Internet Voting in Estonia

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Elections in Estonia

> General (Parliament), every 4 years;

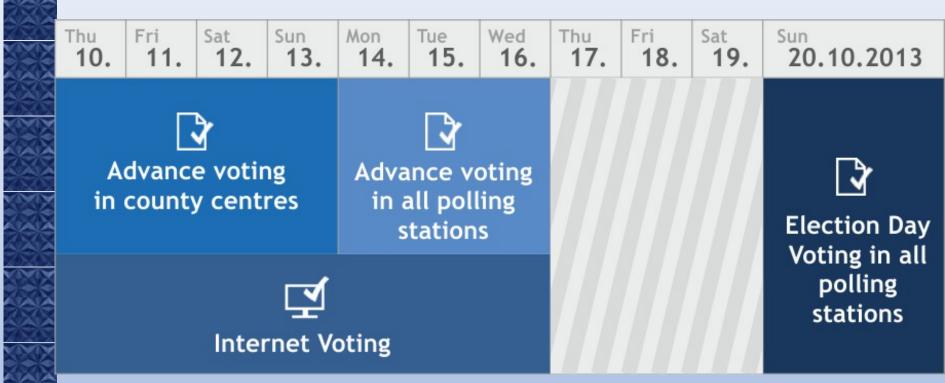
> Local government councils, every 4 years;

> European Parliament, every 5 years;

> Referendums, 1991, 1992, 2003

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Voting in Estonia



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Election Administration in Estonia

ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATION IN ESTONIA

National Electoral Committee

7 members

Internet Voting Committee

7 members

County Electoral Committee

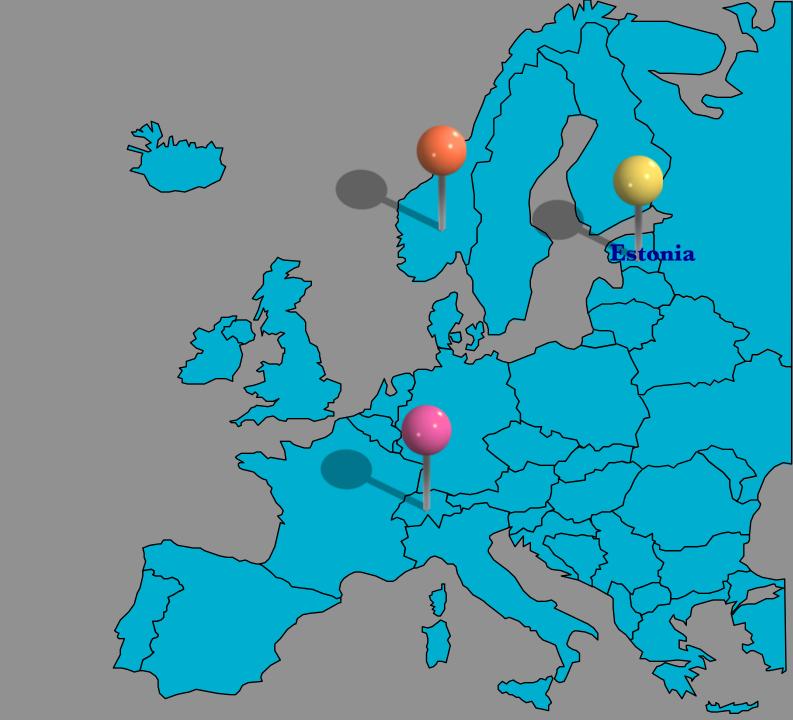
15 counties, cities of Tallinn and Tartu

City/Municipality Electoral Committees (in Local Elections)

Electoral Committees 226 cities/municipalities

Polling Station Electoral Committees

approx 632 polling stations



Internet Voting?

> In October 2005 Estonia had first-ever pan-national Internet Voting with binding results



> Ever since, I-voting has been used in **five** elections in total (twice in local, twice in parliamentary and once in EP elections)

Estonian Internet Voting

Open Receptive Society eGOV Secure Remote eAuthentication

eID

Effective
Measures
to
Guarantee
Compliance
With
Electoral
Principles
eChange

TRUST



- > To provide an additional and convenient channel for voting, thereby improving voting activity
 - » to keep voters
 - » to bring younger people vote
- > Creating the essential convenience in an information society and take advantage of the existing infrastructure – just another eID service

Brief Pre-History

- > 2002
 - » Legal basis set in the law
- > 2003
 - » Project started: project manager and steering committee
 - » Initial concept developed
- > 2004
 - » Security Analysis on concept
 - » Refined concept
 - » Use-case model developed
 - » Public procurement: winner Cybernetica
 - » Development of the 1st version
- > 2005
 - » Pilot project in Tallinn in January
 - » Elections in October first legally binding I-voting!

