

THE FOUNDATION OF ESTONIAN DISABLED PEOPLE

The Foundation of Estonian Disabled People (EDP) was established with Estonian Government's Regulation No 129 on April 7th, 1994.

With the Government's prescript No 117-k the Foundation of Estonian Disabled People was transferred to the Register of NGOs and foundations on February 4th, 1997.

OBJECTIVE OF THE FOUNDATION OF EDP

The main objective of the foundation through collecting and distribution of financial resources is to support and contribute to the integration of disabled people into the society, the enhancement of their social activity, the creation of equal opportunities in acquiring education, finding jobs, lodging and the requisite.

ASSETS AND RESOURCES

The assets and resources of the foundation are formed as follows:

- 1) state allocations;
- 2) donations of legal and natural persons, as well as allocations of international and foreign foundations;
- 3) resources received from Foundation's benefit events and economic activities, to the legally permitted extent.

Donations and allocations can be both financial and property donations and may be assigned for a specific purpose.

As stated in subsection 16 article 4 in the General Conception of Disability Policy accepted by the Government of Estonia: "The state shall guarantee income to the Foundation of Estonian Disabled People by legislative means."

OVERALL PRIORITIES

The following **priorities** are used as the basis in evaluating applications for financing projects:

- **Promoting the education of disabled people (especially youth);**
- **Rehabilitation and consultation;**
- **Issues related to employment;**
- **Leisure activities and cultural projects.**

Since 2000 mainly projects connected with the implementation of the General Conception of Estonian Disability Policy, "Standard rules of establishing equal rights for disabled persons", are being financed.

The foundation does not give subsidy for:

- **supporting individuals and purchasing medical devices;**
- **administrative costs of municipal associations;**
- **foreign missions; compensating the costs of language courses for individuals.**

PRINCIPLES

for granting endowments through the Foundation of EDP in 2003 from the proceeds from gambling tax.

The Foundation of EDP and the board of the Chamber of EDP apply for public endowment from revenue from gambling tax for the organizations of disabled people in order to **enable these organizations to fulfill the roles designated for them with the General Conception of Estonian**

Disability Policy. The total amount of the endowment for counties and cross-nationally active organizations is formed according to principles accepted by the supervisory board of the Foundation of EDP as **the sum of four components:**

- Base component, which does not depend on the size of the organization;
- Component, which accounts for the number of member organizations registered in the Register of NGOs and foundations;
- Component, which accounts for the number of individual members of the registered organization;
- Component, which accounts for the net turnover, received as an addition to the endowments assigned from the gambling tax (sponsors, local municipalities, other local and international foundations).

Organizations have been given a right to choose the events that will be subsidized from the assigned endowment, provided compliance with the **overall conditions of supporting the projects** (<http://www.epikoda.ee>).

SUPPORTED ROLES

According to the General Conception of Estonian Disability Policy, the roles of the disability organizations are:

- defining the needs and priorities;
- participating in legislative and planning process;
- providing and evaluating services and arrangements concerning the life of disabled people;
- contributing to increased public awareness and to the implementation of changes.

As self-help unions, disability organizations arrange and promote:

- possibilities to develop different skills (e.g coping with oneself, succeeding in the labor market etc.);
- mutual help of each other (training and work of support persons etc.);
- exchange of information (information days, trainings, bulletins, periodicals, websites etc.).

Disability organizations perform **consultative role** in several different ways:

- having a regular representative in foundations financed by the government or local municipalities;
- participating in national and regional commissions; offering expert opinions about different projects.

OVERALL CONDITIONS FOR PROJECTS

1. Projects connected with implementation of the General Conception of Estonian Disability Policy “Standard rules for establishing equal rights for disabled people” are supported.
2. Contents and budget of the event must be described in detail.
3. In translating and publishing books and textbooks, author’s permission must be included (in case of copyright).
4. In case of assigning endowments to action plans and projects, established standard fees for lecturers, room rental, printing and translation jobs must be considered.
5. Resources used for ‘catering’ service cannot exceed 5% of the budget in case of one-day event, and 10% in longer events. Partnership of participants must be indicated in accounting.

As a rule, the endowment allocated for leisure time activities, including sport’s activities cannot exceed 20% of all financed activities of the organization. In general, disability sports unions are not supported because they receive endowments directly from the state budget through Estonian Para-Olympics Committee.

