

Letter of Support

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To German Embassy Estonia,

The Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs of the Republic of Estonia expresses its strong support for the project proposal submitted by the Institute of Baltic Studies (IBS) for the Embassy's 2026 social resilience and media literacy project call.

The submitted project is aimed at addressing the issues of information clarity, media literacy and resilience to misinformation within the Estonian prison system. The project aligns with the Ministry's objectives of improving the rehabilitation and reintegration of inmates, enhancing prison safety, and reducing the spread of disinformation, particularly in Russian-dominant regions like Ida-Virumaa.

Subject to applicable Estonian laws, prison security protocols and operational capacity, the Ministry intends to support the project as follows:

1. Facilitation of access to sites. Coordinate, as appropriate and applicable, access arrangements to Viru Prison and Tallinn Prison for approved project activities and personnel, in accordance with security and visitation procedures.
2. Review of materials. Collaborate with IBS to review proposed materials (e.g., adapted inmate handbook, posters, videos and a family booklet) for compliance with Estonian law, prison regulations, security considerations etc.
3. Support to workshops. Assist, within available capacity, with organising and coordinating workshops for inmates (and, where relevant, for staff), including scheduling, coordination with prison administrations and encouraging participation.

We believe this project can make a meaningful contribution to a safer prison environment, enhance rehabilitation outcomes, including in Ida-Virumaa and strengthen the resilience of inmates and their families to disinformation.

This letter is an expression of support only. It does not create legal or financial obligations for the Ministry, and it may be withdrawn or amended at any time if required by law, security considerations or operational constraints.

Yours sincerely,



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