

# Estonia Weekly:

## Pro-Russia Sentiments, NATO Skepticism, and Free Speech Concerns

Estonia | Week 1 | Month 1  
September 4-10th 2023

New observations this week: 5  
Main channel: Facebook and Telegram

**Main keywords:**  
Russia, speech, NATO, economy

### Main narratives:

- Pro-russia
- Free speech is under threat
- Anti-NATO

### Overview:

Issues of trade, NATO, Russian language, Estonian language policy, municipal politics and freedom of speech were covered this week in Estonian social media channels and websites. The main narratives were related to the importance of securing good trade relations with Russia, which is a key to Estonian business success. Also, the reliability of NATO was questioned in the narrative over the upcoming exercises. Reforms in Estonian education policy sparked comments on how it will relate to Russian language use in Estonia, while recent legislation that would prevent hate speech was marked as an end of the freedom of speech in Estonia.

