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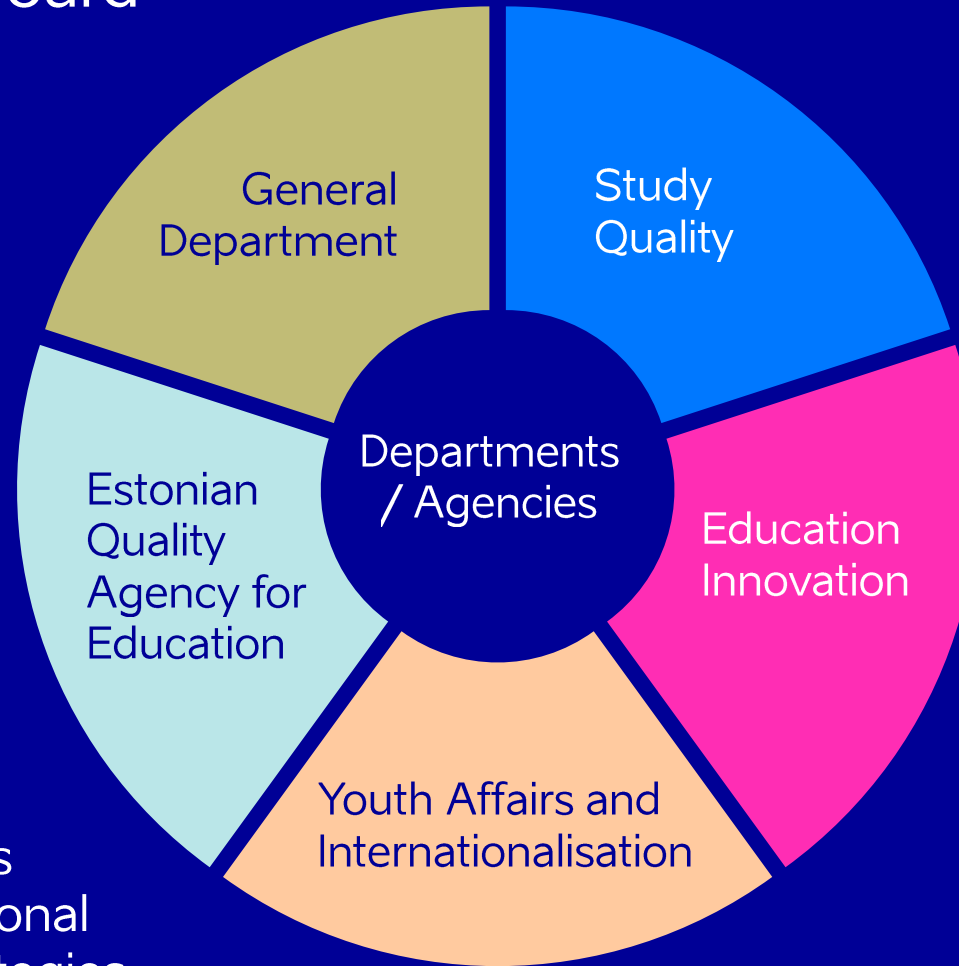
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келдіңіздер!



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Education and Youth Board

- + Government agency under the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research.
- + Implementing the programmes to achieve the goals of the national education and youth work strategies.



394
employees



16
regional offices



budget
99.4M

Estonia

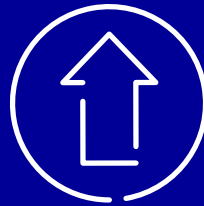
- + population: 1.3 million
- + 45,339 km²
- + EU, NATO member (since 2004)
- + 99% of public services online



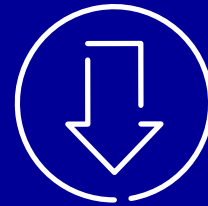
Estonian students rank 1st in Europe (PISA 2022)



in the world
in math, reading
and science



≈ 1.5 times more
top performers
vs OECD mean



≈ 2 times less
low performers
vs OECD mean

Education has been highly valued through generations

Before 1918

Under Danish, Swedish, German, Russian rule

13th c. First monastic schools

17th c. Schools for peasant children

1860-70s Compulsory school

1881 Literacy rate 94%

1918-1940
Estonian Republic

Start of the Estonian national education system. From 1920 compulsory and free education for 6 grades.

