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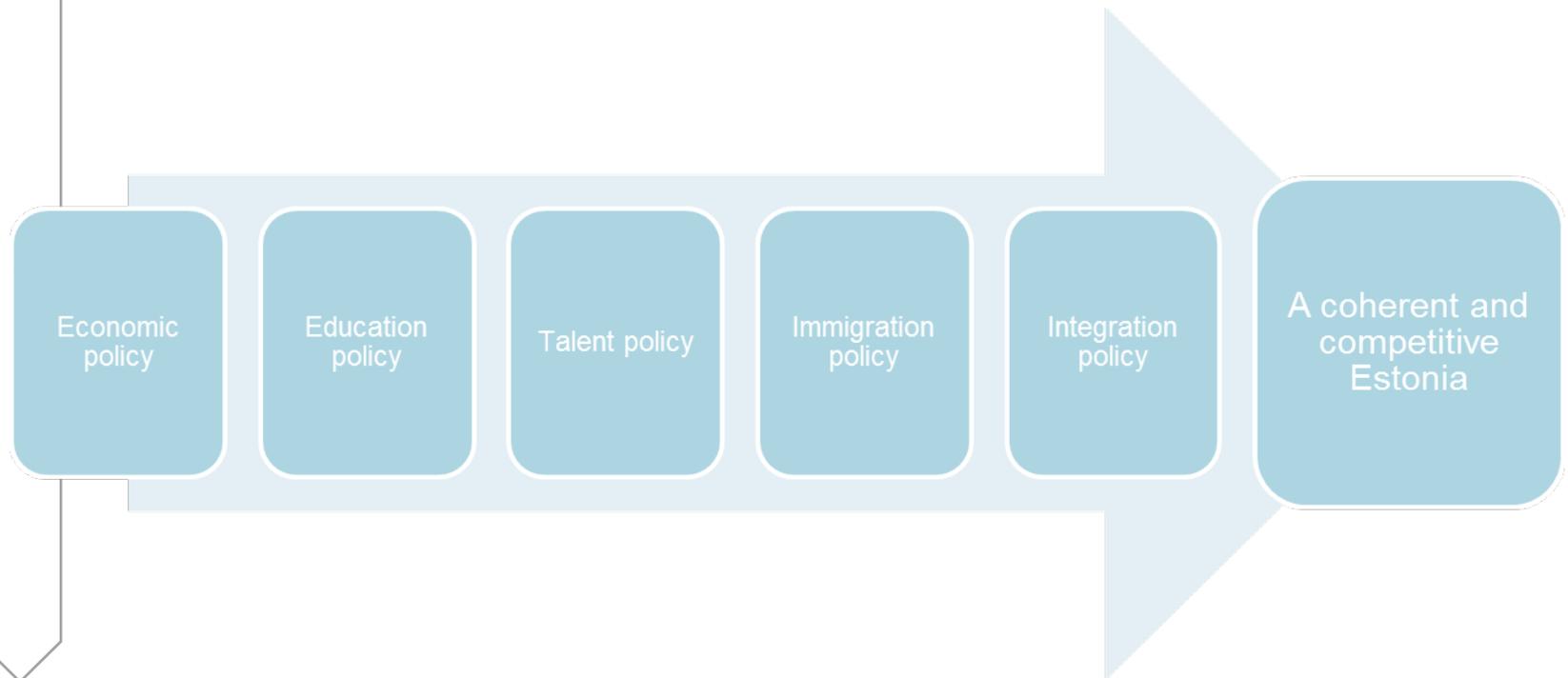
# **Welcoming programme**

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## Why Estonia is supporting adaptation?



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## Aims and goals

- ◆ The aim in migration policy is to come to a balanced policy outcome.
- ◆ On the one hand, Estonia wishes to facilitate the immigration of those individuals who provide added value to society and whose residency in Estonia is in accordance public interest.
- ◆ On the other, to prevent the misuse of residency permits, strengthen safety, public order and state security.
- ◆ With the adaptation programme, our aim is to develop a comprehensive, flexible and appropriate system of support services aimed at newly arrived immigrants that facilitates their adaptation.

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## Adaptation

Adaptation is a process whereby new arrivals who have (re)located to a country adjust to the new environment and the host society.

Theoretically, adaptation may be linked to the first phase of integration.



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## Target group

Legally immigrated foreign nationals who have lived in Estonia less than five years.

- ◆ The reasons for immigration vary and include all the bases for granting a residence permit under the Estonian Aliens Act, the bases for staying in the country under the Citizen of the European Union Act and the bases for granting a residence permit under the Act on Granting International Protection to Aliens.



## Gateway web-page

Gathers relevant information on Estonia

- ◆ Basic information needed on societal, legal and public service related issues
- ◆ Introductory materials on Estonian state, culture and society
- ◆ Adaptation programme materials



## Adaptation programme

- ◆ The welcoming programme consists of modules that provide information on variety of topics.
- ◆ The basic module that provides information on Estonian society, culture, state, also on founding principles of the EU, rights and obligations of EU citizens etc. and thematic modules on family, work and entrepreneurship, studying, research, international protection, children and young people.
- ◆ New arrivals may take a minimum of one module, the basic module, and a maximum of four modules in addition to the basic module.
- ◆ Alongside the modules, a language course up to level A1 (except for beneficiaries of international protection) is provided.

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## Developing support networks

- ◆ To develop and sustain cooperation networks of social partners in order to facilitate information sharing
- ◆ Developing services aimed at newly arrived immigrants
- ◆ Facilitating local-level cooperation
- ◆ Empowering both social partners and the state, clarifying different roles and finding working solutions to problems related to adaptation

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## Other related activities under other ministries

- ◆ Development of the Talent Policy programme
- ◆ International marketing and support measures under Enterprise Estonia
- ◆ EURES ja EURAXESS
- ◆ Support for higher education internationalisation
- ◆ Support for foreign students to get work placement
- ◆ Developing cultural competence in educators
- ◆ Integration measures, including information provision
- ◆ Further language tuition
- ◆ Cultural immersion

....etc.

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**Thank you for your attention!**

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