### **GENERAL PART**

#### A1. Was your enterprise part of an enterprise group in 2018?

Yes	
No	

If your enterprise is part of an enterprise group, please answer all further questions <u>only for its own activities</u>. Exclude the activities of all subsidiaries or parent enterprises (in Estonia or abroad), except when asked specifically.

### B1T. In 2016–2018, how important were the following strategies to the economic performance of your enterprise?

Focus on ...

	<b>Degree of importance</b> (Select one from each row)			
	High	Medium	Low	Not important
1a) improving your existing goods or services				
1b) introducing new goods or services				
2a) low-price (price leadership)				
2b) high-quality (quality leadership)				
3a) a broad range of goods or services				
3b) one or a small number of key goods or services				
4a) satisfying established customer groups				
4b) reaching out to new customer groups				
5a) standardised goods or services				
5b) customer-specific solutions				

product = goods or service

#### B2T. In 2016–2018, which of the following products did your enterprise produce or deliver?

	Yes	No	
Standardised products offered to different users in the same way. This includes mass customisation.			
Goods or services designed and developed specifically to meet the needs of particular users* (customisation**)			If you answered "Yes" to at least one question about customization or co-
Goods or services co-created with users; i.e. the user had an active role in the creation of the idea, design and development of the product (co- creation**)			creation, proceed to question B3VALIK. If you answered "No" to both questions, proceed to question B5.

\* A user can be an end customer or an enterprise which uses a product as an intermediate product.

\*\* Co-creation means that the product is designed and developed together with the user, while for customisation the user only informs about his needs. Co-creation does not include customised versions of standard products.

product = goods or service

#### B3VALIK. Who were the users\* of products produced as a result of customization\*\* or cocreation\*\*?

Mark all that are appropriate.

- Private business enterprises
- Public sector organisations
- □ Individuals or households
- □ Non-profit organisations

\* A user can be an end customer or an enterprise which uses a product as an intermediate product.

\*\* Co-creation means that the product is designed and developed together with the user, while for customisation the user only informs about his needs. Co-creation does not include customised versions of standard products.

#### B4. Please provide an estimate for the percentage of turnover in 2018 from ...?

Please note that B4A + B4B = 100%

		%
B4A	products resulting from customization* or co-creation*	
B4B	standardised products	
		100%

\* Co-creation means that the product is designed and developed together with the user, while for customisation the user only informs about his needs. Co-creation does not include customised versions of standard products.

### **KNOWLEDGE FLOWS**

B5. In 2016–2018, did your enterprise ...?

	Yes	No
claim a copyright		
protected trade secrets		

#### B6T. In 2016–2018, did your enterprise ...?

	Yes	No
licenses out its intellectual property rights to others		
sell its own intellectual property rights (or assign IP rights) to others		
exchanged intellectual property rights (pooling, cross- licensing, etc.)		

## **B7.** Did your enterprise purchase or license-in patents or other intellectual property rights in 2016–2018?

Yes	
No	

If you answered "Yes" to that question, then **from whom**? *Mark all that are appropriate.* 

- from private business enterprises or individuals
- □ from public research organisations, universities or other higher education institutions

# **B8.** Did your enterprise purchase technical consultations\* from private business enterprises or from public research organisations in 2016–2018?

Yes	
No	

\* Includes any consulting activity that involves any kind of technical, scientific or engineering information, e.g. engineering services, measurement and testing services, industrial design services, R&D services, certification services, installation, refitting and retrofitting services.

If you answered "Yes" to that question, then **from whom**? *Mark all that are appropriate.* 

- from private business enterprises or individuals
- □ from public research organisations, universities or other higher education Institutions

B9. In 2016–2018, did your enterprise purchase machinery, equipment or software based on ...?

	Yes	No
the same or improved technology used in your enterprise before		
new technology that was not used in your enterprise before		

### **AWARENESS**

B10T. Which of the following channels did your enterprise use in 2016–2018 to acquire knowledge?

