RR MAP EE – ESTONIA
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Estonia is the northernmost of the Baltic States and is also now the most Westernised. Estonia covers an area of 45,000km² (roughly the same size as Holland) and has a population of 1.5 million people, approximately one third of whom live in the Tallinn area. Estonia declared independence from the Soviet Union in 1988 and became an independent republic in 1991. The national language is Estonian, which resembles Finnish (i.e. full of vowels and completely unpronouncable) and the currency is the Estonian Kroon (tied at 6.936 to 1 DM).

The first railway in Estonia was completed in 1870 connecting St Petersburg to Tallinn. Currently, the Estonian rail network is fairly extensive, although some major towns are not yet connected, but in a poor state of repair. This map is mostly based on the existing network, with the exception of Lihula in the West which is included for balance.