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Contribution and impact of EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanism Funding to Estonian development needs

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Strategic link

Sustainable Estonia 21; Basis for Security Policy

EU Agenda for Growth and Jobs

Structural Funds

EEA and Norweigan Financial Mechanism

Reduced disparities ; Sustainable, economically and socially balanced development

Estonian-Swiss Cooperation Programme

Growth of Welfare; Coherent Society; Ecological Balance; Viability of Estonian Cultural Space

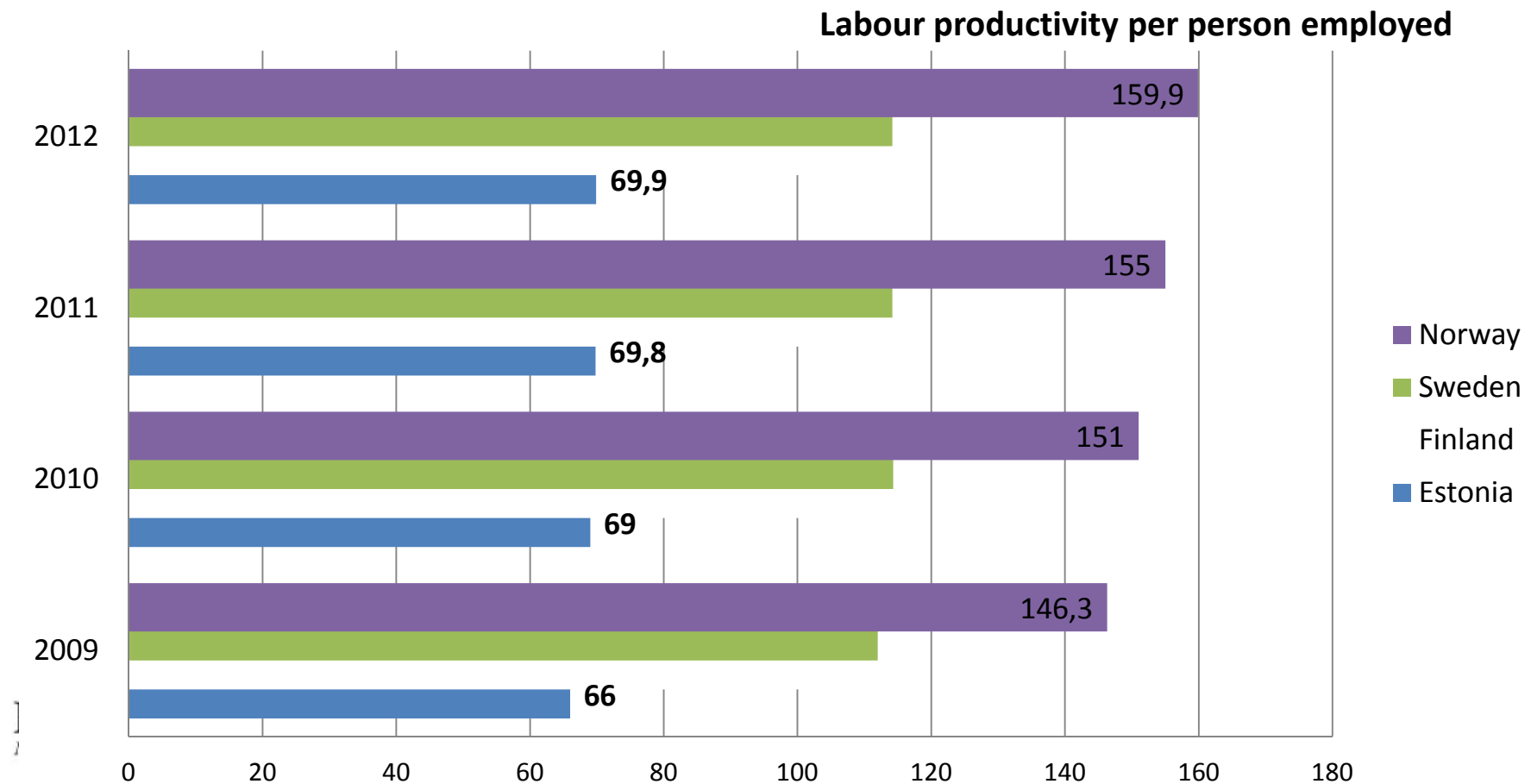
Estonia 2020 (with action plan)

State Budget Strategy (Incl. NSRF)

Sector Development Plans

General trends I

- SBS Objective – productivity per person employed 73% by 2015.
- Gross domestic expenditure on R&D has grown - 2,18% of GDP in 2012 and even 2,37% in 2011



- Efforts supported by EEA and Norway Grants' **research and scholarships** programmes' as well as of the Green Industry Innovation programme focusing on green ICT.

