

Estonia Weekly:

Macron and Schools

Estonia | Week 26 | Month 6
February 26th - March 3rd, 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:

- National and European military involvement in Ukraine reflects complex decisions about foreign intervention and the return of nationals.
- Educational reforms and school closures potentially drive demographic shifts due to concerns about access to education.
- Public confidence in leadership wavering due to contentious stances on military support for foreign conflicts.
- Economic policies and tax laws are scrutinised for failing to address critical economic challenges and impeding personal financial management.

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.