FINANCING AND ACCOUNTING



NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

If the Council of Gambling Tax assigns 9,0 million kroons in the year 2003, the size of endowments will be the following:

The Estonian Union of Persons with Mobility	265 058
The Estonian Diabetes Association	247 339
Estonian Mentally Disabled People Support Organization	219 243
The Estonian Association of Occupational Disease Patients	167 287
The Estonian Federation of the Blind	173 234
The Estonian Association of Hard of Hearing	177 048
The Estonian Cancer Society	176 222
The Estonian Association of the Deaf	181 102
The Estonian Rheumatism Association	149 117
The Estonian Heart Association	170 441
The Estonian Multiple Sclerosis Society	122 824
The Estonian Association of Parents of Children with the Hard of Hearing	136 279
The Estonian Allergy Federation	112 162
The Estonian Epilepsy Association	110 360
The Estonian Association of Aphasics	113 063
The Estonian Phenylketonuria Association	90 749
Estonian Union of The Deafblind	64 598
The Estonian Society of People with Kidney Disease	73 856
The Estonian Association of Muscular Disorders	90 749
The Estonian Children's Heart Association	80 088
Estonian Cystic Fibrosis Society	53 937
The Estonian Psoriasis Union	73 856
Estonian Parkinson's Association	111 171
Estonian Autism Society	68 976
The Estonian Association for People Who Stutter	32 614
The Estonian Lung Association	37 494
Tsöliaakia Association	64 095
The Estonian Haemophilia Society	37 944

TOTAL: 3 400 906

COUNTIES

County of Tartu, the Chamber of Disabled People included	340 615
County of Ida-Viru, the Chamber of Disabled People included	320 234
Tallinn, the Chamber of Disabled People included	322 662
County of Viljandi, the Chamber of Disabled People included	316 643
County of Põlva, the Chamber of Disabled People included	215 354
County of Lääne, the Chamber of Disabled People included	198 564
County of Saare, the Chamber of Disabled People included	198 564
County of Pärnu, the Chamber of Disabled People included	226 126
County of Valga, the Chamber of Disabled People included	194 973
County of Harju, the Chamber of Disabled People included	194 973
County of Võru, the Chamber of Disabled People included	211 764
County of Lääne-Viru, the Chamber of Disabled People included	194 973
County of Rapla, the Chamber of Disabled People included	171 001
County of Järva, the Chamber of Disabled People included	132 924
County of Hiiu, the Chamber of Disabled People included	116 097
County of Jõgeva, the Chamber of Disabled People included	109 553

TOTAL of the counties: 3 465 000

The Chamber of Estonian Disabled People	1 350 000
The Foundation of Estonian Disabled People	270 000
RESERV	514 094
GROSS TOTAL:	9 000 000

FUNCTION OF THE FOUNDATION OF ESTONIAN DISABLED PEOPLE

Major activities in the year 2002:

1. Connected with the project presented to the Council of Gambling Tax (CGT)
 - Receiving applications, forming summary table, compiling projects, and presenting these to the Ministry of Social Affairs (MSA) and the CGT;
 - Concluding a financing contract with the MSA;
 - Concluding contracts with beneficiaries, collecting the presented reports, transferring the funds;
 - Performing random control on the locations and exchanging information;
 - Compiling and presenting a summary report to the CGT, the MSA and the Ministry of Finance, as well as on the website.

2. Arranging the specification of requirements for projects and for granting endowments from the funds applied for in the year 2003 from the CGT.

3. Monitoring legislation connected directly to disabled people and making proposals thereof. 11 different proposals connected to legislation were made in 2002, including to the Lottery Act and the Gambling Tax Act, in connection to the import taxes on motor vehicles imported by disabled people, to the Social Benefits for Disabled Persons Act etc.

4. Revising the application to lower VAT rate on motor vehicles imported by disabled people to 5%, and preparing the proposal of the MSA for presenting to Estonian Customs.

5. Selling parking-cards of disabled people to local municipalities.

6. Direct participation of the foundation in projects or supervising and closing former projects of the foundation.

TASKS IN 2003

1. To guarantee maximum transparency and expediency of the use of public endowments assigned through the Foundation. To exercise control over endowments assigned for specific purpose.
2. To search for additional sources for financing projects, including clarification of the possibility to use EU Structural Funds for supporting the activities of disability organizations.
3. If needed, to specify and supplement generally accepted principles of using public (incl. EU) endowments.
4. To participate in the work of the leading committee of Phare program ACCESS 2002.
5. To continue the work of clarifying the legislation connected to disabled people, and to disseminate information thereof. To arrange the sale of parking-cards of disabled people to local municipalities.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Thousand kroons)

Year	Income	(Gambling Tax)	Expenses
1994	11 601	(11 519)	5 655
1995	22 522	(22 195)	24 356
1996	11 321	(11 094)	13 255
1997	12 738	(10 932)	12 139
1998	7 621	(7 508)	9 379
1999	8 077	(8 000)	8 329
2000	8 083	(8 000)	8 189
2001	9 068	(8 000)	7 970
2002	8 569	(8 500)	8 902
2003		(9 550)	

Until 01.02.1996 the Foundation received 49% of Gambling Tax, and investments were also supported.

INVESTMENTS

(thousand kroons)

Astangu Vocational Rehabilitation Center	11 840
Tallinn "KÄO"	3 872
Tallinn "JUKS"	2 600
Põlva school and day care center of disabled people	1 413
Karaski Center	1 350
Tartu school and day care center	851
Youth center in the Harju county	862
Day care center of disabled people in the Saare county	525

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