

# Internet Voting in Estonia

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# Over 50% of participating voters vote online

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 2024						
Mon 03.06	Tue 04.06	Wed 05.06	Thu <b>06.06</b>	Fri <b>07.06</b>	Sat 08.06	Sun 09.06.2024
ADVANCE VOTING						ELECTION DAY
Online voting Mon 9.00  Voting at polling places of administrative centres 12.00 - 20.00						Voting at all polling places 9.00 - 20.00



# **Estonian Internet Voting System**

Voting from location of voter

Voters can i-vote as many times they want – only last vote counts.

Paper vote cancels out Internet vote.

Voting app for PC (Windows, macOS, Linux)

App uses state-issued digital ID (ID-card, m-ID).



# Acceptance of risks

100% security is impossible

Voters are responsible for their Computers

eID usage



# Key prerequisites

eID infrastructure

Voters use Internet and eID

Electronic voter list

Legal framework

Trust in Internet voting



## e-ID in Estonia

ID Card (mandatory document)

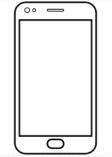




Mobile ID









# Downloading the voting app

For i-voting, download the voter application for Windows



Installation instruction Checking authenticity Frequently asked questions In case of questions: abi@valimised.ee, tel 1247

### Key participation figures

Data as of 6. June 17:45



118 693 voters total votes cast on paper votes cast online 76 245 979 940 eligible voters

### Internet voting is ongoing

It is possible to vote on the Internet round the clock from 9 a.m. on 3 June until 8 p.m. on 8 June.

Time until the end of the internet voting

The timer is set to the Eastern European Summer Time, which is the time

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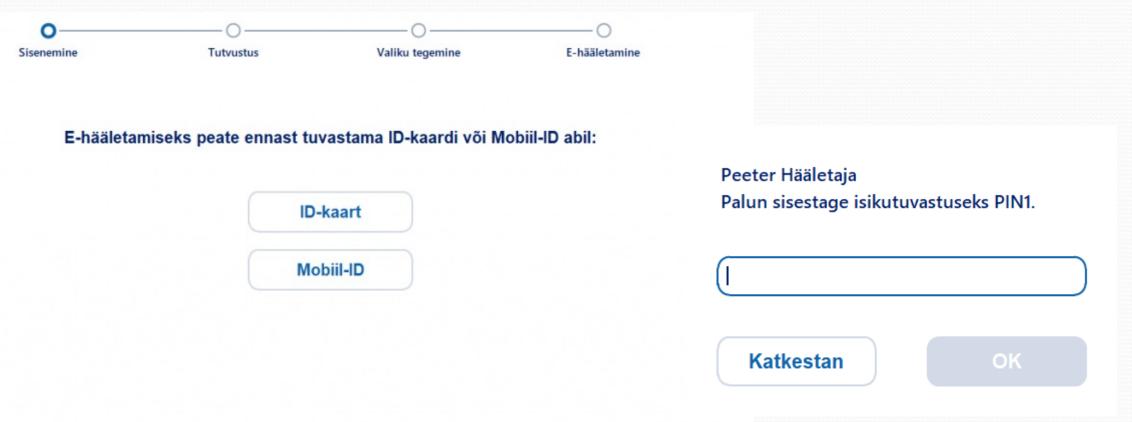
Altogether 89,264 voters have cast their vote during the first three days of the European elections in Estonia 05.06.2024

During the first two days of the European elections in Estonia, 57,271 voters have cast their vote 04.06.2024



### 1. Identification

### Put your ID card in the card reader and insert PIN 1





### 2. Identification

Select a candidate



#### Tere tulemast!

Olete e-hääletamas 2023. aasta Riigikogu valimistel.