1944-1991
Soviet Occupation

Estonia managed to maintain high-quality teaching and learning in Estonian.

1991
Republic of Estonia

The modernisation of Estonian education begins.

The power of effort

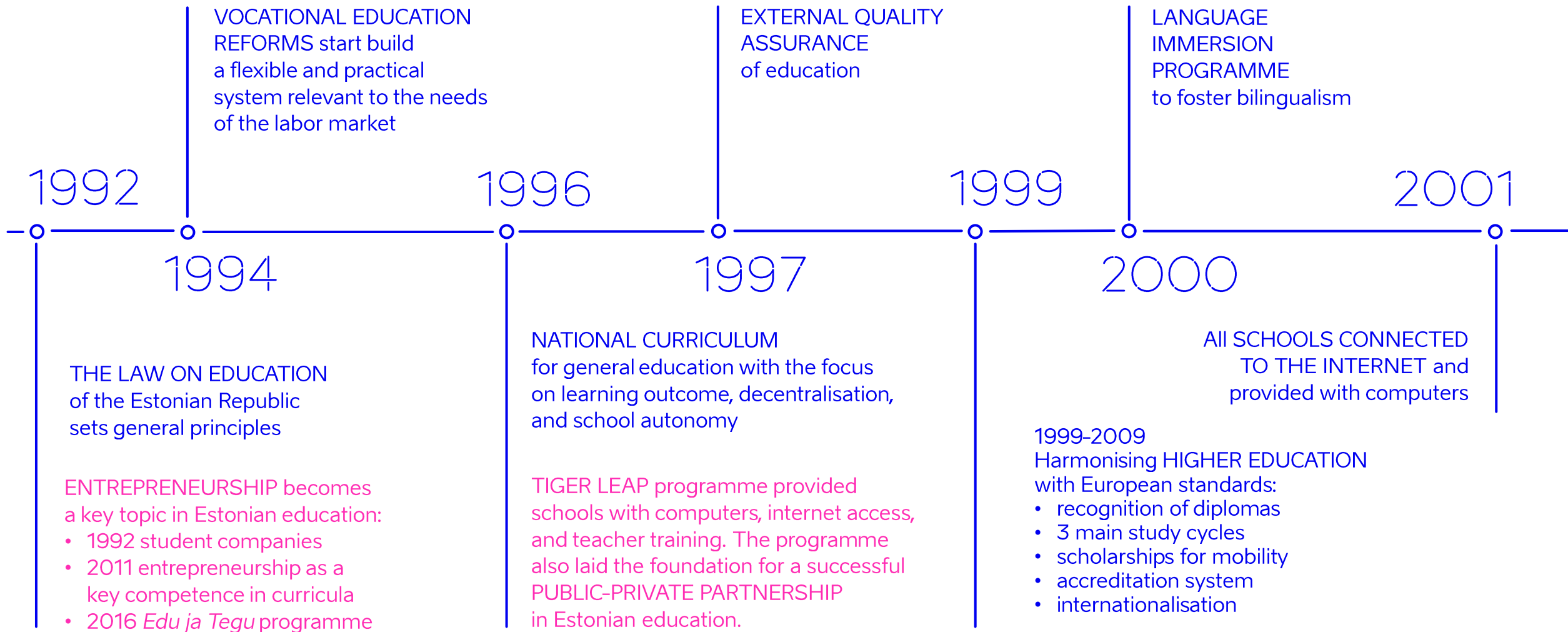
A young boy with curly blonde hair is climbing a red rope net structure. He is wearing a blue and white striped t-shirt and a grey safety harness. He is looking up with a determined expression. The background is blurred, showing other people and greenery.

