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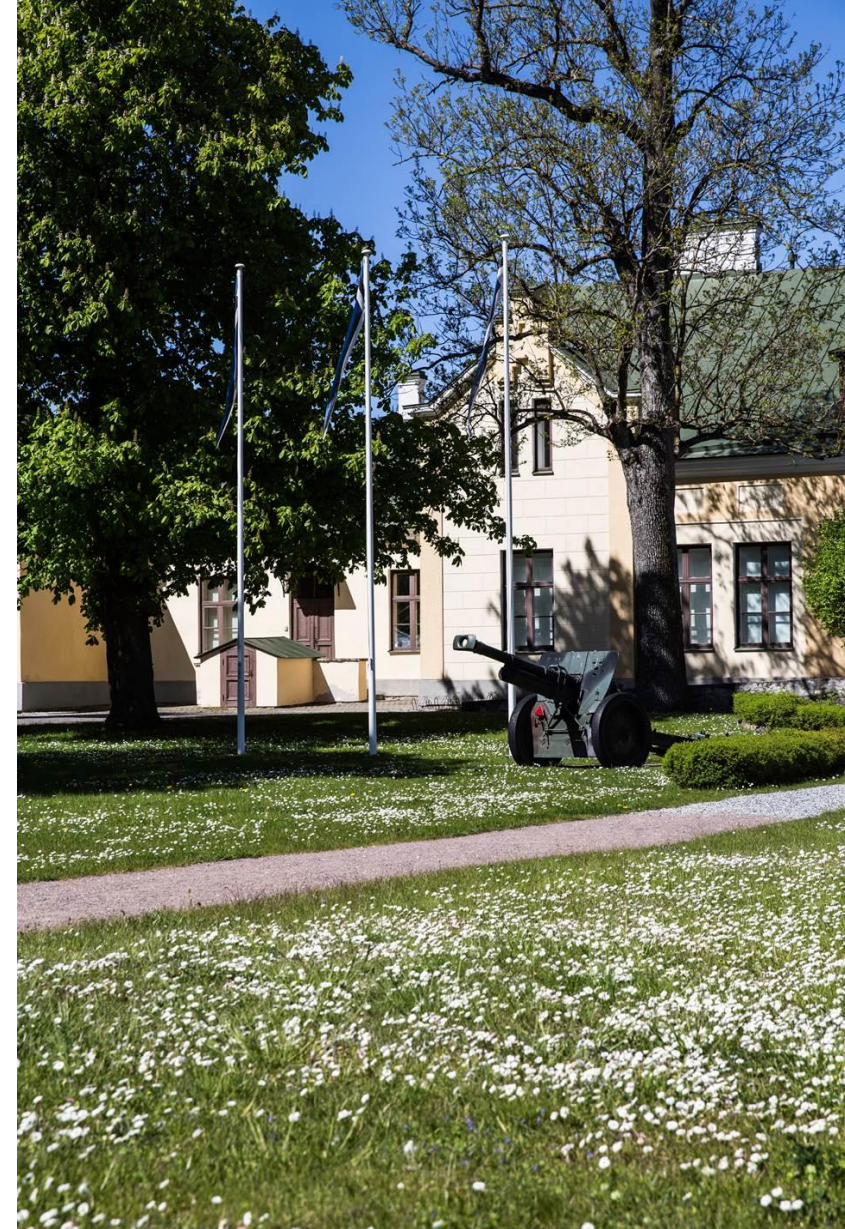# State-of-Art
Estonia