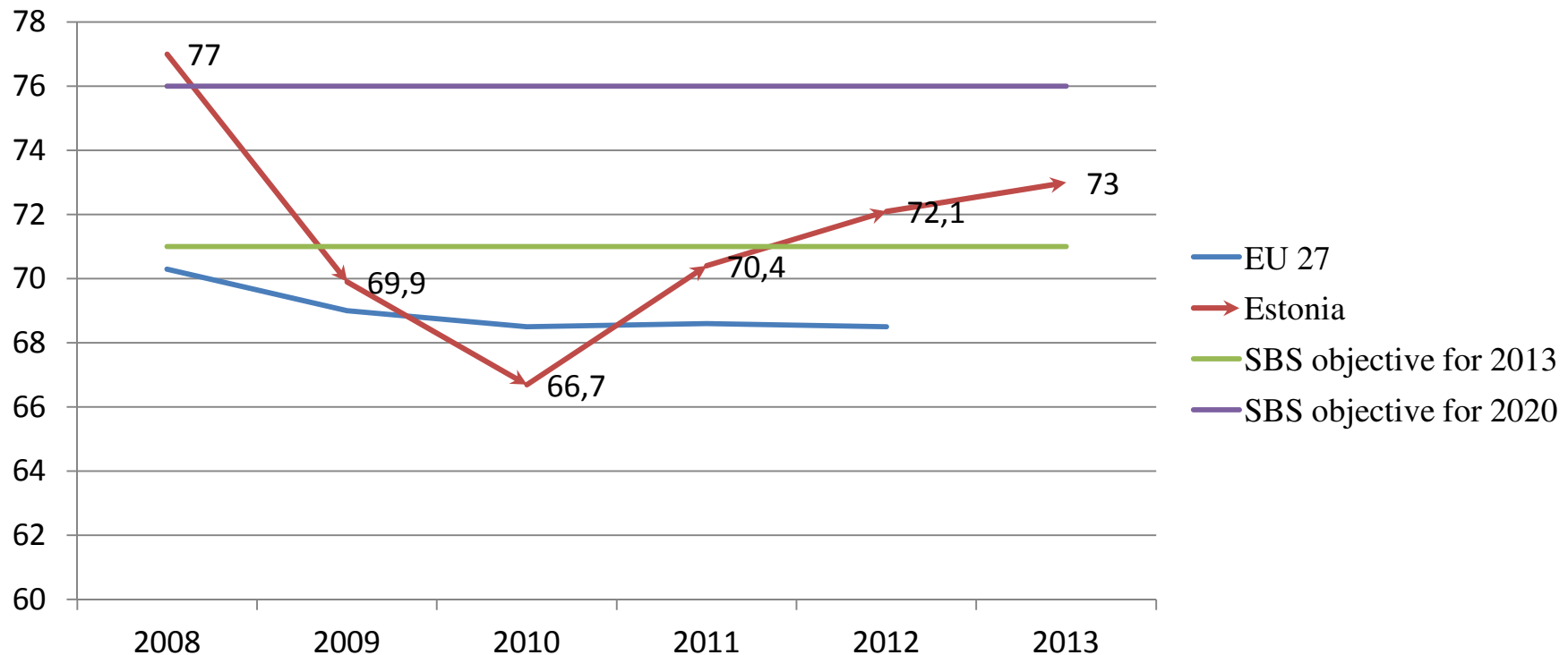
Impact:

- more active student and staff mobility;
- long-term research cooperation, capacity and competence building enabling movement towards RD&I strategy objective – research is of high quality; Estonia is active and visible in international co-operation in the field of RD&I; the career of a researcher is a popular choice

General trends II

- Estonia has set a target of achieving a 76% employment rate in the 20-64 age group by 2020; level of achievement in 2013 – 73%; expected growth in 2014 & 2015 - 0,2-0,3%; declining after 2017 due to demographic developments.
- Unemployment decreased to 10,2% in 2012 and continued to decline, reaching 8.6% in 2013.

