

## ACTIVITY PLAN for the implementing Estonian Civil Society Development Concept for 2004-2006

Goals	Activities	Results/indicators	Timeframe	Responsible authority
<b>Legislation and involvement</b>				
<b>Goal 1:</b> Establishing of structures to increase cooperation between the government and CSOs (civil society organizations) in the development of civic initiatives	1. Development of a strategy for the support of civic initiatives by the Government	Unified approach in the government sector to the development of the field	2005	Min of Interior
	1.2. Review of the statutes of the joint commission and development of mechanisms to publicize its role, tasks and activities more widely	Increased role and capacity of the commission in the implementation of EKAK	2004 2 <sup>nd</sup> half /2005	EKAK JC (joint committee)
	1.3. Organizing of an international conference on compacts/agreements between CS (civil society) and the public sector	Exchange of practical experience, strengths and weaknesses of such cooperation models	2005	EKAK JC
<b>Goal 2:</b> Clear mechanisms for the involvement of CSOs in the development and implementation of policies and legislative acts	2.1. Analyzing of current practices and defining of needs and opportunities to unify these mechanisms	Defined problems, needs and opportunities related to the mechanisms of involvement of CSOs	2004 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	EKAK JC
	2.2 Development of the principles of CS involvement and the respective plan of action	Formulation of principles  Proposals for raising the effectiveness of involvement mechanisms and unification of various practices	2005  2005	EKAK JC  Min of Interior, Min of Justice
	2.3. Introducing of the principles of involvement to CSOs and the general public	Informational materials	2006	EKAK JC

<b>Goal 3:</b> Overview of different forms of civic engagement and the appropriate legal environment for the support of civic initiatives	3.1. Analyzing of opportunities and obstacles related to the activities of partnerships; developing solutions	Formulation of problems and needs Development of solutions (raising of awareness, amendment of legislative acts, etc.)	2005/2006	Min of Interior
	3.2. Analyzing of the needs and opportunities related to the regulation of volunteer activities	Report	2005	Min of Interior
<b>Goal 4:</b> Effective usage of ICT means for the involvement of citizens in the decision-making processes	4.1. Mapping of Internet-based means to engage citizens in the decision-making processes, analyses of current usage and developing of proposals to increase their effectiveness	Proposals: - for the amendments of citizen portals; - for more effective usage of the available means to raise the awareness and skills of citizens	2005	Min of Interior

<b>Funding and statistics</b>				
<b>Goal 5:</b> Transparent and clear funding schemes targeted to support the development of CS and CSOs from the state budget	5.1. Overview of governmental sector funding of CSOs and of respective procedures	Report	2004	Min of Interior
	5.2. Development of unified procedures for ministerial funding of CSOs	Report	2004	Min of Interior
	5.3. Analysis of the effectiveness of current practices of governmental sector funding of CSOs (Law on Gambling Tax, state-financed programs, allocations to governmental foundations, ministries, etc.) - formulation of necessary legislative amendments	Proposals for making funding schemes more transparent, their administration more cost-effective, and improving the analysis of the effectiveness of governmental funding schemes	2005  2006	EKAK JC Min of Finance
	5.4. Developing of principles and appropriate forms of governmental funding of CSOs	Formulation of principles	2005-2006	EKAK JC