Olete juba e-hääletanud! Soovi korral saate uuesti e-hääletada. Arvesse läheb viimasena tehtud valik. Järgnevalt tehke meelepärane valik. Minu andmed

Nimi:

Peeter Hääletaja

Isikukood:

12345678901

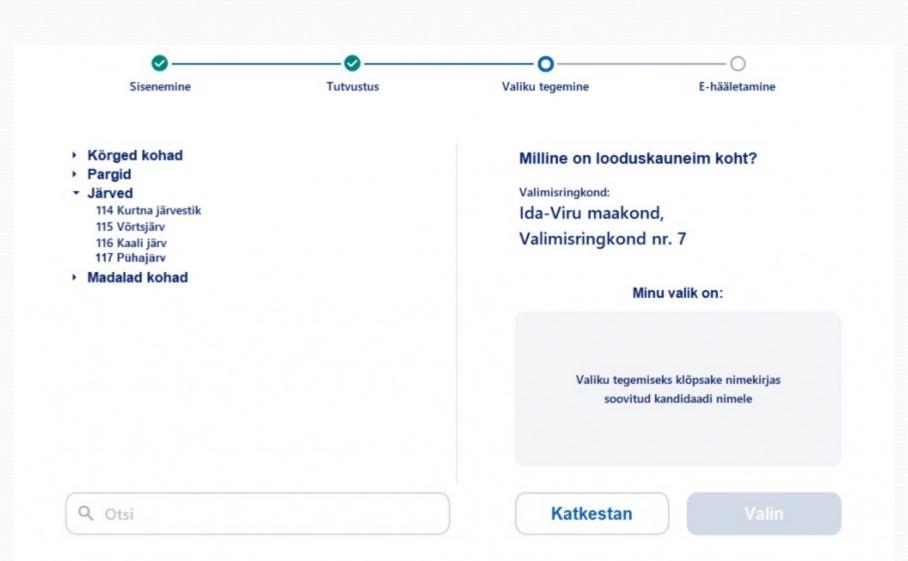
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### 3. Voting

Confirm your choice by entering PIN2





### 4. Verification (optional)



#### Teie tehtud valik läks arvesse

Soovi korral saate e-häält muuta uuesti elektrooniliselt hääletades (kuni 4. märts kella 20:00ni).

Kui olete hääletanud mitu korda elektrooniliselt, võetakse arvesse viimane hääl. Kui soovite kontrollida, kas Teie e-hääl jõudis muutmata kujul valimiste serverisse, kasutage Android või iPhone nutitelefoniga mobiilirakendust "EH kontrollrakendus", et skaneerida ekraanil asuvat QR-koodi. Saate seda teha 30 minuti jooksul kuni kolm korda.

Palun sulgege rakendus.

E-hääletamine ei ole veel alanud. Sellel elektroonilisel hääletamisel on see TEST E-HÄÄL ning valimistel arvesse ei lähe.





### Verification of I-votes

App on an independent channel: smart device (Android, iOS)

Confirms that the vote was received as intended

Enables the voter's computer to be checked for malware infections

Goal: 2% verified votes

Result: 5.3 % I-votes verified



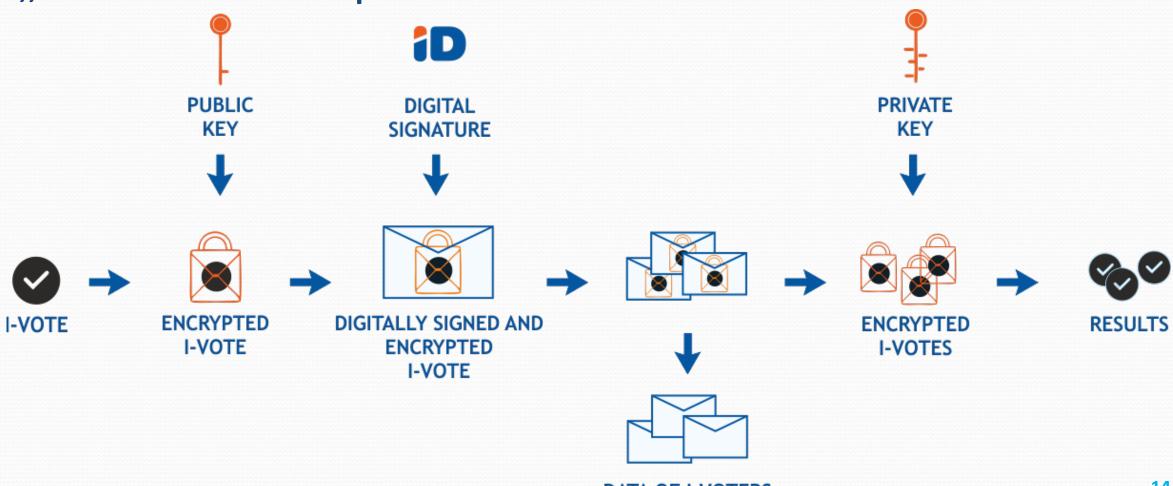
# Accessibility for persons with disabilities

