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Letter of Endorsement

The Estonian Ministry of Culture is pleased to support the grant application ‘Youth Transitions in Times of Increasing Uncertainty: A Mixed-method Longitudinal Study,’ prepared by a research team in the Institute of International Social Studies, Tallinn University.

The Ministry of Culture recognises the significance of studying youth transitions and well-being, particularly in times of growing uncertainty. This project will examine the youth cohort (born in 2009) whose critical life path choices in education and employment coincide with a period of multiple crises, including the war in Ukraine, global economic instability, rising inflation and costs of living, rapid technological change, AI-driven labour market transformations, and increasing geopolitical instability. Using a longitudinal mixed-method research design, the study will explore both the short-term and long-term effects of these crises on young people's transitions to adulthood.

Youth development, transitions to adulthood, and the impact of multiple crises on young people's mental health and well-being are key areas of interest within the Ministry's domain. We highly value the insights this research will provide and look forward to the knowledge gained from the project. The Ministry is pleased to offer its expertise and support, and our experts are ready to consult with researchers to refine the plans for the study focusing on youth transitions. We see this as an excellent opportunity to enhance knowledge transfer and establish a strong foundation for collaboration between the Ministry and the Institute of International Social Studies at Tallinn University.

Yours sincerely,

(signed digitally)
Kristiina Alliksaar
Secretary General