	Yes	No
Conferences, trade fairs or exhibitions		
Scientific/technical journals or trade publications		
Professional or industry associations		
Published patents		
Standardisation documents or committees		
Social web-based networks or crowd-sourcing*		
Open business-to-business platforms or open-source software		
Extracting knowledge or design information from goods or services (reverse engineering**)		

\* Crowd-sourcing is a sourcing model.

\*\* Reverse engineering (RE) is the process by which a man-made object is deconstructed to reveal its design, architecture, or to extract knowledge from the object.

# B11T. During 2016–2018, how important to the management of your business were the following methods of organising work?

If you have not used them, choose "Not important".

	<b>Degree of importance</b> (Select one from each row)			
	High Medium Low N			
Planned job rotation of staff across different functional areas				
Brainstorming sessions for staff to think about improvements that could be made within the business				
Cross-functional work groups or teams				

### **PRODUCT INNOVATION**

#### C1A & C1B. During 2016–2018, did your enterprise introduce any ...?

Excluding the simple re-sale of new goods and changes of a solely aesthetic nature.

	Yes	No	
new* goods			If you answered "Yes" to at least one
new* services			question, proceed to question C2. If you
improved** goods			answered "No" to all questions, proceed
improved** services			to question C6T.

\* New goods or services differ significantly from the enterprise's previous products by characteristics or usage. \*\* Smaller than significant changes are made also in existing products (goods or services). Improvements are when enterprise creates a new, improved version of a previous product, improves its characteristics of use, etc. gradually in a specific direction.

#### C2. In 2016–2018, were any of the new or improved products\* ...?

	Yes	No
not previously offered by any of your competitors**		
identical or very similar to products already offered by your competitors**		

\* product = goods or service

\*\* Competitors may be from Estonia as well as from other countries.

# C3T. Please estimate the percentage of your enterprise's total turnover in 2018 from products that were new or improved in 2016–2018?

Please note that: row 1 + row 2 = 100% row 1.1 + row 1.2 = row 1

	% of turnover
1. New or improved products	
1.1. Products not previously offered by any of your competitors	
<b>1.2.</b> Products identical or very similar to products already offered by	
your competitors	
2. Standardised products	

#### C4AVALIK. Who developed these product innovations?

If your enterprise is part of an enterprise group, the other enterprises may be either enterprises in your group of enterprises as well as enterprises that are not in your enterprise group.

Mark all that are appropriate.

- □ Your enterprise by itself
- □ Your enterprise together with other enterprises or organisations
- □ Your enterprise by adapting or modifying products originally developed by other enterprises or organisations
- □ Other enterprises or organisations

## C5. How did the new or improved product(s), introduced during 2016 to 2018, meet your enterprise's expectations by the end of 2018?

Please select only <u>one</u> most appropriate.

- □ Expectations were exceeded
- □ Expectations were adequately met
- □ Expectations were met only to some extent
- □ Expectations were not met at all
- □ Too early to assess

### **BUSINESS PROCESS INNOVATION**

C6T. During 2016–2018, did your enterprise introduce any of the following types of new processes or improved processes that differ significantly from your previous processes?

	Yes	No	
Methods for producing goods or providing services (including methods for developing goods or services)			
Logistics, delivery or distribution methods			
Methods for information processing or communication (ICT)			If you answered "Yes" to at
Methods for accounting or purchasing operations*			least one question, proceed to question C7Avalik. If you answered "No" to all
Business practices for organising procedures or external relations**			questions, proceed to question C9.
Methods of organising work responsibility, decision making or human resource management***			
Marketing methods for promotion, packaging, pricing, product placement, after sales services, etc.****			

\* Includes accounting, auditing, financial and insurance activities, payments; procurements and purchasing.

\*\* Includes strategic and general management. Application of new principles in external relations.

\*\*\* Includes personnel recruitment, training, workplace organisation, payroll management.

\*\*\*\* Includes direct marketing (telemarketing), fairs, market research, customer support.