JAWS support for voters with seeing difficulties

The app is universally available and can be used by everybody - paper voting option is still provided (home voting)



# "Double envelope" scheme





# **Internet Voting System**

Current system from 2017

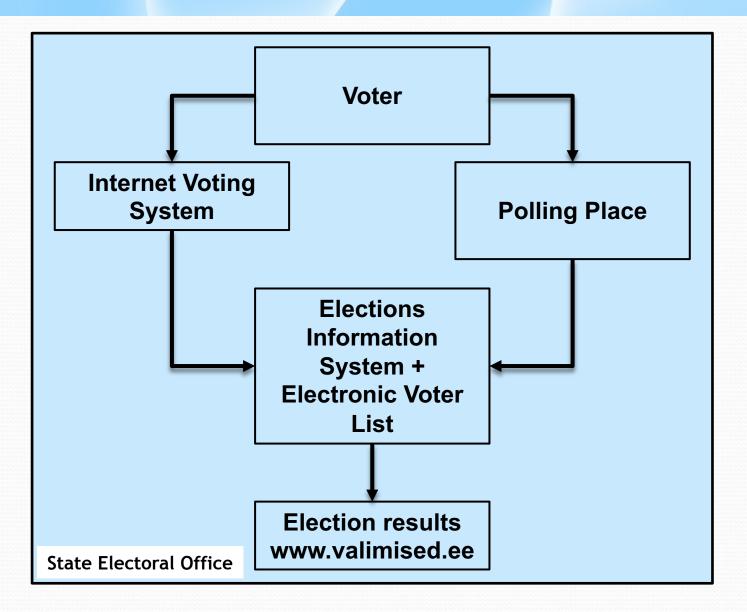
Individual vote verification: cast-as-intended

Universal end-to-end verification: mixing and counting proof

Homomorphic vote encrypction

Public-Private Key system

Vote secrecy is guaranteed





# Testing, auditing, observation

System penetration tests

EITS security audit

All key processes can be observed

Public voting trial

Data and process audit of all procedures

Verification of results by auditors



# Communication and voter awareness campaigns

### **Cyber hygiene:**

- how to safely handle your digital identity
- how to keep your PC clean

### **Trust in Internet voting:**

- how i-voting works
- how i-voting procedures are verified

#### **Voter awareness:**

- check you digital ID and PC
- when, how and where to vote



# Transparency

Source code published

Documentation and protocols are public

Procedures of the SEO are public

The system trial is carried out and the results tested publicly before the start of voting

Observation encouraged with a preparatory course available

Results auditable



### Threats and vulnerabilities

The secrecy of the vote is guaranteed through cryptography (RSA scheme and PKI framework)

Data over Internet protected by HTTPS/TSL

Internet monitoring by CERT

Risk of DDoS: several sets of clustered servers; DDoS prevention services.

Security in general backed by security policies

3d party registration service is used for vote collector



# I-voting: Impact

Minimal effect on increasing participation (but voting abroad has increased)

I-voters more likely to i-vote and vote in the future

Voting is gender neutral, age neutral

Young voters less likely to vote

I-voting is the most popular voting method (since 2019)

By price per vote I-Voting is the cheapest voting method



Thank you! Questions?

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