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**Official Request to organise the Estonian  
Pavilion at 61<sup>st</sup> Biennale Arte in 2026**

Estonia hereby confirms our interest to take part in the 61<sup>st</sup> International Art Exhibition in Venice. **The Estonian pavilion** will be organised in partnership with the Centre for Contemporary Art Estonia, a non-governmental organisation funded by Republic of Estonia. CCA Estonia has been responsible for organising the Estonian pavilions at Biennale Arte since 1999 (the second national participation), they are experienced and trusted professionals in Estonia and internationally.

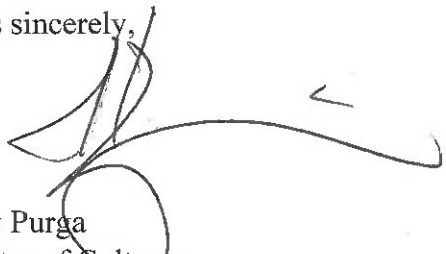
We are also glad to announce that we have chosen the artist for the Estonian pavilion through an open two-stage competition. The winning proposal for the pavilion will be realised by the painter **Merike Estna**. We will provide further information on our exhibition in due time, following your procedures.

We have appointed **Maria Arusoo**, director of the Centre for Contemporary Art, Estonia, as our commissioner for the 61st International Art Exhibition. The responsible project manager and vice commissioner for the exhibition will be **Sten Ojavee** from CCA Estonia.

The contact person at the Estonian Ministry of Culture is **Maria-Kristiina Soomre**, Adviser on Visual Art.

Please find all relevant contact information attached.

Yours sincerely,



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