Report on implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) under agenda item 2 (Estonia)

1. **Estonian Environmental Board** is busy in implementation of the “Environmental education development program”, co-financed by European Union Social Fund. Implementation of this programme started in March 2011.

   Activities of the program can be divided into four: 1) to compile in-service training programs and to organize in-service training on ESD competences for environmental education specialists of non-formal education institutions; 2) to compile in-service training programs and organizing in-service courses for teachers on integration of SD and EE issues in to school curricula as cross-curricula topic and also to develop methodological materials on this topic; 3) to develop ESD networking among ESD stakeholders; 4) to improve public environmental awareness on SD.

2. **Under co-ordination of the Estonian Cooperation Assembly Estonian Strategy for Education and Lifelong Learning is prepared.**

   This document will contain ESD principles. In 2011 draft of this document was presented at conferences and round-tables at regional and county levels.

3. **The economic downturn has had not bad impact on ESD activities in Estonia.**

   The reason is that in majority the ESD development activities these years are co-financed by European Union Social Fund or European Commission and decisions are made before the year of 2007, before the economic downturn. On the other hand our national foundation for environmental investments The Environmental Investments Centre das well and the the environmental awareness sub-program supports a big variety of EE and ESD projects.