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Estonia, or officially the Republic of Estonia (Estonian: Eesti Vabariik), is a Baltic state located in Northern Europe. It has borders with the Gulf of Finland to the west and north, Russia to the east and the Republic of Latvia to the south. Its capital city is Tallinn. Estonian territory consists of 2,222 islands in the mainland and the Baltic Sea. Humid continental climate is seen.

In terms of environmental policy, Estonia faces the problem of the legacy of the Soviet era and obsolete industries, while at the same time - in common with most of the CECs it has valuable and untouched natural areas. Pollution of the environment has been cut considerably since 1990 following the economic collapse and as a result of investments in the environment.

Since this is a second review, it follows a different approach from other environmental performance review projects. The focus is placed on three themes: a broad overview of developments since the first review, an assessment of problems encountered and solutions sought with regard to five priorities for Estonian environmental management, and an evaluation of the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the first review. the 2020 municipal waste recycling target of 50 %.Furthermore, it stated that Estonia will need to make even more efforts to comply with the recycling targets set for the post-2020 period21. The report identified the structural problems leading to slow progress in recycling. This refers to a number of regulatory barriers that are causing uncertainty in the country, including the possibility for municipalities to choose between tendering for the market and competition in the market, which has also slowed down investment in the sector.