#### C7Avalik. Who developed these process innovations?

If your enterprise is part of an enterprise group, the other enterprises may be either enterprises in your group of enterprises as well as enterprises that are not in your enterprise group.

Mark all that are appropriate.

- □ Your enterprise by itself
- □ Your enterprise together with other enterprises or organisations
- □ Your enterprise by adapting or modifying processes originally developed by other enterprises or organisations
- □ Other enterprises or organisations

# C8. How did the new or improved processes introduced during 2016–2018 meet your enterprise's expectations by the end of 2018?

Please select only <u>one</u> most appropriate.

- □ Expectations were exceeded
- □ Expectations were adequately met
- □ Expectations were met only to some extent
- □ Expectations were not met at all
- □ Too early to assess

### **INNOVATION, AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D)**

C9. In 2016–2018, did your enterprise ...?

	Yes	No	
completed activities on product* or process innovation			If you answered
ongoing innovation activities at the end of 2018			"Yes" to at least one question,
abandoned innovation activities			proceed to question C10. If you
contract-out R&D** to other enterprises (include enterprises in your own group) or to public or private research organisations			answered "No" to all questions, proceed to question
in-house research and development (R&D**) activities			C12A.

\* product = goods or service

\*\* Research and development (R&D) is systematic activity to acquire new knowledge or use knowledge available for the development of new applications. The main part of R&D is often design of prototypes.

If your company had in-house R&D in 2016–2018, was R&D in your enterprise occasional or continuous?

- □ Occasionally
- Continuously, your enterprise had permanent R&D staff

# C10. In 2018, did your enterprise have any of the following types of expenditure\* on innovations, and research and development (R&D)?

		Amount of expenses in whole numbers	There were no expenses	
C10A	R&D performed in-house	€		
C10B	R&D contracted out (including enterprises in own enterprise group)	€		
C10C	All other innovation expenditures (excluding R&D)*	€		If you had such expenses, also answer questions C10E, C10G and C10I. If you answered "There were no expenses" proceed to question C11A.

\* Expenditure on services may include product development, services planning, preparation of innovations (excl. R&D), training, professional development, marketing, etc.

If your enterprise had all other innovation expenditures (except R&D expenditure) in 2018, what were these expenditures?

		Amount of expenses in whole numbers	There were no expenses
C10E	Expenditures on own personnel working on innovation	€	
C10G	Expenditures on services, materials, supplies purchased from others for innovation	€	
C10I	Expenditures on fixed assets for innovation (acquisition of machinery, equipment, software, IPRs, buildings etc.)	€	

# C11A. Please estimate, how would your enterprise's innovation expenditures\* change in 2019 compared to 2018?

Please select only <u>one</u> most appropriate.

- □ Increase, approximately by \_\_\_\_\_%
- □ Stay about the same (+/- 5%)
- Decrease, approximately by \_\_\_\_\_ %
- □ No innovation expenditures expected
- Don't know

\* total innovation expenditures = R&D + other innovation expenditures

## C11B. Please estimate, how would your enterprise's innovation expenditures\* change in 2020 compared to 2019?

Please select only <u>one</u> most appropriate.

- □ Increase, approximately by \_\_\_\_\_%
- □ Stay about the same (+/- 5%)
- □ Decrease, approximately by \_\_\_\_\_%
- No innovation expenditures expected
- Don't know

\* total innovation expenditures = R&D + other innovation expenditures

#### FUNDING

### C12A. Did your enterprise try to obtain or obtained funding in exchange for shares\* in the ownership of the enterprise in 2016–2018?

Please select only <u>one</u> most appropriate.

- □ Did not try
- □ Tried, but not successfully
- □ Yes, successfully obtained some funding

\* Shares do not include bonds.

If your enterprise <u>obtained funding in exchange for shares</u>, then was at least part of the funding used for R&D or other innovation activities?