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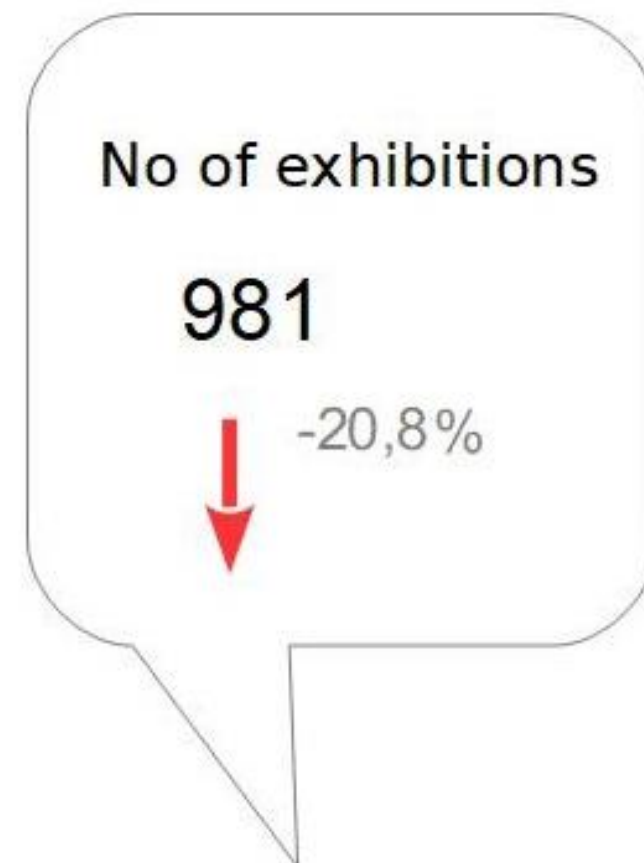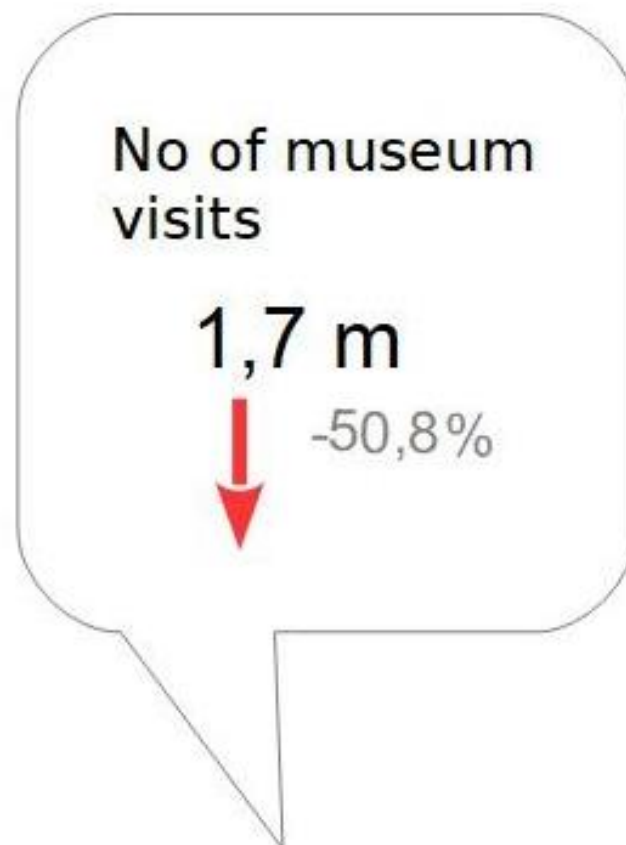**Estonian War Museum – General Laidoner Museum**
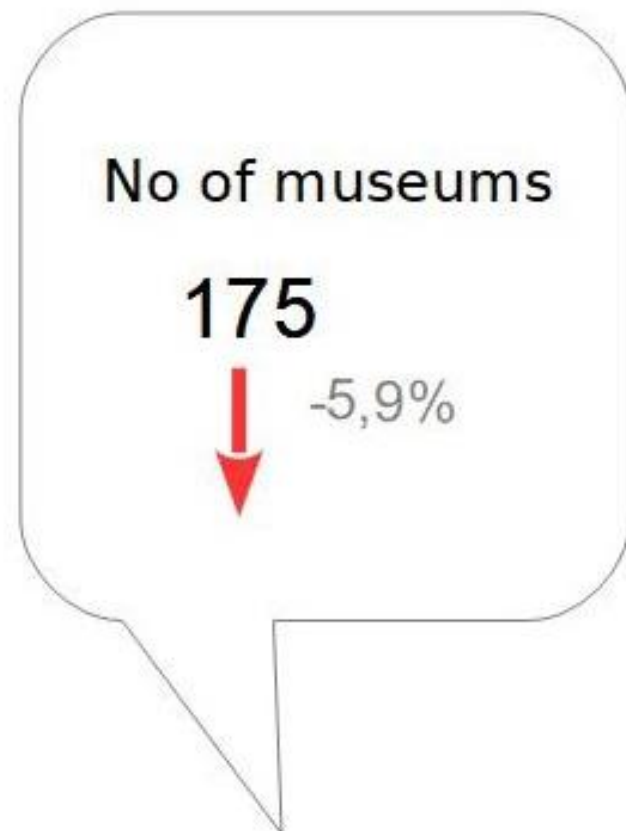
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What has happened during COVID-19 pandemic? 2019 vs 2020

Did you know that among European countries, Estonia has the most museums per 100,000 inhabitants?

In 2019, there was 186 museums in Estonia and 3,4 million museum visits were made.

What has happened during COVID-19 pandemic? 2019 vs 2020

No of museums

175
-5,9%

No of museum visits

1,7 m
-50,8%

No of exhibitions

981
-20,8%

Number of museum visits per 1000 inhabitants 2008 - 2020

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What has happened during COVID-19 pandemic?

