

Interim financial report EEA and Norway Financial Mechanisms 2021-2028

Interim financial report number 1

Programme summary

National Focal Point	Estonian State Shared Service Centre (SSSC)
Beneficiary State	Estonia
Programme title	Bilateral Fund Agreement Estonia 2021 - 2028
Programme code	EE-BF
Eligible Expenditure	€ 1,503,787.00
Programme grant rate	100.00 %
Programme grant amount	€ 1,503,787.00
EEA Grant Amount	€ 806,571.00
Norway Grant Amount	€ 697,216.00
Start date of eligibility	28/05/2025
Final date of eligibility	30/04/2032

Part A - Statement of actual expenditure incurred and interest earned

Incurred expenditure - summary

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Start date of incurred expenditure period 28/05/2025

End date of incurred expenditure period 31/12/2025

	Previously declared expenditure	Declared expenditure the period	Total declared to date
Eligible expenditure	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
EEA Grants	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
Norway Grants	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00

Incurred expenditure - details

Title: Activities carried out by the NFP

Brief description of declared expenditure (100-300 words)

No activities carried out by the NFP.

Eligible expenditures

Eligible expenditure - EUR

€ 0.00

Total

€ 0.00

Title: Call for proposals on national level

Brief description of declared expenditure (100-300 words)

No calls for proposals carried out on national level.

Eligible expenditures

Eligible expenditure - EUR

€ 0.00

Total

€ 0.00

Title: Pre-defined activities on national level

Brief description of declared expenditure (100-300 words)

No pre-defined activities done on national level.

Eligible expenditures

Eligible expenditure - EUR

€ 0.00

Total

€ 0.00

Interest earned

Interest paid on accounts established by the Programme Operator for funds intended for regranting in the current reporting period.

Norway Grants	EEA Grants	Total
€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00

Cumulative interest generated on accounts established by the Programme Operator for funds intended for regranting.

Norway Grants	EEA Grants	Total
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€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
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Interest paid

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Norway Grants	EEA Grants	Total
€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00

Cumulative interest paid on accounts established by the Programme Operator for funds intended for regranting.

Norway Grants	EEA Grants	Total
€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00

Comment

Will be filled by CA

Part B - Statement of expenditure proposed

Proposed expenditure - summary

Start date of proposed expenditure period 01/07/2026

End date of proposed expenditure period 31/12/2026

	Previous advance and interim payments	Interim payment this period	Total to date
Eligible expenditure	€ 150,379.00	€ 0.00	€ 150,379.00
<i>EEA Grants</i>	€ 80,657.26	€ 0.00	€ 80,657.26
<i>Norway Grants</i>	€ 69,721.74	€ 0.00	€ 69,721.74

Title: Activities carried out by the NFP

Brief description of proposed expenditure (100-500 words)

No activities planned to be carried out by the NFP.

Title: Call for proposals on national level

Brief description of proposed expenditure (100-500 words)

No calls for proposals planned on national level.

Title: Pre-defined activities on national level

Brief description of proposed expenditure (100-500 words)

The first bilateral initiative was approved on the 21st of January 2026:

Estonian Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs bilateral initiative proposal "Preparation and implementation of cybersecurity teaching materials for general schoolteachers - assessment on digital and cybersecurity competences - EST & NO CyberEd" with Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training as the donor project partner (budget 559 554 euros).

There has already been a great interest towards Bilateral Fund. The draft proposals of the Football Association of Norway and Information System Authority of Estonia are being processed, expected to be approved in February/March 2026. There has also been interest from Estonian Refugee Council, Estonian Police and Border Guard Board and University of Tartu.

