



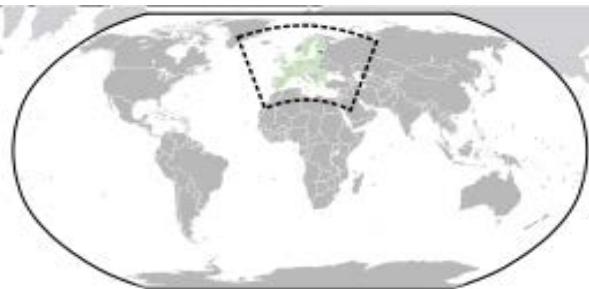
Inter-agency cooperation - the role of the Rescue Board in land-use planning decisions

Estonian Rescue Board

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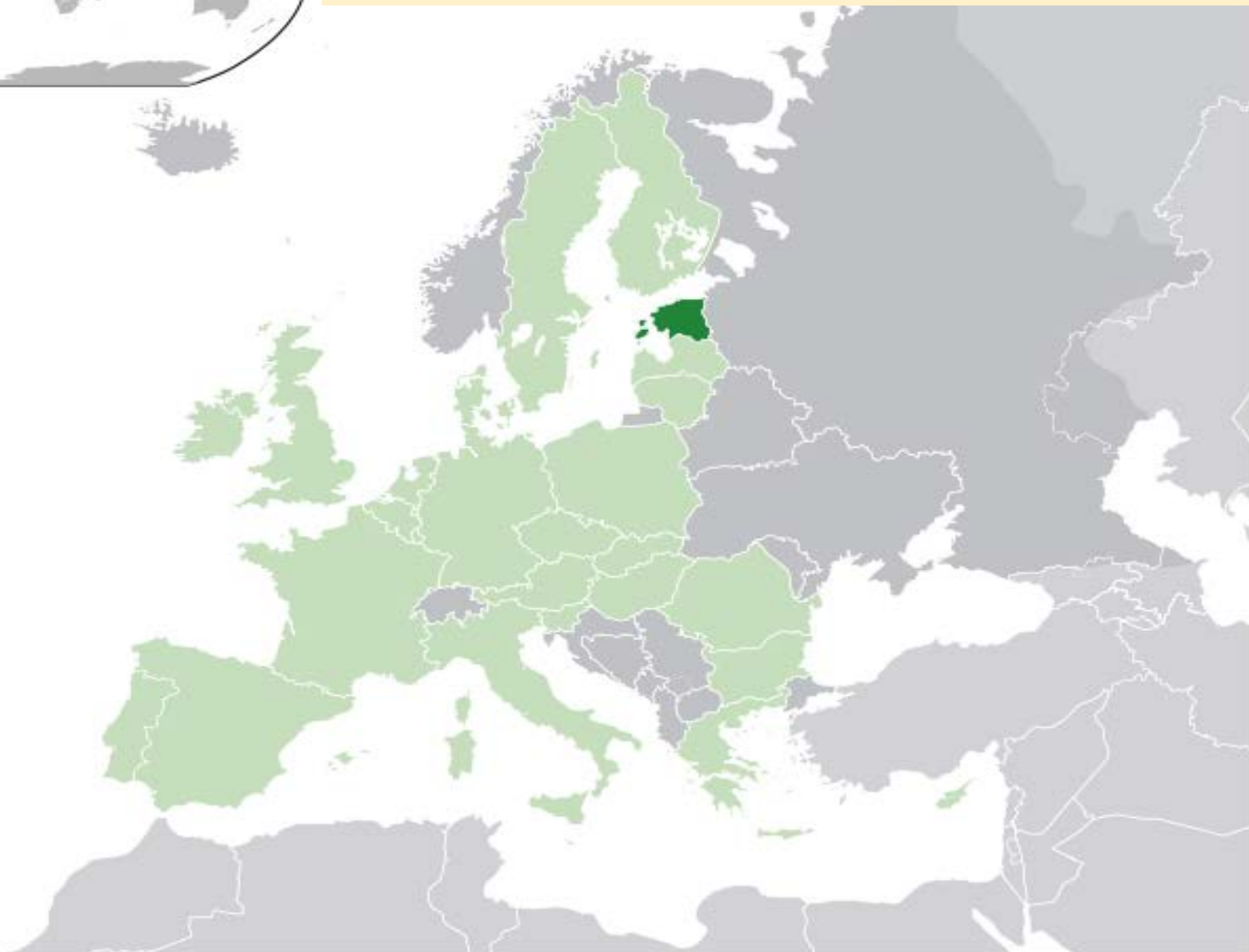
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ESTONIA IN MAIN NUMBERS



Territory	45 227 km ²
Population	1,315 mln
Forested surface	23 000 km ² (51% of territory)

- Seveso establishments
63
- upper-tier establishments -
35
- lower-tier establishments -
28
- Non-Seveso establishments -
157



