

Estonia Weekly:

Military commitments and foreign policy

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February 19th - February 25th, 2024

New observations this week: 6
Main channel: Facebook

Main keywords:

War in Ukraine, Refugees, EU, Schools, Language schools, Teachers, Shutdown, Economy, Kai Kallas, Tax

Main narratives:

- The debate over national military commitments abroad contrasted with domestic refugee policies.
- European discussions on the extent of support for Ukraine involving key political figures.
- The implications of educational restructuring on rural and small communities' sustainability.
- Leadership scrutiny regarding foreign policy decisions and economic management, coupled with challenges in tax regulation for individual entrepreneurs.

Overview:

This week, many posts focused on Kai Kallas's reaction to the French President's speech on Ukraine and her willingness to send Estonians into the war for Ukraine. There were also posts about shutting down some schools and the loss of teachers' jobs, as well as about school janitors and cafeteria workers being required to speak Estonian at an A2 level and how that is not helpful or useful. Finally, there continue to be posts regarding the Estonian economy and Kai Kallas's and the government's reactions and actions toward it.