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Cross-Border Co-operation Programme
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Project No:	Est-Lat18
Project name:	Safe coast and sea in Latvia and Estonia
Project Partners Name (PP):	Estonian Rescue Board
Fund:	European Regional Development Fund
Programme priority:	Clean and valued living environment
Target objective:	Increased awareness of energy saving, sorting waste and re-use, and the more efficient management of common water resources
Audit No:	ELP-13/2020
Audit organization:	Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Estonia

FINAL AUDIT REPORT
08/06/2020



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Audit outcome:

Based on the audit work performed, the auditors have obtained reasonable assurance that the expenditure declared is in all material aspects legal and regular and in compliance with the programme rules.

Audit opinion¹:

- no audit findings;

The project audit has been carried out in compliance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

We wish to thank the auditee for the assistance and cooperation provided during the audit.

We confirm that the final audit report consists of **6 (six)** pages.

¹ **Significant findings** are those that have or may have a financial impact (i.e. ineligible expenditure). **Non-significant findings** are those that have no financial impact but whose correction will help the beneficiary to lower risks while implementing the project.

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PART A

1. Audit object and audited expenses

1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUDIT	
Project name:	Safe coast and sea in Latvia and Estonia
Project number:	Est-Lat18
Priority and target objective:	Clean and valued living environment Increased awareness of energy saving, sorting waste and re-use, and the more efficient management of common water resources
Beneficiary (PP):	Estonian Rescue Board
Contact person:	Mr. Kaimar Koemets (project manager)
Date of subsidy contract:	29/05/2017
Audit scope and period:	Report 5.1; 01/09/2018 – 31/12/2018; €13 183.20
1.2 INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUDIT	
Basis:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Article 127(1) of the Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2103- Audit Authority's work plan for 2020.
Objective:	To provide an audit opinion that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the operation was selected in accordance with the selection criteria for the operational programme;- the expenditure declared to the Commission corresponds to the accounting records and that the required supporting documentation demonstrates an adequate audit trail;- for expenditure declared to the Commission, outputs and results underpinning payments to the beneficiary have been delivered.
Person carrying out the audit:	Mart Pechter, Lead Auditor of Audit Unit II
Audit duration:	08/05/2020 – 08/06/2020
Methodology:	Audit manual of the Estonia-Latvia Programme
Audit procedures performed at the beneficiary:	During the on-the-spot check ² , interview was conducted with the person involved in project implementation and analysis/evaluation was made of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- project's actual implementation,

² The on-the-spot check was not done due to the Covid-19 public health crisis of 2020. Instead, a virtual meeting was conducted with the project manager. The auditor finds it sufficient for expressing assurance in this case.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - documentation related to project implementation, - eligibility of costs, - arrangement of book-keeping related to the project, - existence of co-financing, - use of the logos. 																				
Sampling methodology (if applicable, then information shall be provided by the AA):	No sampling was used, the costs in scope were audited 100%																				
1.3 AUDITED EXPENSES																					
Total amount of certified expenses subject to auditors' opinion on the basis of cost documents:	Report 5.1; 01/09/2018 – 31/12/2018; €13 183.20																				
Size of the sample (EUR; %)³:	€13 183.20; 100%																				
Ineligible expenditure identified (EUR): amount																					
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2. Limitations

The audit procedures were carried out in compliance with internationally accepted auditing standards⁵ and the audit report was prepared using the principles of independence and objectivity.

Auditors conclude that all data presented during the audit and other oral and written information made available during the audit presents a true and fair view of the activities performed during the project implementation and are sufficient to provide an opinion about the project. In case of additional information that was not provided or was not known to auditors, the conclusions reached by auditors might have been different.

³ If a sample was not used for auditing, the size of the sample is the total population in euros and the share of audited expenses to total population is 100%.

⁴ Share of ineligible expenses to audited expenses (%). If a sample was used for auditing, the share of ineligible expenses to the sample size shall be used.

⁵ The International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF) of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

PART B

AUDIT FINDINGS

1. Use of funding as intended

The funding has been used in material aspects in the intended manner, in a reasonable and efficient way and in accordance with the objectives and requirements laid down in the subsidy contract and the programme manual.

2. Accuracy of book-keeping records

The book-keeping records for the project are in all material aspects in compliance with the current legislation.

3. Amount and timing of funding

The granting of funding has in all material aspects been made available in the amount foreseen and on time, and the co-financing has been guaranteed.

4. Carrying out of public procurements

The audit scope includes no public procurements.

5. Granting of state aid

The project does not involve state aid.

6. Communication and publicity

When informing and disclosing the use of funding, the beneficiary has in all material aspects followed the current legislation.

We confirm that the final audit report has 6 (six) pages.

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