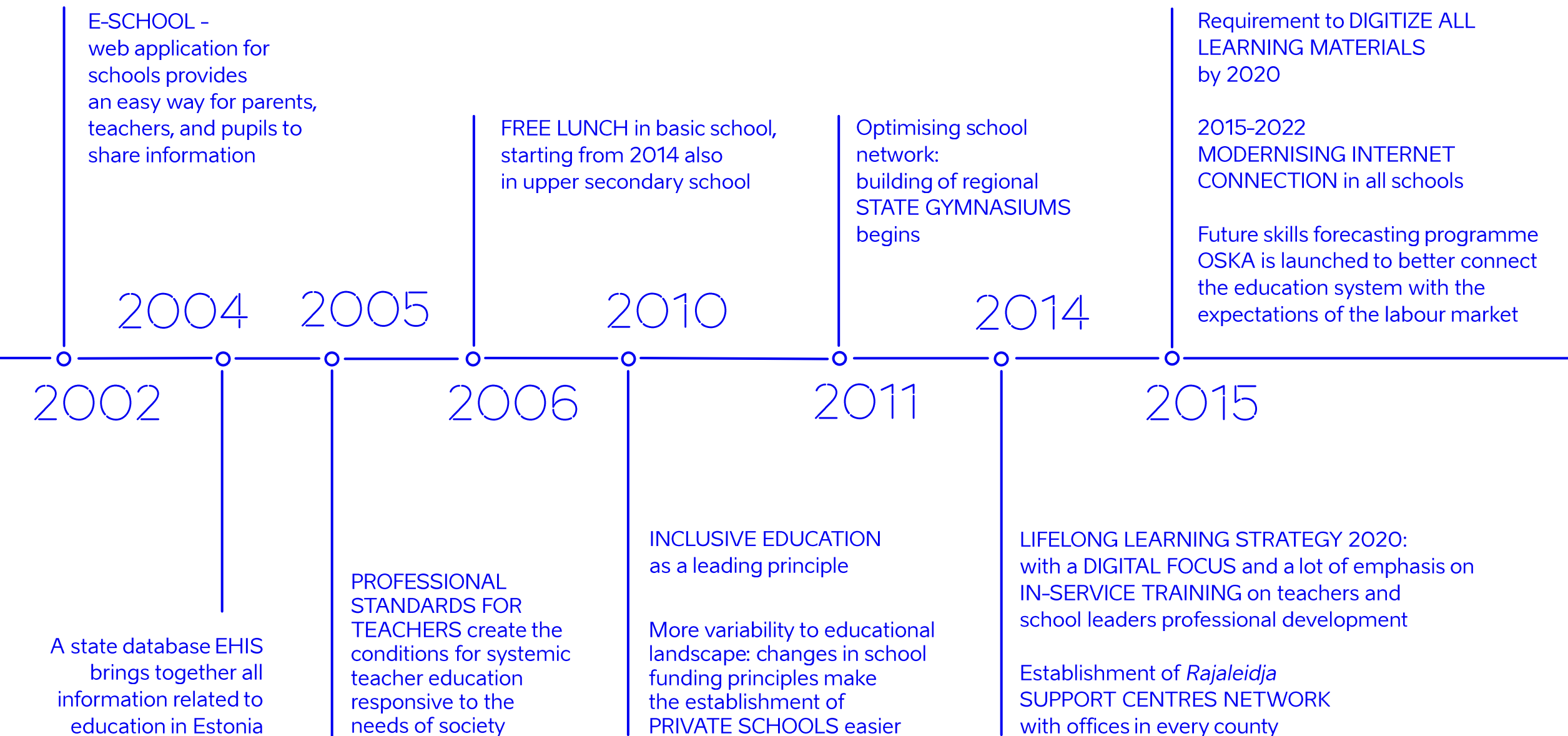
Estonian students consistently exhibit a strong growth mindset and lead the PISA rankings in 2018 and 2022.

Characteristics of Estonian education

- + TEACHERS ARE HIGHLY EDUCATED.
A teaching qualification requires the completion of a Master's degree.
- + Schools, principals and teachers have A LOT OF AUTONOMY.
- + Estonia has INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM, providing special programmes for the gifted and support for those requiring it.
- + Every student has access to free SPECIAL SUPPORT, including psychological and speech therapy, at schools or counselling centres.
- + QUALITY OF EDUCATION is endorsed by internal evaluation surveys and external assessment of learning outcomes.
- + Education is FREE-OF-CHARGE from basic to higher education. School meals, textbooks, and transit are provided free of charge.
- + HOBBY EDUCATION offers wide opportunities for self-development in music, sports, art, technology, etc.
- + STRATEGIC PLANNING is a crucial element of Estonia's education system.