Income, millon euros
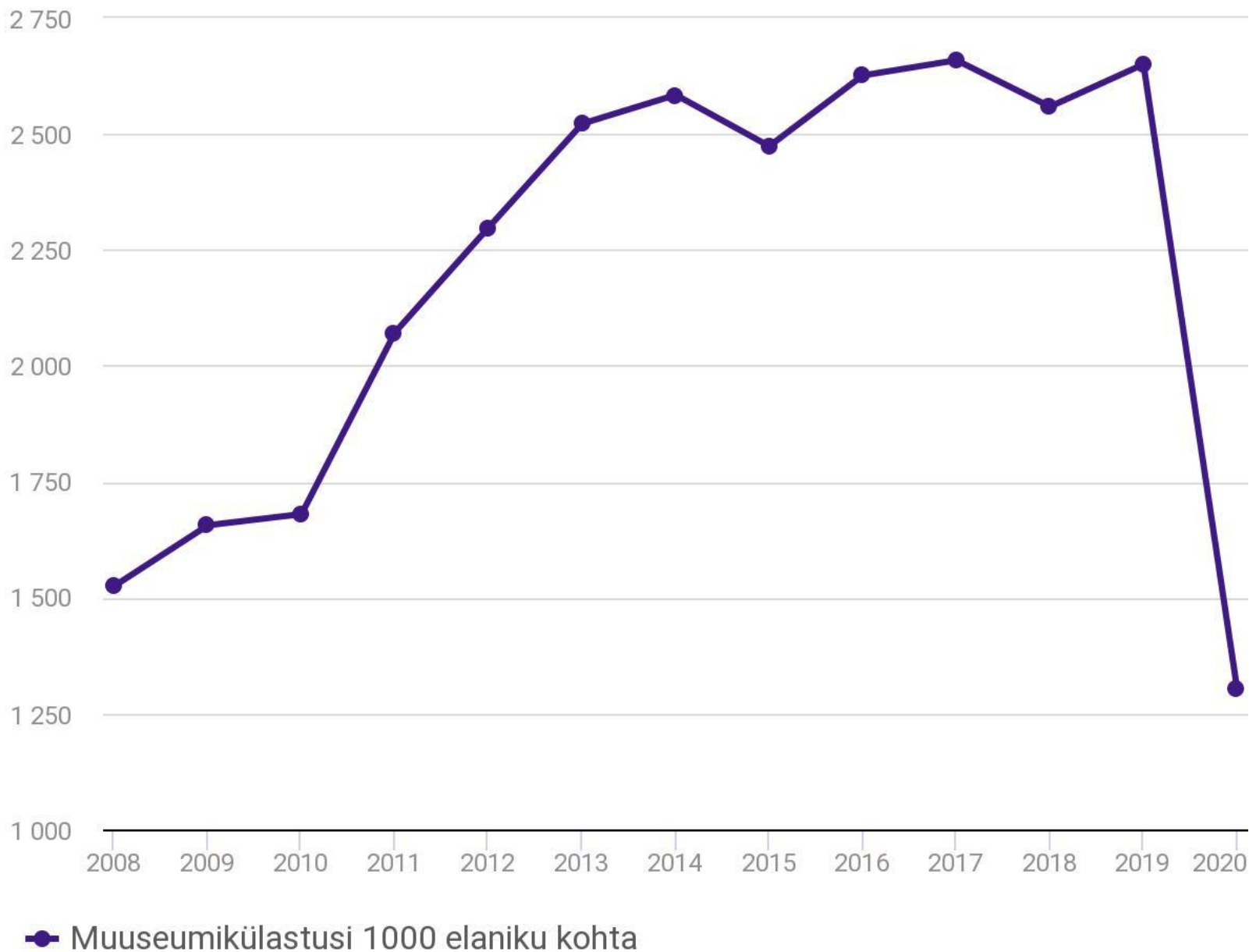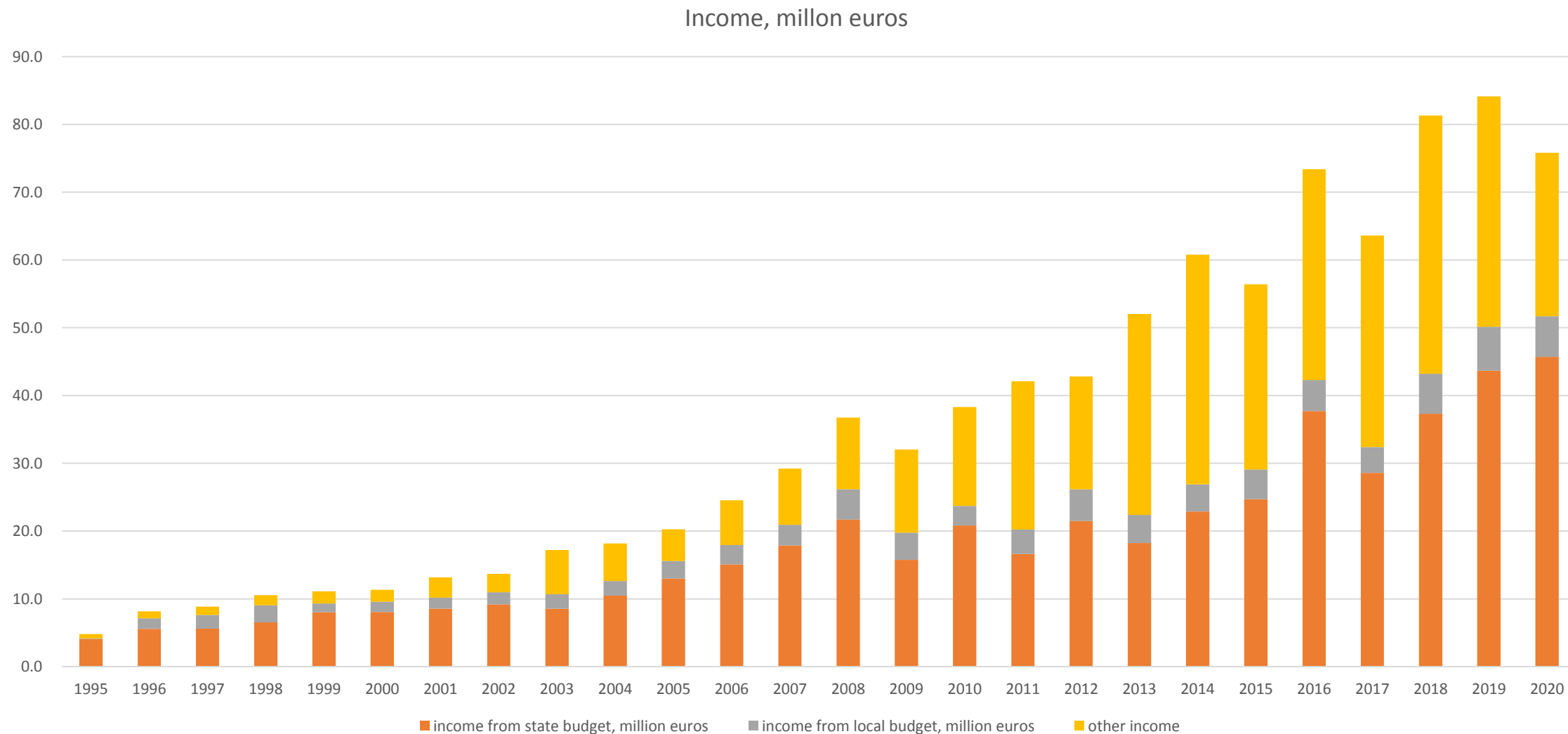
Digitization and COVID-19 pandemic – museums

