# Education in Estonia

The international perspective

#### Who we are

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- Students @ TTU
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### Studying in a multicultural group

#### Pros:

- Possibility to meet new people
- Learn about different cultures
- Different way of thinking

#### Cons:

- English level varys
- Different work principles and habits
- Different background in knowledge

### Lectures in English

#### Pros

English gives the possibility for greater audience

#### Cons

- Usually Non-native english lecturers english quality is awful
- Information might get lost in translation

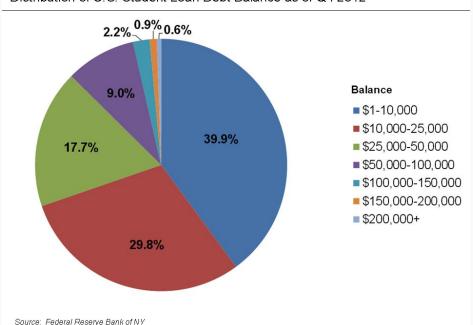
## Personal Experience

- In an estonian program
- In an international program

### Why did we choose EU & Estonia

- Cost
- Diversity
- Progress
- Weather
- e-Estonia

Distribution of U.S. Student Loan Debt Balance as of Q4 2012





# Enrollment and Application Process

- Everything as planned
- Well organized
- Easy
- Full Control over the process

### Difficulties

- Integration/Adjustment
- Language
- Difficulties in education
- Equipment

#### What we do like

- Nearly everything
- Quality
- Price
- Cultural context
- Opportunity
- Teaching Experience



# Situation with Estonian Language

- Difficult to learn
- Unnecessary
- Obligatory
- Anna õlu üle Ülo õe õla
- Everyone speaks English and Russian

The journey is hard, but it is more than worth the effort

'It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out of your door. You step into the Road, and if you don't keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to.

- J.R.R Tolkien

## Thank You

This is a life-changing opportunity