Yes	
No	

# C12B. During 2016–2018, did your enterprise try to or obtained funding in the form of loans\*?

Please select only <u>one</u> most appropriate.

- □ Did not try
- □ Tried, but not successfully
- □ Yes, successfully obtained some funding

\* Including sale of bonds, overdraft, leasing. This does not include supplier credit.

If your enterprise <u>obtained funding in the form of loans</u>, then **was at least part of the funding** used for R&D or other innovation activities?

Yes	
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No 🗆

#### C13. During 2016–2018, did your enterprise receive any financial support from ...?

	Yes	No	If you answered "Yes", then was at least part of the funding used for R&D or other innovation activities?
a local authority			
national government			
EU Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and Innovation			
other financial support from a European Union institution			

### **CO-OPERATION**

### C14. During 2016–2018, did your enterprise co-operate with other enterprises or organisations ...?

Co-operation is active participation with other enterprises or organisations. Partners do not need to commercially benefit.

	Yes	No	
on research and development (R&D)			If you answered "Yes" to at least one of the two questions, proceed
on other innovation activities (excluding R&D)			to question C151. If you answered "No" to all questions, proceed to question C16T.
in any business activities other than innovation and R&D			

#### C151. Please indicate the innovation co-operation partners of your enterprise in Estonia.

Choose all that are appropriate.

- □ Private business enterprises (outside your enterprises/outside your enterprise group)
- Enterprises within your enterprise group
- □ Universities or other higher education institutions
- Government or public research institutes (excluding your customers)
- □ Clients or customers from the public sector
- □ Non-profit organisations
- Co-operation partner is located neither in Estonia

If the innovation co-operation partners of your enterprise include enterprises from the <u>private</u> <u>sector in Estonia</u>, please specify **which?** 

Choose all that are appropriate.

- Consultants, commercial labs, or private research institutes
- □ Suppliers of equipment, materials, components or software
- Enterprises that are your clients or customers
- Enterprises that are your competitors
- □ Other enterprises

# C152. Please indicate the innovation co-operation partners of your enterprise from other <u>EU</u> or <u>EFTA\*</u> countries.

Choose all that are appropriate.

- Private business enterprises (outside your enterprises/ outside your enterprise group)
- Enterprises within your enterprise group
- □ Universities or other higher education institutions
- Government or public research institutes (excluding your customers)
- □ Clients or customers from the public sector
- □ Non-profit organisations
- Co-operation partner is located neither in other EU or EFTA countries

# If the innovation co-operation partners of your enterprise include <u>private sector enterprises</u> <u>from other EU or EFTA\* countries</u>, please specify **which?**

Choose all that are appropriate.

- □ Consultants, commercial labs, or private research institutes
- □ Suppliers of equipment, materials, components or software
- □ Enterprises that are your clients or customers
- Enterprises that are your competitors
- □ Other enterprises

\* EFTA – Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein

# C153. Please indicate the innovation co-operation partners of your enterprise from outside <u>Estonia, EU or EFTA countries</u>.

Choose all that are appropriate.

- Private business enterprises (outside your enterprises/ outside your enterprise group)
- □ Enterprises within your enterprise group
- □ Universities or other higher education institutions
- Government or public research institutes (excluding your customers)
- □ Clients or customers from the public sector
- □ Non-profit organisations
- Co-operation partner is not located outside Estonia, EU or EFTA countries

If the innovation co-operation partners of your enterprise include <u>private sector enterprises</u> <u>from outside Estonia, EU or EFTA countries</u>, please specify **which?** 

Choose all that are appropriate.

- □ Consultants, commercial labs, or private research institutes
- □ Suppliers of equipment, materials, components or software
- Enterprises that are your clients or customers
- □ Enterprises that are your competitors
- □ Other enterprises

#### OBSTACLES

# C16T. During 2016–2018, has any of the following types of legislation or regulation\* affected your enterprises' innovation activities?

Please select only <u>one</u> from each row.

