



SIXTH FRAMEWORK
PROGRAMME

Estonia in the 6th Framework Programme

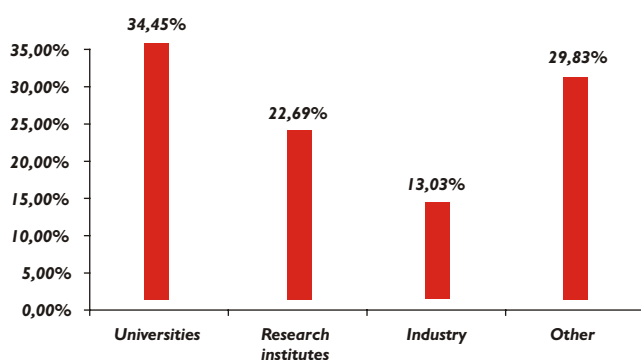
(as of 1 January 2005)

By the end of 2004, different Estonian organisations had participated in the submission of 711 project applications. 140 of these projects were successful. As of 31 January, 1552 projects with the participation of 15 732 organisations have passed the round of negotiations in the 6th Framework Programme and obtained financing. 50 Estonian partners participate in 47 of such projects and have received EUR 4.2 million for the support of their activities.

Programmes	Applications	Successful projects	Success rate
Life sciences, genomics	54	13	24,1
Information society technologies	122	26	21,3
Nanotechnologies	62	12	19,4
Aeronautics	5	1	20
Food quality	14	2	14,3
Sustainable development	81	21	25,9
Citizens and governance in a knowledge-based society	84	12	14,3
Policy oriented research	18	9	50
SME	77	11	14,3
International cooperation	24	6	20,8
Coordination	6	2	33,3
NEST	6	1	16,7
Research and innovation	22	2	9,1
Human resources and mobility	87	13	14,9
Research infrastructures	11	2	18,2
Science and society	38	8	21,05
Total	711	140	19,7

How to evaluate the success of Estonia? The framework programme has certainly activated an unprecedented number of Estonian organisations which have capacity for research and innovation.

637 organisations have participated in calls for proposals. Traditionally, educational and research institutions have been more active (57.1%), also different foundations, non-profit organisations and consultation firms are very active (29.8%). The proportion of industrial enterprises is 13%, but at the same time 16.4% of all organisations have defined themselves as SME.



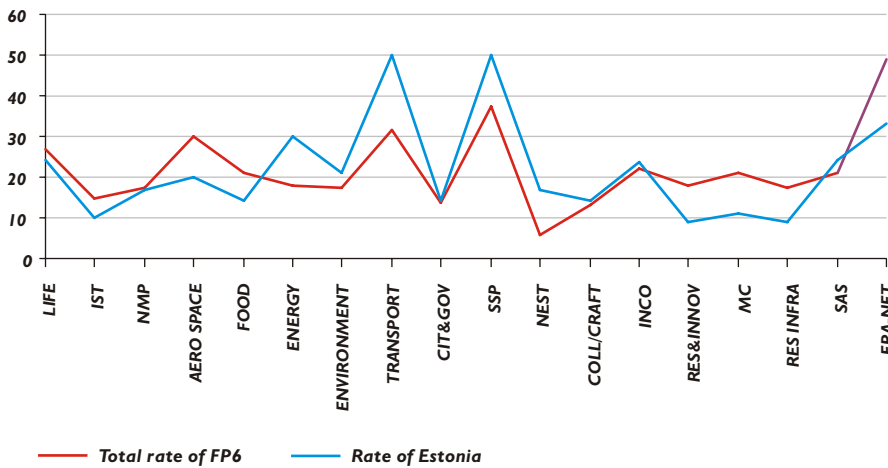
Estonians have participated mostly in proposals for integrated projects (24.5%), STREP (22.5%) and SSA (18.2%).

The programmes with most active participation were IST (122), Marie Curie (87), and Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-based Society (social sciences and humanities) (84). The highest numbers of successful projects have been in IST (26), Biotechnology (13), and Marie Curie (13). The sustainable development programme consists of three subprogrammes in which the Environment programme has the highest number of successful projects (12), followed by Energy (6) and Transport (3) programmes. In the latter programme, Estonia participates in one of the largest projects of all Project VISIT 2008: Sustainable intermodel city traffic 2008, coordinated by the City of Malmö and involving also the City of Tallinn, Tallinn Bus Company, Tallinn Tram and Trolleybus Company, AS MRP Linna Liinid and the Tallinn University of Technology.

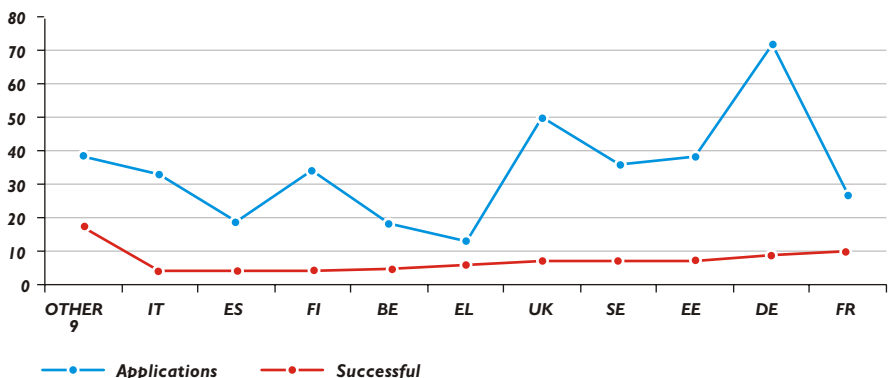
SSA projects which are intended for raising awareness of the framework programme and increasing participation in the programme, have certainly had an important role in rise the success of Estonia. The technological capacity of Estonian enterprises and research institutions is often not sufficient for the initiation and coordination of projects. Therefore the majority of successful projects with Estonian coordinators are Marie Curie projects and SSA projects. Currently Estonian researchers are coordinating only one integrated project. It is in the field of social sciences: *LLL2010: Towards a Lifelong Learning Society in Europe: The Contribution of the Education System*. The project with 14 partners is coordinated by the Institute of International and Social Studies of the Tallinn Pedagogical University. It is also unique to have a large project (EUR 4.8 million) coordinated by someone from the new Member States.

If we compare the situation of Estonia in the 6th Framework Programme with the general statistics, we can see that the general trends with respect to programmes with more active participation are the same.

Comparison of the success rates of all FP6 project applications and those of Estonia



Countries of origin of coordinators of project applications with Estonian participation and those of successful projects



Although already since the 4th Framework Programme the researchers of two leading countries (United Kingdom and Germany) have excelled as coordinators of successful projects, the same trend cannot be observed in FP6 yet. As to project proposals, coordinators from UK, Germany and Sweden are the top three among project proposals with Estonian participation. Among successful projects the participation of coordinators from different countries is almost equally distributed.