

Work on Place Names in Estonia

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Trainings

We had 20 training sessions in late
 2008 and 2009 with ca 500 participants



Place name days

2009 - Rapla

2008 - Võru

2007 - Kuressaare

2006 - Viljandi

2005 - Rakvere

2004 - Haapsalu

2003 - Tartu



Usage of places beyond Estonia on highway signs





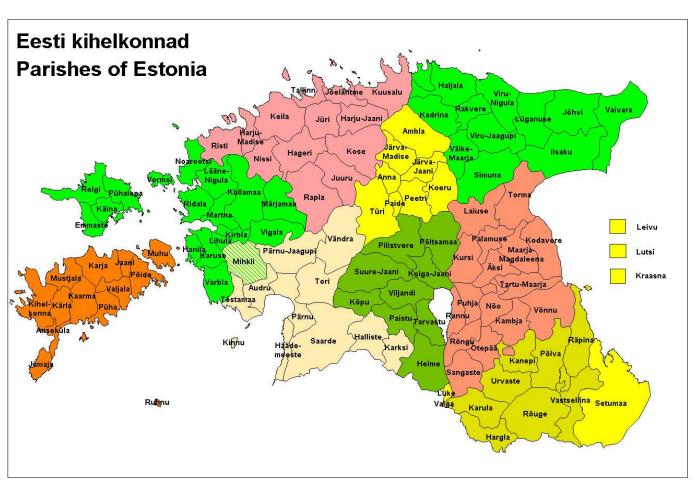


Changes in Local self-government and populated places:

- New village Telise/Tällnäs 2009
- On 18.October after the amalgamation of Kaisma rural municipality and Vändra rural municipality there will be one Vändra rural municipality

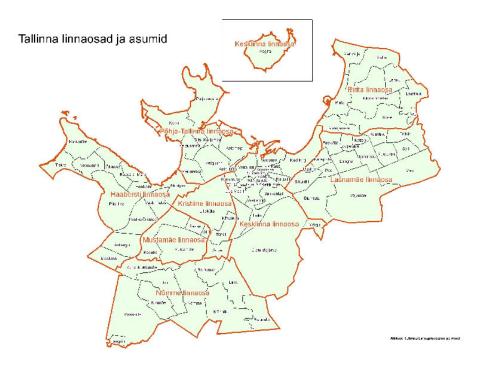


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Airport of Tallinn

 In the spring of 2009, to remember the 80 birthday of President Lennart Meri (29.03.1929 – 14.03.2006) the Tallinn Airport was named after him –

Lennart Meri Tallinn Airport.



Working Group for Maritime Islands

- Based on base map there is 2176
 Maritime Islands in Estonia of which 1615 are very small unnamed islands.
- 561 of them have names.



Place Name Register

- Starting 1st of January, 2009 we operate updated Place Names Register. The address of the register.
- Starting 1 July, 2008 the Estonian Land Board is the authorized body to manage place names in the register.
- http://xgis.maaamet.ee/knravalik/

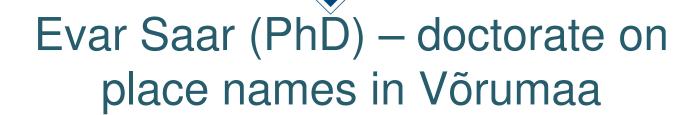


Place Name Act

During this year we have set a goal to amend the Place Names Act. The main emphasis is on changing the way land units are treated – until now the land units were not subjects for place names, but now after address data system is integrated, place names form one component in the address, which must conform to the Place Names Act.



- ◆ There is a draft Development Plan for the Estonian Language for years 2011 – 2017 a part of which concerns place names.
- Preparation of a dictionary on place names is being prepared by the Estonian Language Institute, at the end of October the working group will gather to discuss the choice of index words and sample articles.



 "Analysis of the place names of Võrumaa on the basis of the most frequent name components and the traditional naming system of a community".



Thank you!

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