Part C - Forecast

Allocation (a)	Estimated absorption rate (b)	Previous Payments before 2025 (c)	February 2025 (d)	September 2025 (e)	Payment current 2025 (f)=(d)+(e)	Payment 2026 (g)	Payment until the end of the FM (h)=[(a)-(c)-(f)- (g)]*(b)	Total forecast (i)=(c)+(f)+(g)+(h)
€ 1,503,787.00	100.00 %	€ 0.00		€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 200,000.00	€ 1,303,787.00	€ 1,503,787.00

National Focal Point

Full legal name: Estonian State Shared Service Centre (SSSC EE)

National Focal Point signature

I certify that I am duly authorised to sign this interim financial report and that the proposed expenditure described in Part B from which this interim payment is calculated is a realistic estimate of the expenditure that will actually be required by the Funds for bilateral relations at national level in the period referred to in Part B.

I have thoroughly reviewed the expenditure declared in Part A and confirm that the information provided is accurate. I confirm that activities under the Funds for bilateral relations at national level are carried out as described in the Bilateral Fund Agreement and that the declared expenditure is correctly represented.

Overall implementation status (including milestones):

Bilateral Fund Agreement was signed on 27.05.2025 together with MoU-s and Technical Assistance Agreement.

New period JCBF principles were generally discussed already in the JCBF meeting in the beginning of May 2025. New period first JCBF meeting was held in October 2025, where JCBF Work Plan was discussed as well as one new initiative proposal presented. The content of the Work Plan was approved by all the JCBF members on the 16th of December 2025. The donor shares for the Work Plan were sent by the FMO on the 15th of January 2026. After that the Work Plan was also submitted in GrACE.

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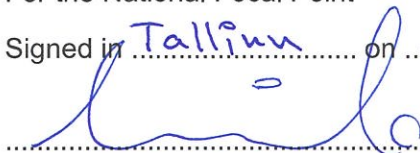
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Next JCBF meeting is planned to take place on the 16th of February 2026.

Question	Answer	Comment
Were monitoring and verifications conducted to ensure quality and/or regularity of implementation?	N/A	No bilateral initiatives have been approved by 31.12.2025.
Are project-level information in Grace updated with the most recent financial data?	N/A	No bilateral initiatives have been approved by 31.12.2025.
Are all the irregularities, their investigation and any remedies taken reported?	N/A	There have been no irregularities.
Are the special conditions and rules set out in the Bilateral Fund Agreement fulfilled?	Yes	Bilateral Fund Agreement has been followed.

For the National Focal Point

Signed in Tallinn on 28.01.2026.



Urmo Merila

Head of National Focal Point
Deputy Director General
State Shared Service Centre

Certification of expenditure declared and co-financing

Interim financial report number	1
Start date of declared expenditure period	28/05/2025
End date of declared expenditure period	31/12/2025
Expenditure declared this period	€ 0.00
Start date of proposed expenditure period	01/07/2026
End date of proposed expenditure period	31/12/2026
Expenditure proposed this period	€ 0.00
Cumulative co-financing reported to date (part A)	€ 0.00
Cumulative co-financing planned (including proposed amount in part B)	€ 0.00
Interest earned (current reporting period)	€ 0.00
Total interest earned	€ 0.00
Interest paid (current reporting period)	€ 0.00
Total interest paid	€ 0.00

The Certifying Authority hereby certifies that:

- for incurred expenditure and fulfilment of conditions for simplified cost options (SCOs):
 - a. the supporting documents for incurred expenditure and fulfilment of conditions for SCOs have been examined and found to be authentic, correct and accurate;
 - b. payments have been executed as reported;
 - c. when relevant, that the interest to date has been reported in the relevant Interim Financial Reports;
 - d. the expenditure included in the report have been reported within the 12 months of the end of the reporting period in which it should have been declared.
- for incurred expenditure:
 - e. the summary of eligible expenditure submitted by the National Focal Point is in full conformity with the supporting documents;
 - f. the summary of eligible expenditure is based on verifiable accounting which is in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles and methods;
 - g. the summary of eligible expenditure falls within eligible expenditure under the Regulation for the implementation of the EEA / Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2021-2028;
 - h. the summary of expenditure is incurred as part of the implementation of the Funds for bilateral relations at national level in accordance with the Bilateral Fund Agreement;
 - i. sufficient audit trail exists.

For the Certifying Authority

Signed in on

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