MuIS is a web-based environment for keeping records of museum collections, managing them and making the information in museums available to specialists and all other interested parties. As of the beginning of 2021, 60 museums have joined MuIS, their list and contacts can be found on MuIS's public portal.
Estonian Heritage Board is planning MuIS 2.0. The development work is planned to be carried out in two stages in 2019-2023.
Everyone can make suggestions for the MuIS 2.0 here https://www.muinsuskaitseamet.ee/et/node/1888

Digitization and COVID-19 pandemic – libaries and archives

DIGAR is the digital archive of the National Library, which offers access to publications stored in the digital archive. These include e-books, newspapers, magazines, maps, sheet music, photos, postcards, posters, illustrations, audiobooks and music files.

The Estonian national bibliography database ERB registers data on national documents. Publications published in Estonia in all languages and abroad in Estonia, works by Estonian authors and their translations regardless of their physical medium (paper, electronic medium) are considered national documents.

National Archives use also separate database for digitized documents.

The Estonian e-repository is a unified e-environment, the aim of which is to make available the digitized resources of Estonian memory institutions: libraries, archives and museums.

Digitization and COVID-19 pandemic – natural heritage

EELIS (Estonian Nature Information System) is the primary database for the National Nature Conservation Registry

Currently about 400 000 observations and descriptions.

Data from species and habitats' observations and inventory reports, managed and updated by the Environmental Agency, Environmental Board, Ministry of Environment and other designated users.

Digitization and COVID-19 pandemic – intangible heritage

Because of reniewal works, registers are closed down at the moment.

Digitization and COVID-19 pandemic – historical sites

The Register of Cultural Monuments is an official register managed by the National Heritage Board for keeping records of cultural monuments, heritage conservation areas and finds of cultural value and for storing information about them.

Thank you!