	5.5. Discussions and introduction of principles to the public	Both parties are aware and recognize funding principles	2006	EKAK JC
<b>Goal 6:</b> Improved and targeted system of tax benefits and charitable giving	6.1. Review of the criteria of public benefit organizations, amendment of respective legislative acts	The notion of public benefit is clear, its allocation is transparent and understandable Tax benefits are applicable to public benefit organizations only	2004 - 2005	Min of Finance
	6.2. Raising awareness levels related to existing opportunities for charitable giving	Informational materials	2005	EKAK JC Min of Finance
	6.3. Analysis of existing opportunities for charitable giving and their effectiveness	Evaluation of current practices and their dynamics	2006	Min of Finance + EKAK JC
<b>Goal 7:</b> Overview of umbrella organizations, their current and potential future role in cooperation with the public sector	7.1 Analysis of current practices: - # of umbrella organizations, their membership, representation of interests - Partnership between umbrella organizations and ministries in practice, expectations	1) Overview of cooperation practices 2) Basis for working out partnership mechanisms between umbrella organizations and public authorities	2005	EKAK JC
<b>Goal 8:</b> Adequate and informational register of non-profit organizations, and data collection methods describing civic engagement	8.1. Raising the awareness of CSOs on obligations related to official registration; simplifying of liquidation procedures	Up to date register of non-profit organizations	2006	Min of Finance Min of Justice
	8.2. Analysis of needs and opportunities to amend the current register of non-profit organizations - Formulation of legislative amendments - Technical improvement of the register	Up to date overview of the state of the non-profit sector	2006	Min of Finance Min of Justice
	8.3. Developing of opportunities to include questions related to civic engagement in public opinion polls	Data related to civic engagement and volunteering among the general public is regularly available	2006	Min of Finance

<b>Civic education and public awareness</b>				
<b>Goal 9:</b> Educational institutions are nurturing the development of caring and responsible citizens who value participation and volunteering	9.1. Modernization of civic education curriculum	Civic education curriculum in public schools deals with various aspects of participation and volunteering	2004-...	Tartu Uni curriculum dev center
	9.2. Integration of civics into various subjects taught at primary and high school level	Civic education is integrated into school curriculum and taught in various classes	2004-...	Tartu Uni curriculum dev center
	9.3. Analysis and improvement of educational materials	Appropriate educational materials	2004-...	Min of Ed EKAK JC
	9.4. Establishment of pilot civic education schools	Practical examples of ideal practices of civic engagement for youth, as well as active learning methods	2005/2006	Min of Ed
	9.5. Development of cooperation between schools and volunteer centers; highlighting the importance of civic education during Citizen Day celebrations	Models of cooperation on a local level, usage of practitioners in civic education classes; wide-scale celebration of Citizen Day	2005 - ...	Individual schools, CSOs
	9.6. Training of civic education teachers	Developing requirements for awareness on CS as part of teacher's professional standards; inclusion of respective topics in training curriculum	2005 - ...	Min of Ed
	9.7. Replication of the 1999 study of the International Education Association (IEA)	Overview of the effectiveness of civic education in schools	2005/2006	Min of Ed
<b>Goal 10:</b> Infrastructure and networks supportive of civic engagement and civic initiatives	10.1. Development of CS information and resource system based on regional development centers	Country-wide coordinated services to support civic engagement	2005-....	Min of Interior
	10.2. Public awareness campaign on civic engagement	Increased awareness of opportunities for civic engagement	2005-...	Min of Interior

	10.3 Integration of the basics of CS into the training programs of civil servants	Improved knowledge of civil servants on CSOs, civic initiatives and opportunities for partnerships	2005-...	Civil service training organizations
	10.4. Availability of CS related information in governmental information portals	Information on CS and CSOs is available in governmental information portals	2005	Min of Interior
	10.5. Increasing of civic engagement among youth, working out respective action plan	Increased civic engagement among youth on a local level	2005-...	Min of Ed Association of Est Youth Organizations
<b>Goal 11:</b> Various opportunities for life-long learning accessible to everyone	11.1. Development of respective curricula and materials for continuing education teachers	Increased quality of continuing education classes	2005-...	Centers of continuing education
	11.2. Publication of educational materials		2005-...	Centers of continuing education

Not included in the current plan of action but noted as an important goal by the EKAK JC:

Activities	Anticipated results	Timeframe	Responsible authority
<b>Establishing of Civil Society Research and Development Center</b>	<b>CS studies, monitoring and analysis, publishing of informational and educational materials</b>	<b>2005-...</b>	<b>???</b>