ID-card Project

Started in 1997

First card issued: Jan 28, 2002

October 2006: 1 000 000th ID-card was issued

» "rollout completed"

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The card



Contains:

- Personal data file
- Certificate for authentication (along with e-mail forename.surname@eesti.ee)
- Certificate for digital signature

Compulsory document for all residents!

Mobile-ID

- > SIM-card with added eID functionality
 - » Authentication
 - » Digital signature
- > Certificates issued by the state
 - » Phone = card reader
 - » SIM = ID-card



Usage of the ID-card (m-ID)

- > Major ID-document
- > Replacement of
 - » member cards
 - » library cards
 - » health insurance card
 - » driver documents
 - » etc...
- > Authentication token for all major eservices
- > Digital signature tool

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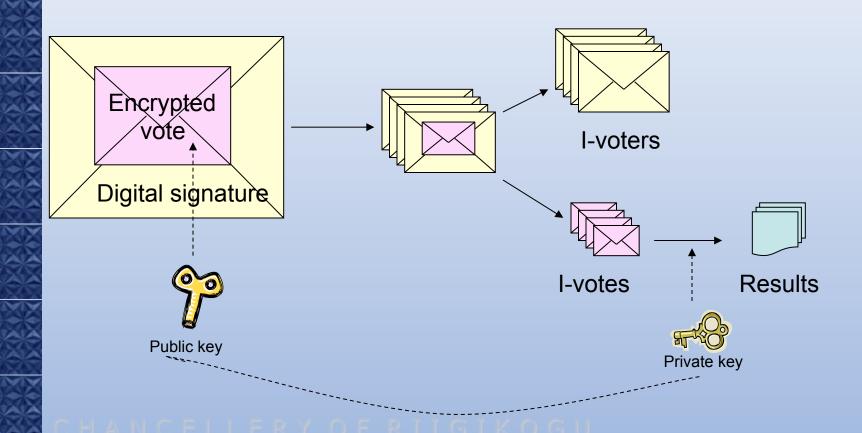
I-voting Main Principles

- > All major principles of paper-voting are followed
- > Voting from any computer connected to the Internet
- > Alternative to the paper-ballot
- > Digital voter register based on population register
- > Voter's identification with eID
- > Virtual double envelope scheme
- > Public-private key cryptography
- > "Virtual voting booth" (changing the I-vote and supremacy of the paper vote)

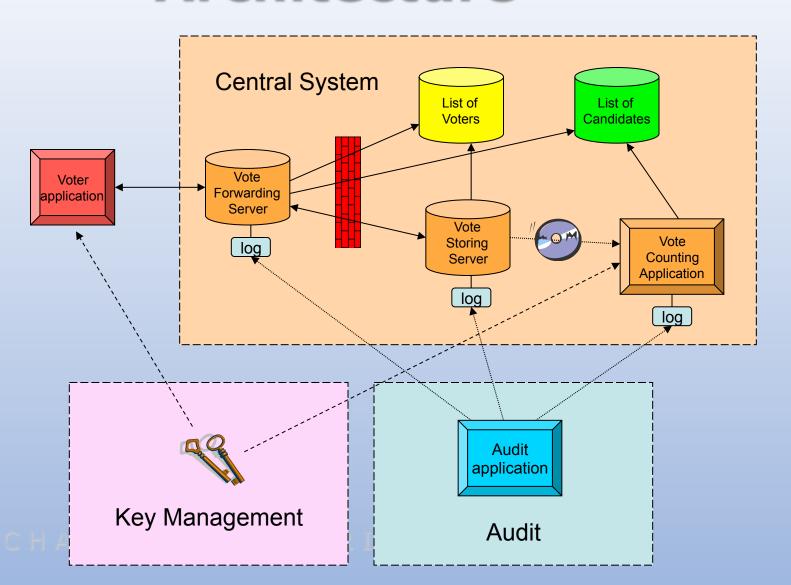
Voter registration

- > Missing
- > All citizen (residents) should register their place of living in central population register
- > Only voters with registered addresses are eligible
- > Population register is used

