

“Economic experts and transnational knowhow transfers in the Baltic republics (1988-91)”

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Estonia – the “Baltic tiger”



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The signatories of
the "IME Proposal"
(from left to right):

- Edgar Savisaar
- Mikk Titma
- Tiit Made
- Siim Kallas

The agenda of the Proposal on republican self-management in the Estonian SSR, September 1987:

- 1) reorganization of the economy according to market principles
- 2) subordination of all enterprises in Estonia to republican authorities
- 3) abolishment of the barter economy in inner-Soviet trade
- 4) introduction of a convertible ruble
- 5) creation of a republican tax system
- 6) extension of the concept of economic self-management to cities, rayons and state enterprises
- 7) promotion of private forms of entrepreneurship (cooperatives, joint stock companies, joint ventures with Western partners)
- 8) regulation of labour migration between Soviet republics
- 9) deregulation of Soviet Estonian entrepreneurship

Institutional affiliation of the 'closet reformers' in the Estonian SSR:

- **State Planning Committee of the Estonian SSR:**
republican section of GOSPLAN
- **Institute of Economics at the Academy of Sciences of the Estonian SSR**
- **Institute for the Improvement of Qualifications of Leading Managers and Specialists of the National Economy of the Estonian SSR (after 1989 Estonian Management Institute):** directly subordinated to the Council of Ministers of the Estonian SSR, not to the Ministry of Education as in other Soviet republics
- **Mainor:** consulting company, subordinated to the Ministry of Light Industry of the Estonian SSR)

Professional and educational training of managerial cadres and private entrepreneurs

Major Western partners:

- Finland: Mec Rastor (one of the top ten consulting companies in Europe), Lifim, Ekonomiliitoo Koulutuksen Keskus, Omatulos OY
- Sweden: Swedish Association of Free Entrepreneurs, Commerce and Industry Fund, Stockholm School of Economics, Swedish Institute for Corporate Development, Swedish National Industrial Board
- Canada: York University, Canadian-Estonian Educational Bridge
- United States: Hudson Institute
- Ireland: Blackrock Trade Management Institute

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E. V. VALITSUST KONSULTEERIMAS



Edasi, 19.05.1990



**Ühispilt Peaministri Majandussõprade Klubi
moodustamiselt Keila-Joal 1990 aasta maikuus.**

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*Konverentsi „Majandusreformid. Taasiseseisvunud Eesti esimese valitsuse aeg 1990-1992“
ettekannete kogumik, Tallinn: Majandus- ja Kommunikatsiooniministeerium, 2006*

The International Economic Advisory Board of the Prime Minister of Estonia, 1990-92

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