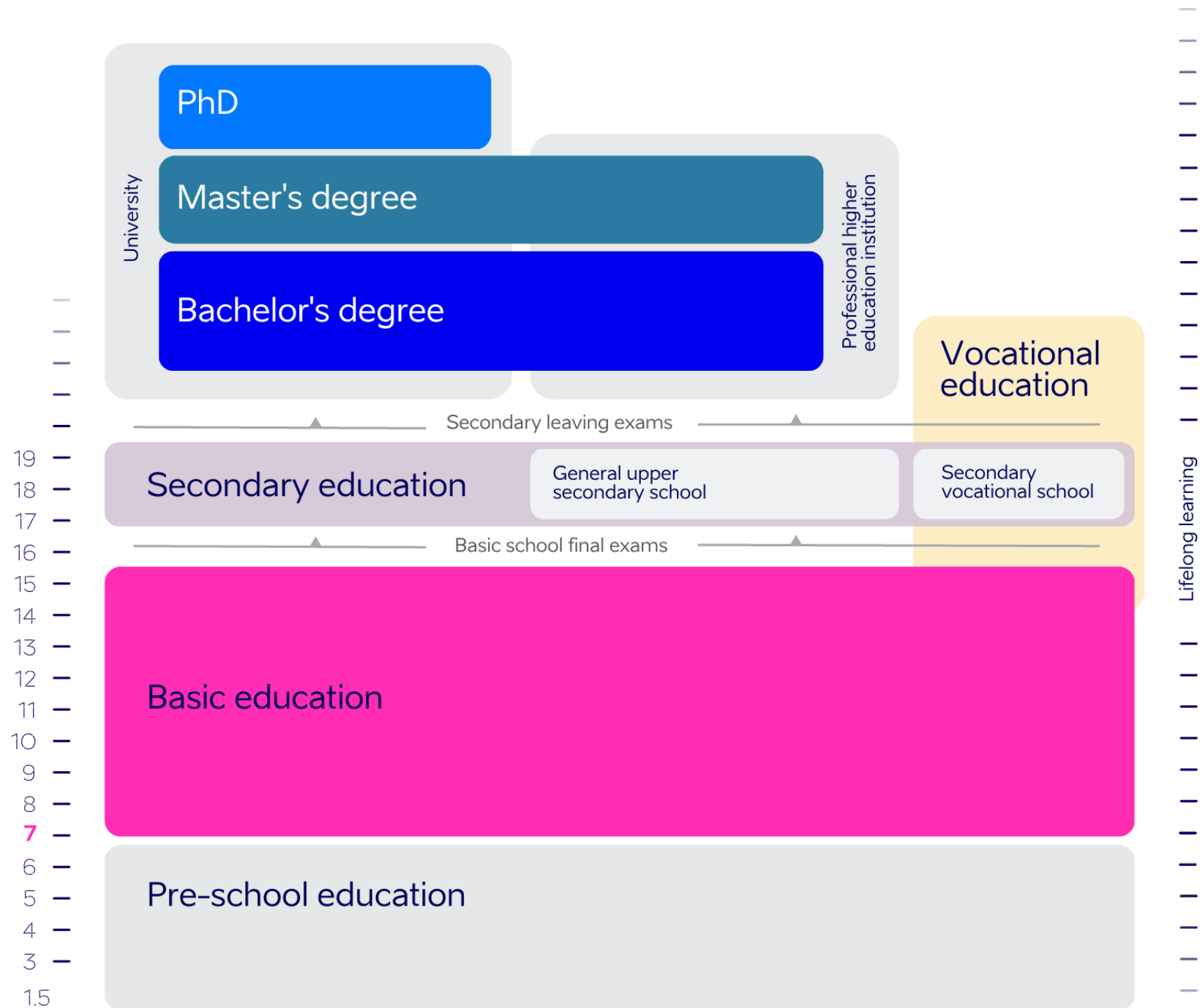
Restart of the education system





Estonian education today

General education:
+ 162 919 students
+ 16 942 teachers
+ 514 schools



Preparing for the information society

95%

of schools
use e-diaries

4th

in media literacy
Media Literacy Index 2022

1st

in digital learning
CEPS 2019

99%

of Estonian kindergartens
take part in technology education
programme ProgeTiger

9%

of students study ICT in Estonia
— twice as many as EU average
Eurostat 2018

40%

of ICT university students are female
— this is highest share in Europe
Informatics Europe 2020

80% of the
7-19 year olds
participate in
hobby education
or hobby activities



We truly think
that the best thing we can
give to our children is not
land, house or a bank account,
but good education.

T. H. Ilves

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