Envelope scheme



Architecture



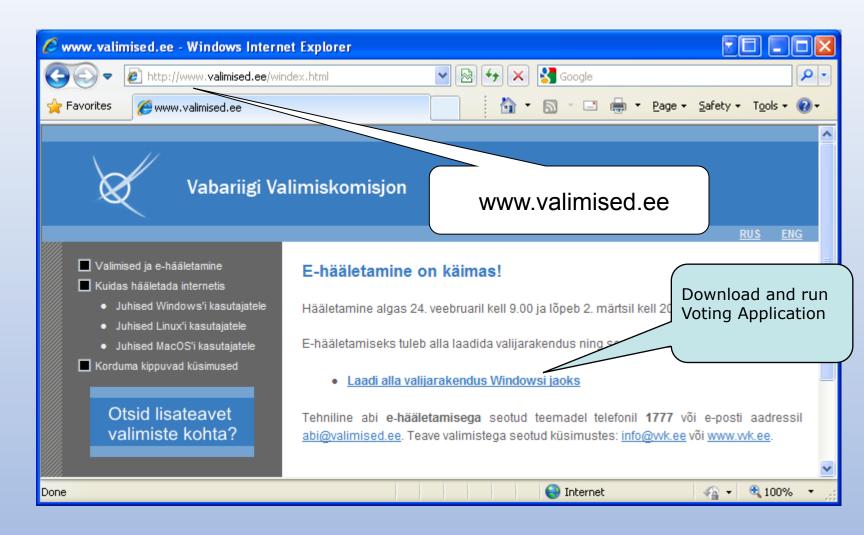
Principle of Transparency

- > All system components shall be transparent for auditing purposes
- > No "black boxes" are allowed
 - » No use of 3rd party-controlled mechanisms or services



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Website for voting



Run the Application

> Select your eID



In case of ID-card....

Put your card into card reader



Insert PIN 1



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Go to

Menu Names

In case of Mobile-ID...

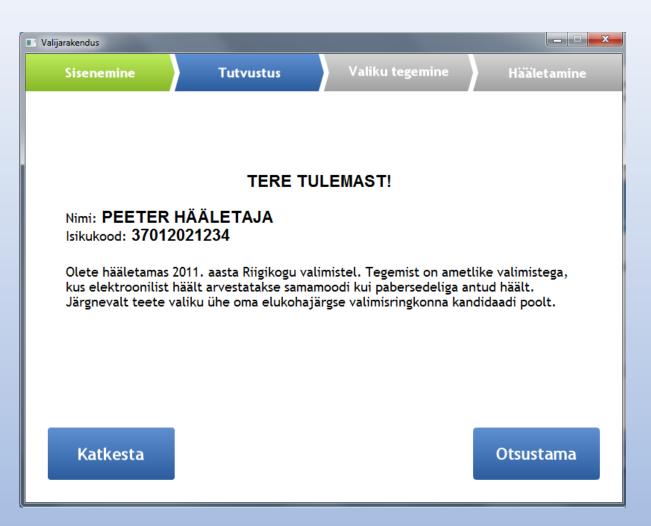


Menu

Names

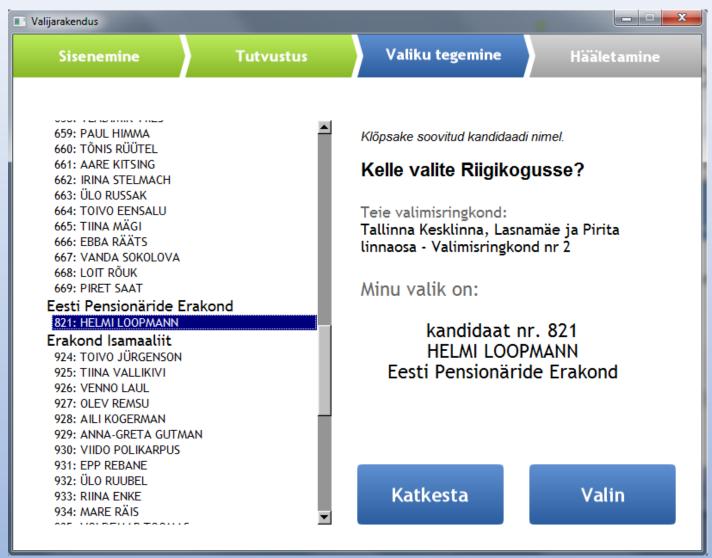
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You are identified



