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Statements of the national hydrological service of **ESTONIA** 



# Estonian Meteorological and Hydrological Institute

- State authority; under jurisdiction of the Ministry of Environment
- Main tasks: meteorological and hydrological monitoring, forecasts, climatological survey, hydrologic calculations etc.
- Users: society, policy, research etc. (population 1.3 million)

## Meteorological and hydrological network in Estonia



Hydrometric network: 58 stations on rivers (1.3 station per 1000  $km^2$ );

20 coastal stations;

7 lake stations;

6 bog stations;

3 evaporation stations

Total area of Estonia 45 227 km<sup>2</sup> 2 844 islands Population density 29 people per km<sup>2</sup> Coastline 3800 km

7200 rivers (4 river basins) 2300 lakes (>1 ha) 23% of territory covered by wetlands

### Biggest success within the last 5 years

- Technical modernisation of hydrometrical stations in Estonia
- Automated state-of-theart technology is being introduced to all aspects of the field, office, and data delivery elements of the hydrometric program.



#### Biggest failure within the last 5 years

- Reorganization of EMHI ended in permanent closure of marine department
- Short on knowledge/competence on marine issues;



#### Expectations

#### At the national level -

 more efficient data acquisition, processing and dissemination; provide services in real-time

#### At international level -

- exchange of experiences and information
- developing of methods
- positioning of the hydrological community

Thank you!