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Estonian experiance with E9

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Background

Estonian Ramblers' Association (EstRA) was founded in 1989.a

1993 - ERA become a member of European Ramblers Association

1995 – first leg of E9 (Keila-Joa - Kloogaranna) was opened

1996 – next two legs of E9 were opened in North-Estonia (Vaivara and Rebala)

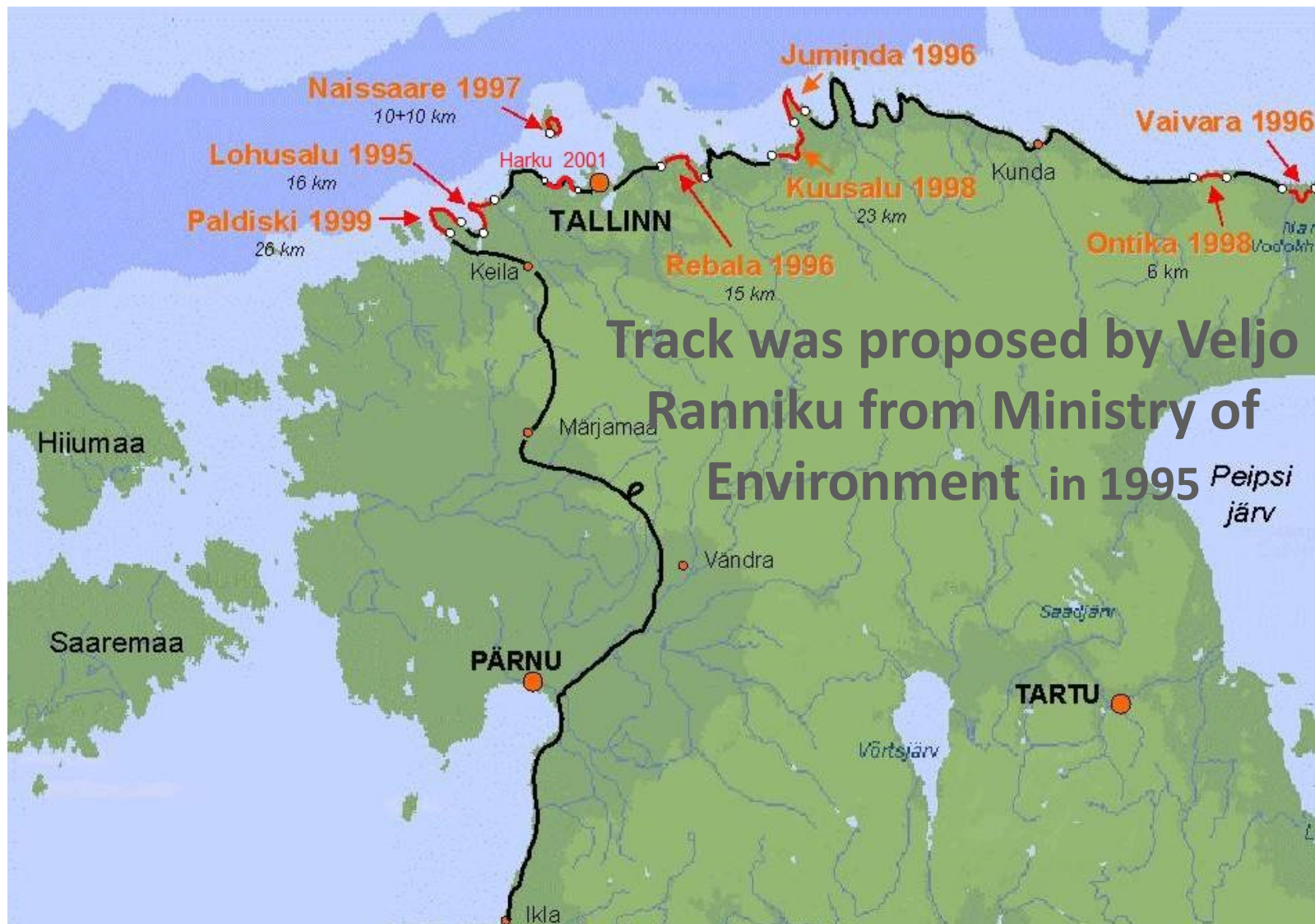
Today there are 11 marked legs of E9 in Estonia, totally 170 km



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Estonian E9 planned track in 1995





Organisation

EstRA established a Walking Commission led by Maie Itse, whose responsibility was developing and marking E9 in Estonia.

Commission activities based practically on some Estonian tourist clubs enthusiasts.

Commission had no direct foundation. All activities have been on voluntary bases.

Our know-how was mainly from Estonian Ramblers Association and from European Ramblers Association.



Direct results of E9 development in Estonia



170 km marked tracks mainly in North-Estonia.

Mainly no infrastructure constructions (fire places, huts, bridges, etc) and no agreements with local service providers were made.

Tracks marking quality is not good today.



Side results of E9 development in Estonia



1. 111 hiking tracks (709 km) were evaluated in South Estonia in 2004.
2. Hiking track passport was prepared (A4 document)
3. Hiking tracks planning, building and operation manual (ca 50 p) was prepared by Estonian Ramblers Association. This document was given to Enterprise Estonia (*EAS –in Estonian language*). It is in Estonian language.
4. European Ramblers Association annual conference was held in Estonia in 2007.



What we have to learn from our previous experience



1. Cooperation with local partners is a key question.
2. Don't forget a trail maintenance and daily operation activities!
3. To get a trail acceptance from local private land owners is relatively time consuming process and not easy in some cases.



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Thank you!



Kuusalu walking track, E9



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