

# FORMAL NETWORK: Ministerial Science Advisors in Estonia

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## Science advisers in Estonia

The system of **Estonian science advisers** created in the frameworks of programme **RITA** – National programme for Addressing Socio-Economic Challenges through R&D.

Co-financed by ERDF.

Work **informally coordinated by ETAg**:

e-mailing list of advisers, meetings, trainings, study tours, sharing of experience, preparing common projects;

**Formally coordinated by Ministry of Education and Science:**

input to science policy under Ministry of Education and Science; advising R&D and Innovation Council at Government Office.



## Science advisers in Estonia

The first science advisers started to work in **2015**

**10 ministries and Government Office, 15 science advisers**

Two advisers:

Ministry of Environment; Ministry of Economic Affairs; Ministry of Internal Affairs

Three advisers:

Ministry of Social Affairs.





# Science advisers in Estonia

Science advisers must have a doctoral degree or at least four years of research experience.

<https://etag.ee/en/funding/programmes/rita/scientific-councillors-at-the-ministries-and-the-government-office-rita-3/>

Their mandate /mission is to advise ministries on **R&D issues, planning national and international R&D cooperation, developing plans of R&D needs, implement them and representing Estonia in International R&D actions.**

The scientific advisors have been integrated into several advisory bodies like Horizon 2020 programme committees, science policy committee etc.



Science advisers network is useful and effective in sense of **improving cooperation and information sharing among different ministries.**

1. Sharing of experience and information,
2. Mutual learning,
3. Interministerial cooperation, common goals, common projects. Up to 7 ministries (among others Government Office) working with one project.





Thank you!

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