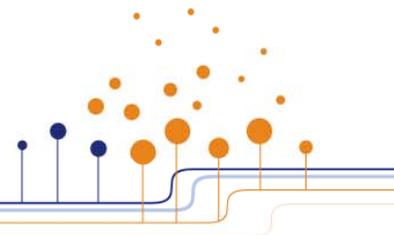


# Citizenship education for migrants in Estonia

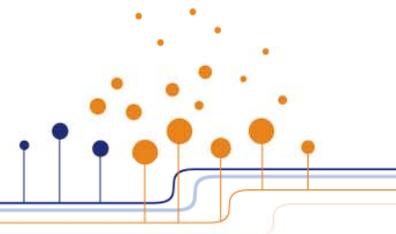
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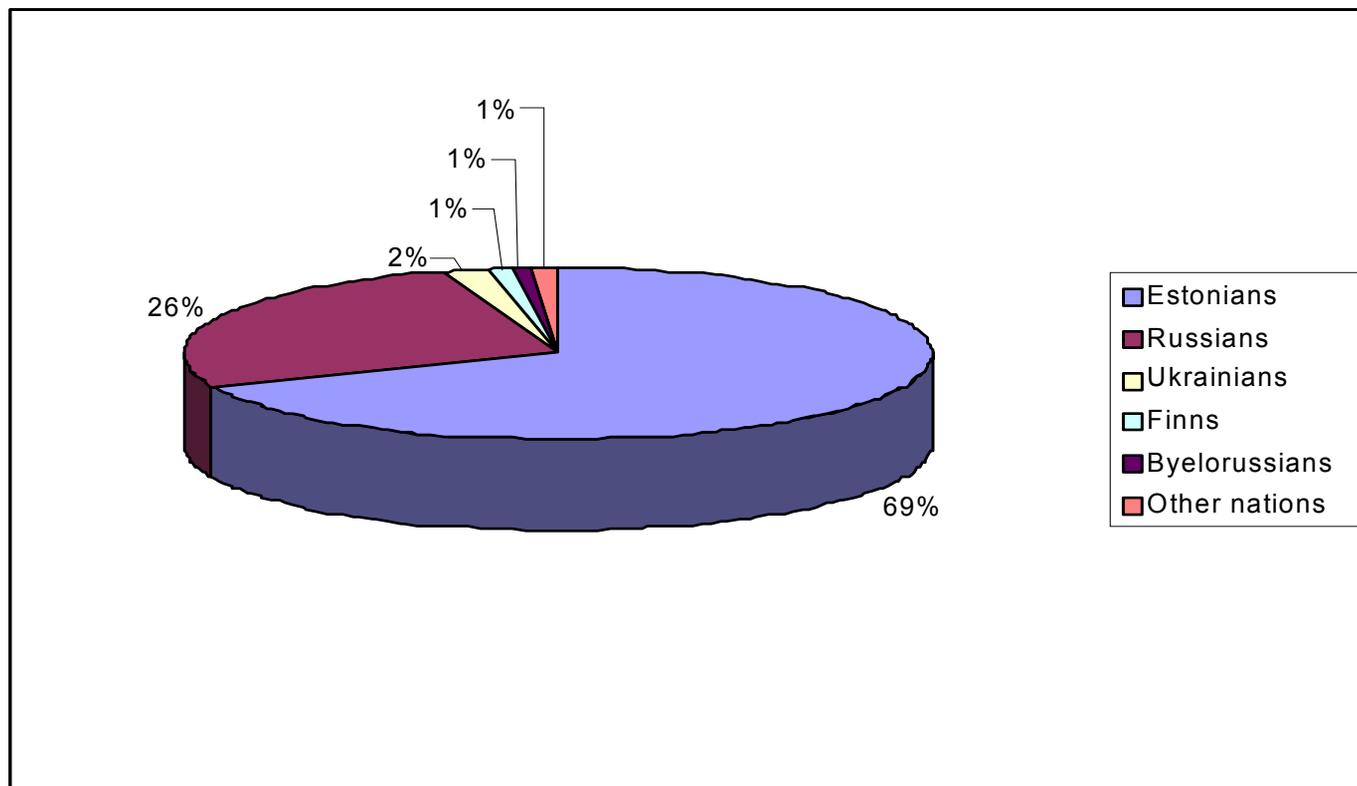