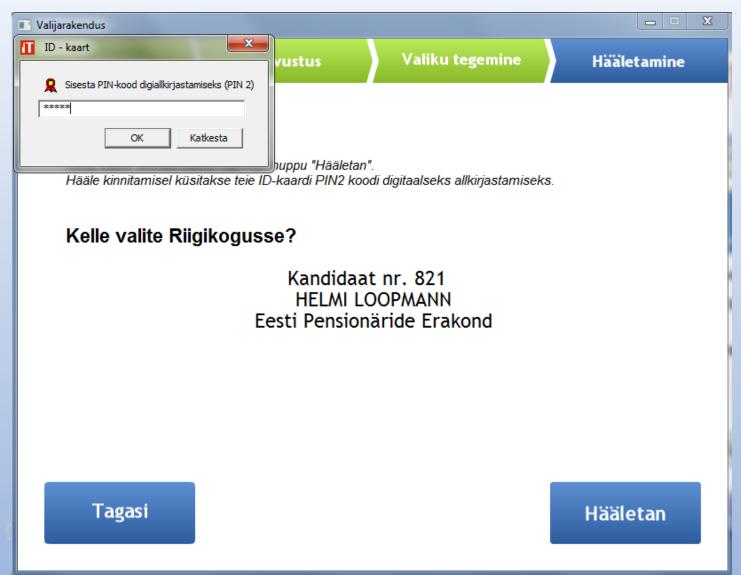
Ballot completion

Choose a candidate



Confirmation (ID-card)

Confirm your choice with PIN2



Confirmation (mobile-ID)

Confirm your choice by signing digitally

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- Verify verification code
- Insert PIN 2



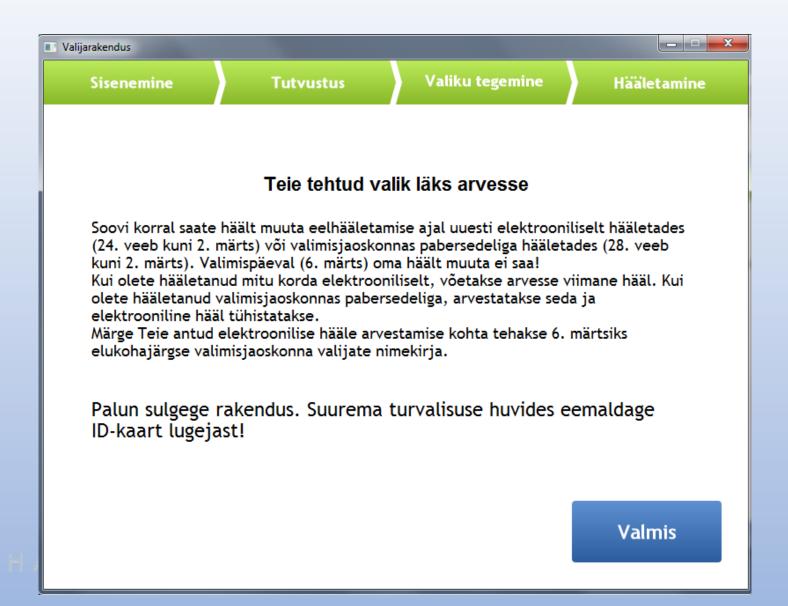
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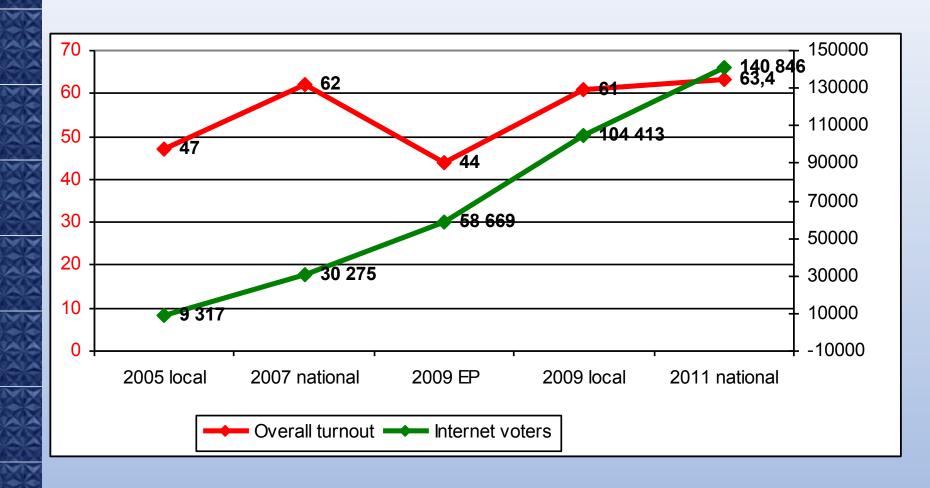
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Vote received