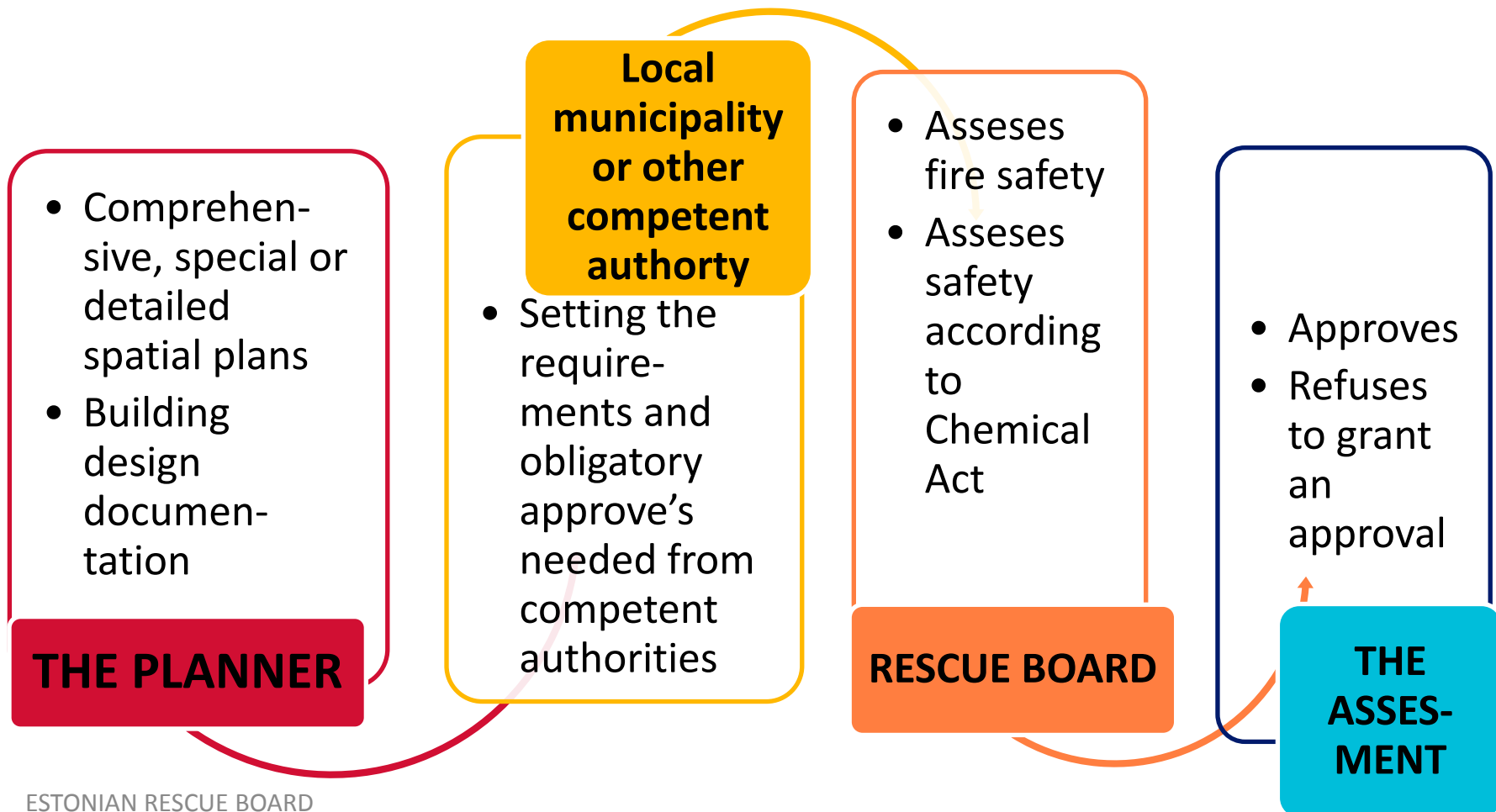


LEGISLATION

- **Building Code** – applies to construction works, their design, building, use and maintenance insofar as this is not governed by other Acts, ratified international treaties or EU legislation
- **Planning Act** – establishes the principles of planning and the requirements for the planning procedure and for the implementation of spatial plans
- **Chemicals Act (1.12.2015)** – § - Upon planning land use and granting design specifications and building permits, circumstances arising from the establishment must be taken into account
- **Establishments** – herefor upper-tier and lower-tier by SEVESO and other non-Seveso under Estonian hazardous category



HOW IS RESCUE BOARD CONNECTED





Special requirements for planning land use

The **comprehensive, special or detailed spatial plans and building design documentation** must be submitted to the Rescue Board **for approval** in the following events:

- upon selection of the location of a **new establishment**;
- upon **expansion** of the operations of an **existing establishment** or increasing production, provided that a plan needs to be initiated or amended or a building permit needs to be granted for such an activity;
- upon **planning an area located in the danger zone** of a **dangerous enterprise** and of an enterprise with a **major hazard** or upon **planning construction works** there.



Special requirements for planning land use

Rescue Board assesses:

- whether the plan or construction works **increases** the **major-accident hazard** or the **severity of the consequences**
- whether the **measures planned for prevention** of an accident are **sufficient**;
- before the establishment of the plan or granting of a building permit, the operator of the establishment must submit additional information to the local authority and to the Rescue Board



Special requirements for planning land use

- The **Rescue Board** may refuse to grant its approval if the activity planned in the plan or in the building design documentation **increases the risk of a major accident** or the **severity of the consequences** thereof and the measures planned for the **prevention of an accident are not sufficient.**



Challenges

- The smooth movement of the plans – from planner – to local municipality – to Rescue Board – to local authority
- Communicating the risk from hazardous establishments to surrounding areas

Good practices

- Better knowledge of risk and safety measurements
- Acknowledging the risk in *planning-phase*



Questions?

**Thank You
for Your attention!**