# Overview

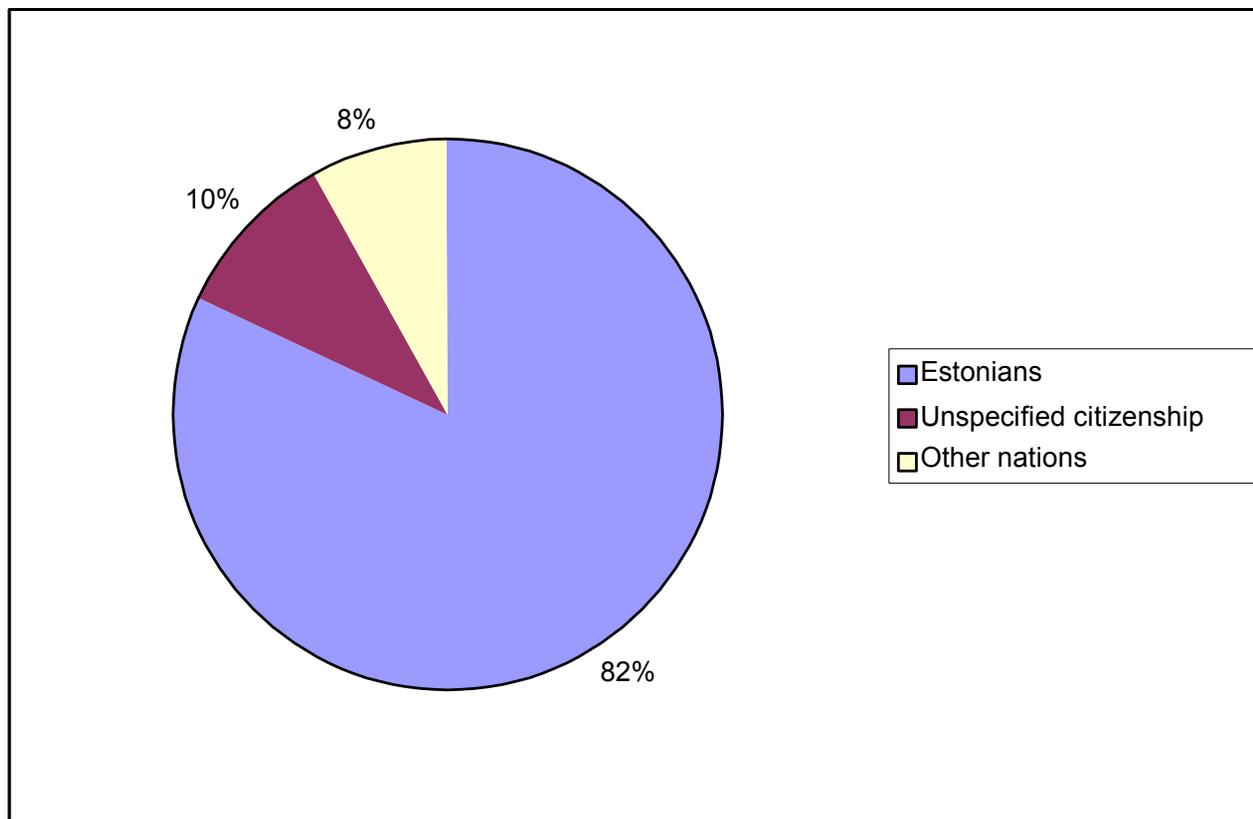
1. Population statistics
2. Integration and participation
3. Integration policy
4. Citizenship exam and courses
5. Adaptation programme for newly arrived immigrants



## Estonian population in percentages in 2006



## Distribution of Estonian population by citizenship in 2006

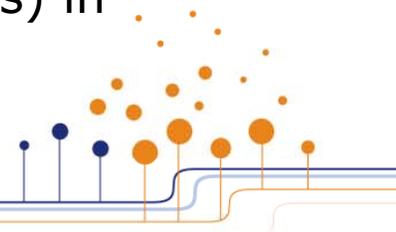


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## Integration&Participation

- Only 52% of Russian-speakers know Estonian language, in North-East only 38 %
- Unemployment is: 5.3% of overall labour force, 7.9% of Russian-speakers
- Regional discrepancies
- Estonians and Russians have separate media channels
- Political parties of non-Estonian population are fragmented
- Low participation (1 % versus 12 % for Estonians) in civic society organizations



## Political participation

Parliamentary elections 2007: 61,0 %

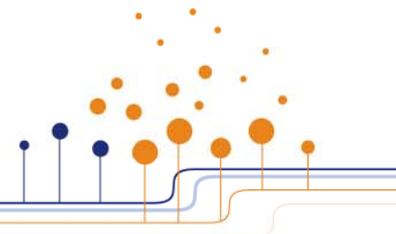
- in Tallinn 65,8 %
- in North-East 52,2 %

Local government elections 2005: 47 %

- in South-Estonia 55 %
- in cities 43%

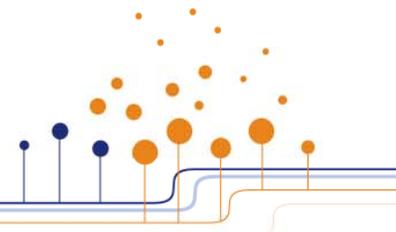
EP elections 2004:27 %

- in Tallinn 31%
- in islands 21 %



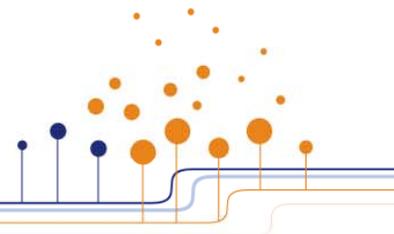
## State Integration Programme and National Action Plan for 2000-2007

