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# Cross-border placement of a child including foster family

 Estonia

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## 1 Which authority is to be consulted and to give prior consent before the cross-border placement of a child within your territory?

The Social Insurance Board – [info@sotsiaalkindlustusamet.ee](mailto:info@sotsiaalkindlustusamet.ee)

## 2 Please describe shortly the procedure for consultation and the obtaining of consent (including required documents, deadlines, modalities of the procedure, and other relevant details) for cross-border placement of children within your territory.

Consent is obtained by submitting a request to the Social Insurance Board, and in particular by furnishing the following information and documents:

- 1) the name, date of birth, nationality and mother tongue of the child;
- 2) an assessment of any assistance requirements the child has, including information on the child's physical, health-related, psychological, emotional, cognitive, educational and economic status;
- 3) the circumstances giving rise to the placement and the reasons for the placement in Estonia;
- 4) the expected duration of the placement;
- 5) a summary of the child's opinion or, where the opinion of the child has not been established, a statement of the reasons why this has not been done;
- 6) information on ongoing proceedings concerning the child;
- 7) information about the legal representative of the child who is to be placed;
- 8) the name, date of birth, nationality and mother tongue of the person with whom the child is to be placed, and their contact details;
- 9) an overview of the welfare support measures that the child will need after being placed in Estonia;
- 10) an overview of how the child's contact with his or her parents and other relatives, or with other persons close to the child, has been arranged;
- 11) information on funding for the child's placement;

12) court decisions concerning parental responsibility in respect of the child to be placed;

13) other relevant documentation.

**3 Has your Member State decided that consent is not required for cross-border placements of children within your territory where the child is to be placed with certain categories of close relatives? If yes, what are the categories of close relatives?**

There has been no separate decision. If the child needs to be placed with a close relative, the child's welfare and placement needs must still be assessed and justified in this context. Consent is not required for the placement of a child with the other parent if they have custody rights.

**4 Does your Member State have in place any agreements or arrangements for simplifying the consultation procedure for obtaining consent for the cross-border placement of children?**

Not at this stage.

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