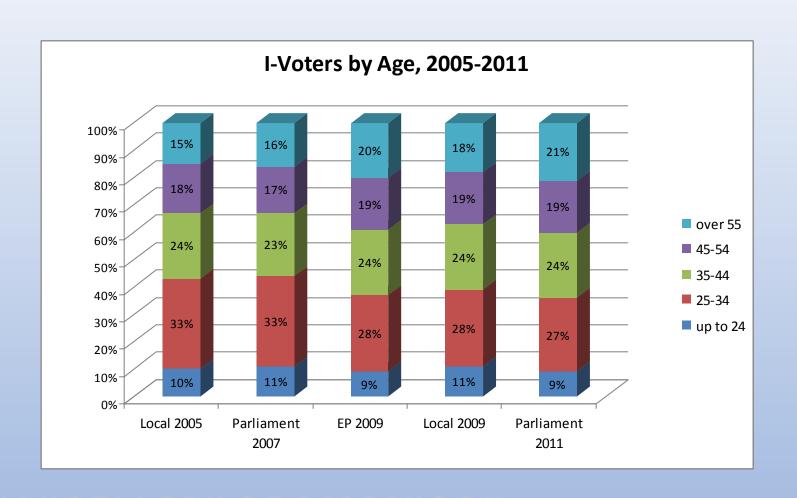
The spread of Internet Voting



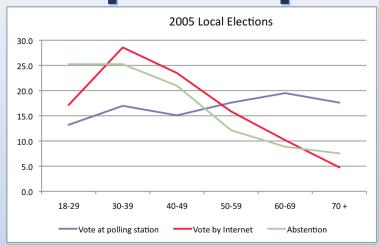
I-voting Statistics

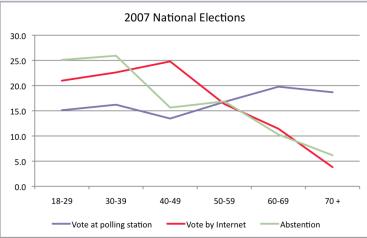
	2005 LE	2007 PE	2009 EP	2009 LE	2011 PE
Number of I-votes	9 681	31 064	59 579	106 786	145 230
Repeated i-votes	364	789	910	2 373	4 384
Number of I-voters	9 317	30 275	58 669	104 413	140 846
I-votes cancelled by paper ballot	30	32	55	100	82
I-votes counted	9 287	30 243	58 614	104 313	140 764
% of i-votes among total entitled to vote	0,9%	3,4%	6,5%	9,5%	15,4%
% of i-votes among total <u>advance votes</u> <u>given</u>	7,2%	17,6%	45,4%	44%	56,4%

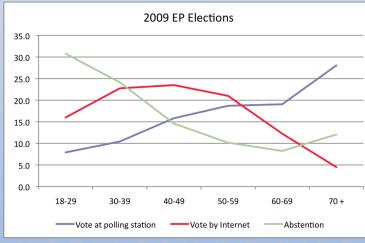
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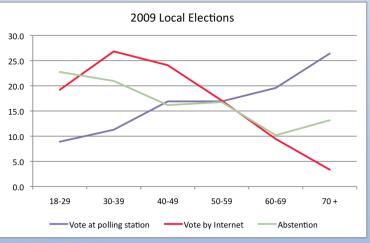


Age and mode of participation

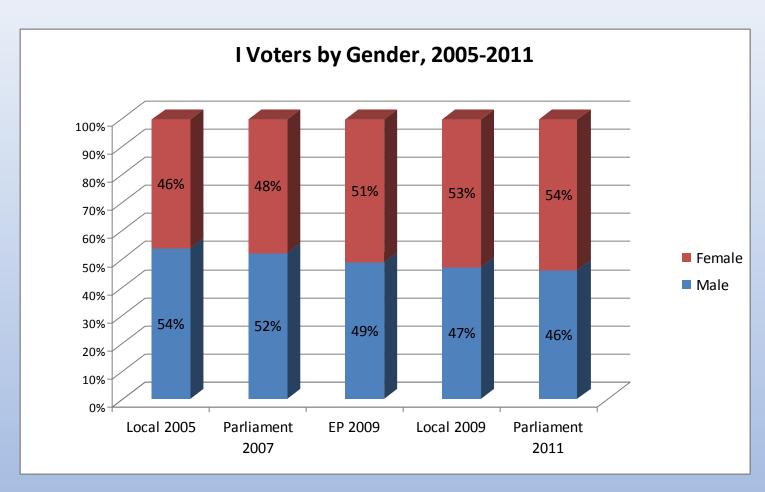








Is it for curious men?



Main issues after five elections

- > Various security questions- it is impossible to prove security, but only the opposite...
- >Verifying the Internet Vote >
- >Open/closed Voter App source code
- >Uniformity of elections
- >Role of "soft laws"
- >Is it possible to observe remote elections?

More information

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