- 143 600 new citizens naturalised between 1993–2006
- more than 200 cultural societies that receive state funding
- free citizenship courses for 10 000
- language training rebate ~400 EUR each level
- 16% general schools, 23% of pupils of medium schools Russian-language
- 2007 transition to partial teaching in Estonian
- 30 schools in language immersion programme
- 34 newspapers, 20 journals, 6 radios and TV channels in Russian



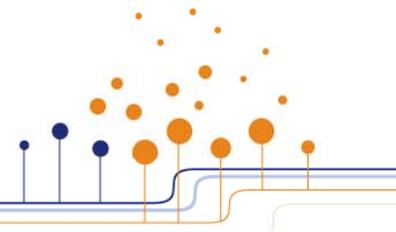
## State Integration Programme (SIP) for years 2008-2013

- More attention to socio-economic integration
- More attention to social activeness of youth
- Transition to teaching in Estonian
- Teacher training and support
- Attention to language training in North-East
- More tolerance, dialogue and concurrence
- More attention to media
- Diminishing statelessness



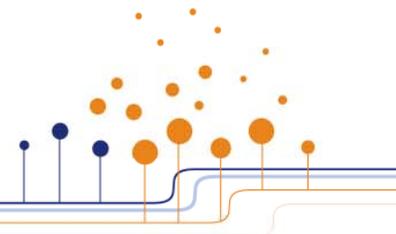
## Citizenship exam

- Exam: questions based on Constitution and Citizenship Act (plus language exam)
- Themes:
  - main principles of Estonian state
  - fundamental rights, liberties, and duties (incl right to vote)
  - jurisdiction of the president, parliament, government and court
  - conditions and order of acquiring Estonian citizenship



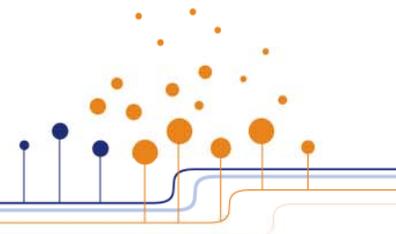
## Citizenship exam courses

- Courses: 5 and 25 hours  
several studies  
80 trainers trained  
goal: 10 000 participants
- As a trainer: to remove fear  
to raise self-esteem  
interactive methods  
course atmosphere



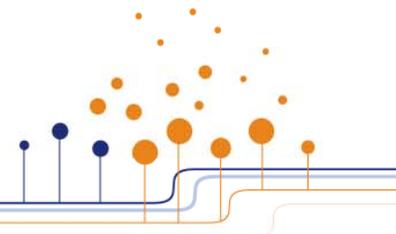
## ESF project NEW HOME 2007-2008

- For newly arrived immigrants and repatriants (up to 3 years ago)
- Pilot project for 60 persons
- Goal to integrate to the society and labor market
- Adaptation courses 48 hours
- Estonian language courses 240 hours
- Personal labor market consultation and assistance
- Interviews and analyses, input to national integration programme and compatriots programme
- Results yet to arrive, but interest bigger than possibilities, great feedback
- Extended until 2009



## Adaptation courses

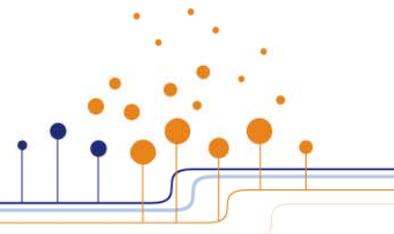
- Themes:
  - Citizenship, rights and responsibilities, civic society
  - Labor market, CV, job interview, EU and international labor market
  - Self-assertion, conflicts, communication, team work, cooperation skills
  - Parliament, government, president, EU institutions, elections
  - Equality, equal chances, cultural differences, generations, values
  - Entrepreneurship, small businesses
  - Estonian country and history
  - Global and local, Estonia and EU, migration



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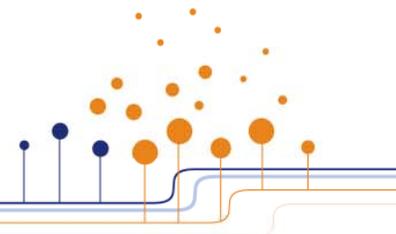
### Methods:

- interactive: games, role plays, team assignments, theatre, music, art, excursions, visits etc...
- ice-breaking, raising confidence towards Estonians and Estonia, its institutions
- giving information, contacts and networks



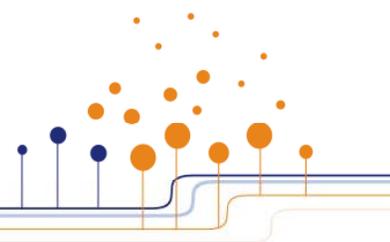
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