.

After the Selection Committee


- ❖ Chairman of the Selection Committee and the PO will sign the minutes of the meeting, where decisions are laid down in a transparent and accountable manner describing which project proposals shall be awarded a grant and which proposals will be rejected.
- ❖ PO Implementing Agency will cast a decision to award a grant or decline awarding a grant based on the written recommendation of the Selection Committee.

Discussion and decisions



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