	Facilitated innovation activities	Prevented, hampered or increased costs of innovation activities	Had no effect / not relevant
Product safety, consumer protection			
Environmental			
Intellectual property			
Тах			
Employment, worker safety or social affairs			
Data protection			

\* Take into consideration the legislation in force in Estonia, in the European Union as well as outside the European Union.

# C17T. During 2016–2018, how important were the following factors in hampering your enterprises' innovation activities?

	<b>Degree of importance</b> (Select one from each row)			
	High	Medium	Low	In not an obstacle
Lack of internal finance for innovation				
Lack of credit or private equity				
Difficulties in obtaining public grants or subsidies				
Innovation involves high costs				
Lack of skilled employees within your enterprise				
Lack of collaboration partners				
Lack of access to external knowledge				
Uncertain market demand for your ideas				
Too much competition in your market				
Different priorities within your enterprise				

Please estimate regardless of whether the innovation was completed, abandoned, or there was no innovation.

### **BASIC INFORMATION ON YOUR ENTERPRISE**

#### D4. What was the percentage of turnover in 2018 by groups of customers?

Please note that D4A + D4B + D4C = 100%

		%
D4A	Turnover from customers located in Estonia	
D4B	Turnover from customers located in EU and EFTA countries	
D4C	Turnover from customers located in other countries	
		100%

#### D6T. Did your enterprise spend on the following items in 2018?

That expenditure made by the enterprise on all its activities, not only innovation related expenditure, is asked here.

	Amount of expenses in whole numbers	There were no expenses
Purchase of machinery, equipment, buildings and other fixed assets	€	
Marketing, brand building, advertising (including in-house costs and purchased services)	€	
Training own staff	€	
Product design (including in-house costs and purchased services)	€	
Software development, database work and data analysis (including in-house costs and purchased services)	€	
Registering, filing and monitoring own Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and purchasing or licensing IPRs from others	€	

### **ENTERPRISE GROUP**

Questions D8EE to D9 should be answered only by those enterprises which were part of an enterprise group in 2018.

# D8EE. During 2016-2018, did your enterprise engage in any of the following activities with one or more enterprises of your enterprise group <u>in Estonia</u>?

If there are no more enterprises located in Estonia in your group, please answer "None of those".

Mark all that are appropriate.

#### Inflows from other enterprises in your group ...

- □ Technical knowledge
- □ Financial resources
- Personnel
- □ In-sourcing of business activities
- □ None of those

#### Outflows to other enterprises in your group ...

- □ Technical knowledge
- □ Financial resources
- □ Personnel
- Out-sourcing of business activities
- □ None of those

# D8OTH. During 2016–2018, did your enterprise engage in any of the following activities with one or more enterprises of your enterprise group located <u>outside Estonia</u>?

If there are no more enterprises located outside Estonia in your group, please answer "None of those".

Mark all that are appropriate.

#### Inflows from other enterprises in your group abroad ...

- □ Technical knowledge
- □ Financial resources
- Personnel
- □ In-sourcing of business activities
- □ None of those

#### Outflows to other enterprises in your group abroad ...

- □ Technical knowledge
- □ Financial resources
- Personnel
- □ Out-sourcing of business activities
- □ None of those

# D9. During 2016–2018, did your enterprise try to obtain funding or received funding in the form of intra-group loans?

Please select only <u>one</u> most appropriate.

- □ Did not try
- □ Tried, but not successfully
- □ Yes, successfully obtained some funding

If your enterprise obtained funding in the form of intra-group loan, then was at least part of the funding used for R&D or other innovation activities?

Yes □ No □

B12. Did your enterprise have separate accounting for monitoring costs of innovations, developments or grants?

Yes	
No	

### **COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please estimate how much time you spent on filling out the questionnaire (incl. time spent on reading the instructions, collecting and preparing data).

\_\_\_\_\_ hours \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

If you wish to comment on the questionnaire or your answers, write the comment here.

You have reached the end of the questionnaire. Thank you!