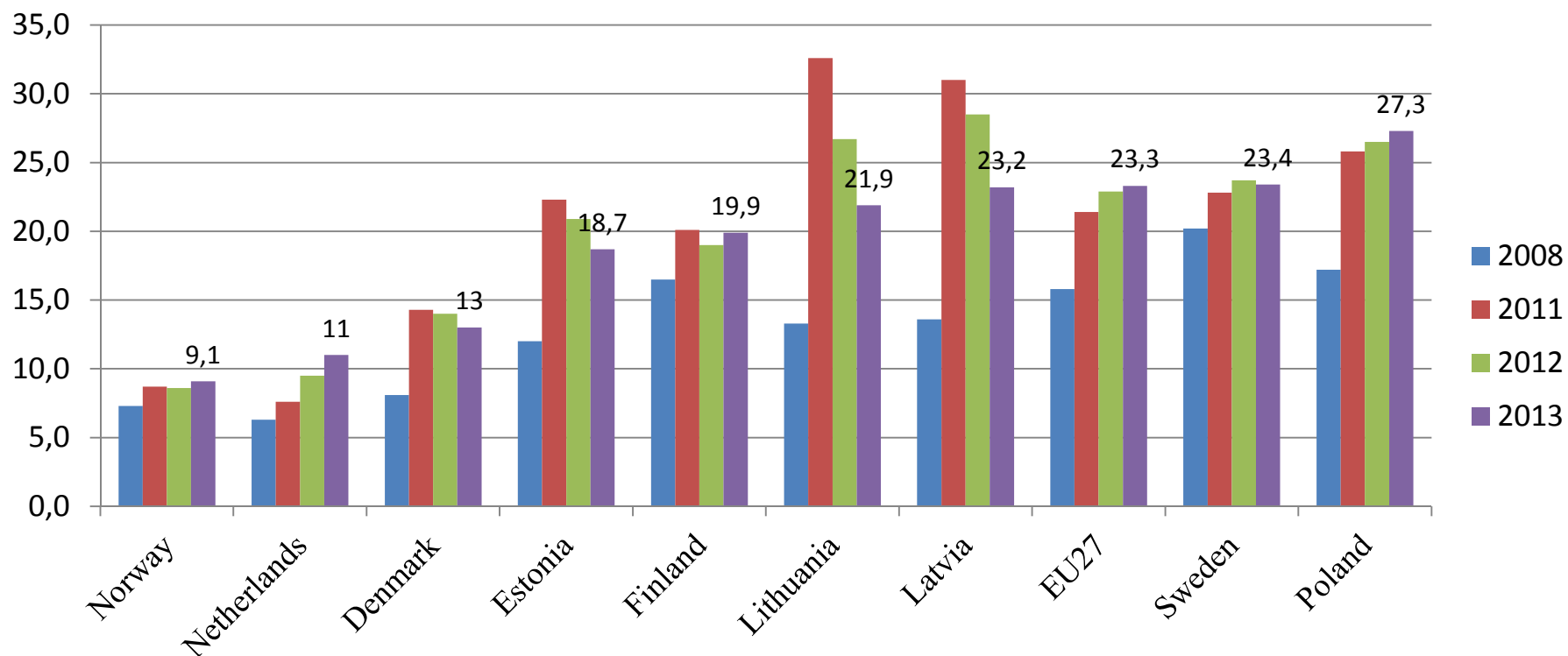
Employment rate, age group 20-64



General trends III

- Estonia is committed to decreasing the unemployment rate of young people to 10% by 2020.
- Employment and education measures for youth, which support and prepare for transitions between the education system and labour market. Supported with programme **Children and Youth at Risk**.

Unemployment rate for people under 25 years old



Human and social development priority area includes also the programmes:

Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Promoting Work-Life Balance – aiming to increase awareness on gender equality and improving the balance between work and private life

and Public Health Initiatives – with the focus to children’s mental health and specifically early detection and interference

Gender pay gap – Eurostat data	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	30,9	27,6	26,6	27,7	27,3	30

According to Statistics Estonia was gender pay gap in 2011 – 22,9; 2012 – 24,6; 2013 24,8. - Different methodologies.

Gender pay gap increased slightly in 2013;

The share of male employees among all employees fell from 48% in 2012 to 47% in 2013.

Environment and climate change

The priority sector includes:

Green Industry Innovation *and* Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management programmes

Impact:

- Contribute to the objectives of Estonian Environmental Strategy
- good status of the Estonian marine and inland water quality is supported – established environmental targets and management plans, improved data on impact, status and trends, proposal for Estonian climate change adaption strategy.

Green ICT policy measures are one of the priorities outlined in the Competitiveness Plan Estonia2020 - energy and resource efficiency measures as well as measures for reducing CO₂ emissions must be developed through innovative investment schemes.

Cultural heritage and diversity

The priority sector includes one programme:

Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage.

Impact:

- added value in regional development, tourism and business.
- from the 59 manor schools nearly 20 have been restored and renovated and they function as attractive regional community centres offering various services. Achieved with the joint contribution of national support programmes and EEA Grants (2004-2009).

Justice and home affairs

The priority sector includes one programme:

Domestic and Gender-based Violence.

- Result – raised awareness and quality of the services offered.

Places in women's shelters available for victims of domestic violence	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	79	110	125	116	115	118	135
Number of victims of human trafficking helped in rehabilitation centres		55	78	57	56	22	22
Number of victims of exploitation in prostitution helped in rehabilitation centres						150	233