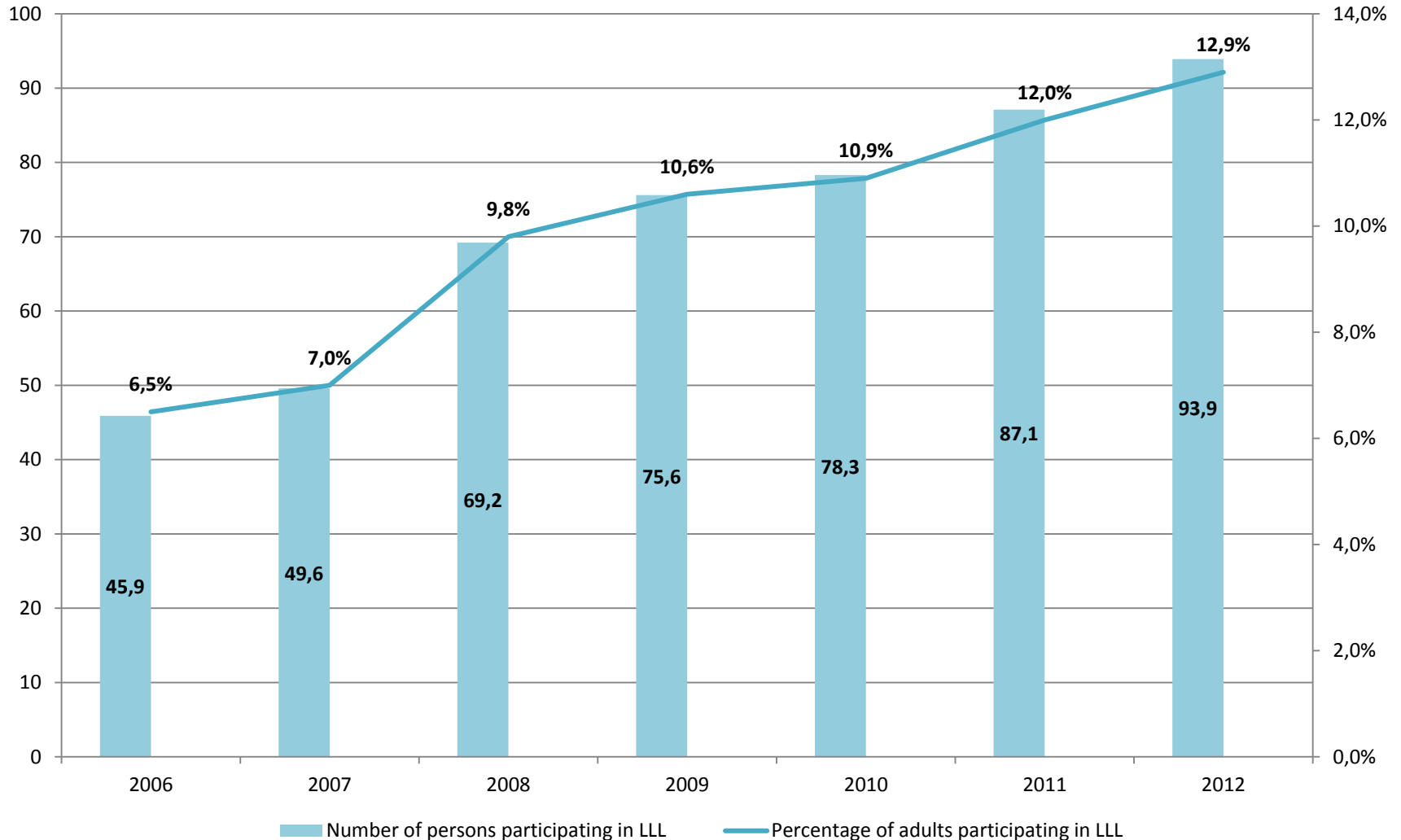


Efforts to increase adults participation in lifelong learning in Estonia

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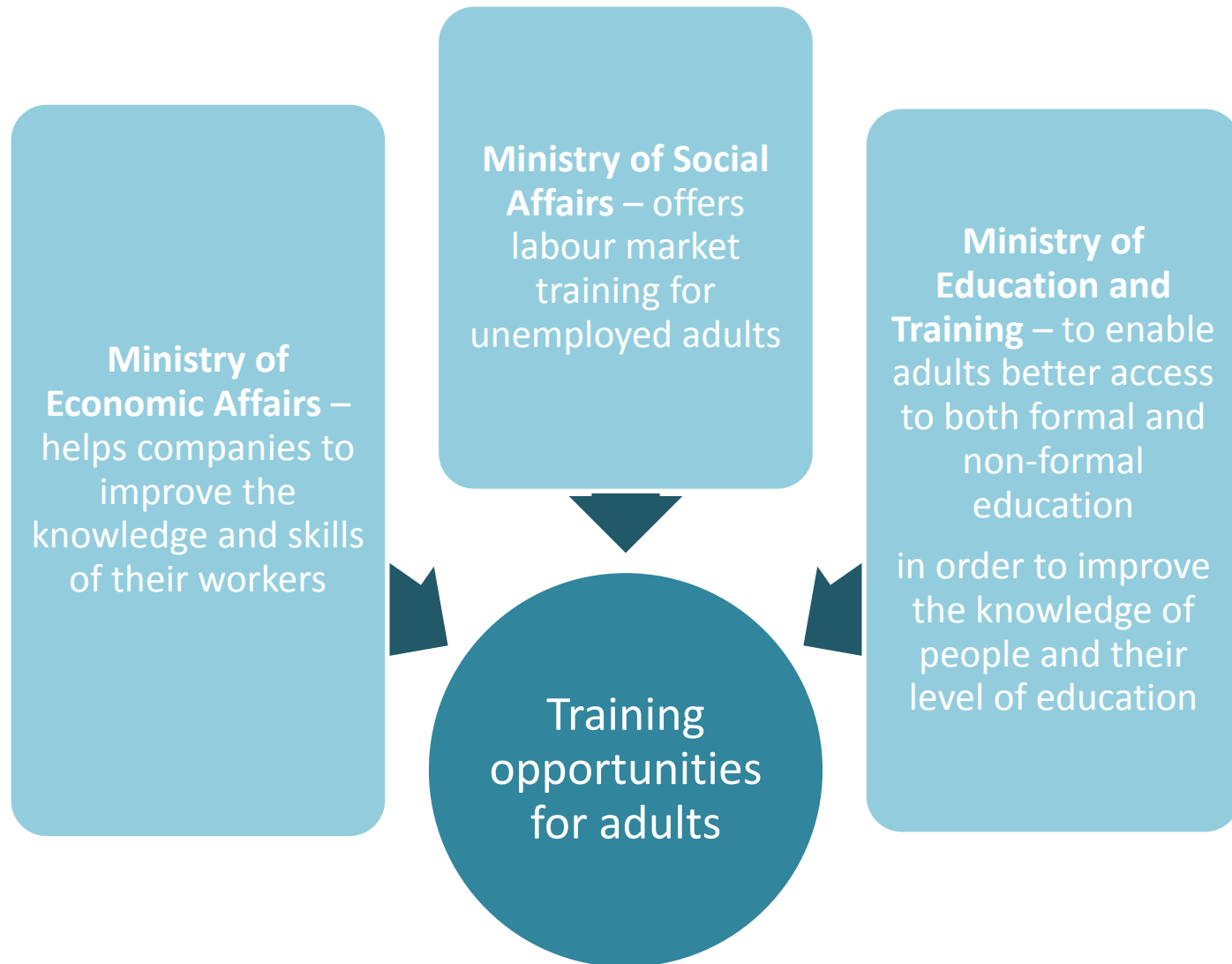
Participation of 25-64 year old adults in Lifelong Learning in Estonia



Possible explanations for the increase in participation level

- Launch of new programmes co-funded by European Social Fund
- Clear division of responsibilities within governmental sector
- Cooperation with non-governmental adult learning associations
- New target groups
- Regional approach

Division on responsibilities according to target groups



ESF programmes of Ministry of Education and Research

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Program 1: WORK-RELATED TRAINING IN VET INSTITUTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION €9 million					
Program 2: TRAINING IN NON-FORMAL ADULT EDUCATION CENTERS €4 million					
Program 3: PR PROGRAM FOR ADULT EDUCATION €1 million					
Extra: open for applicants €3 million					

Funding principles

- Training free for learners, accompanying costs covered by learners
- Money allocated to educational institutions – vocational schools and non-formal adult education centres.
- Cost of training covered, not institutional support
- 15 computer classrooms in non-formal education centres.

Training offered at VET institutions

- Training courses are offered on over 30 fields of education
- Training courses included fields that are not offered by private providers (private sector mostly offers classroom-training)
- Training in up-to date facilities - making use of newly renovated vocational education institutions

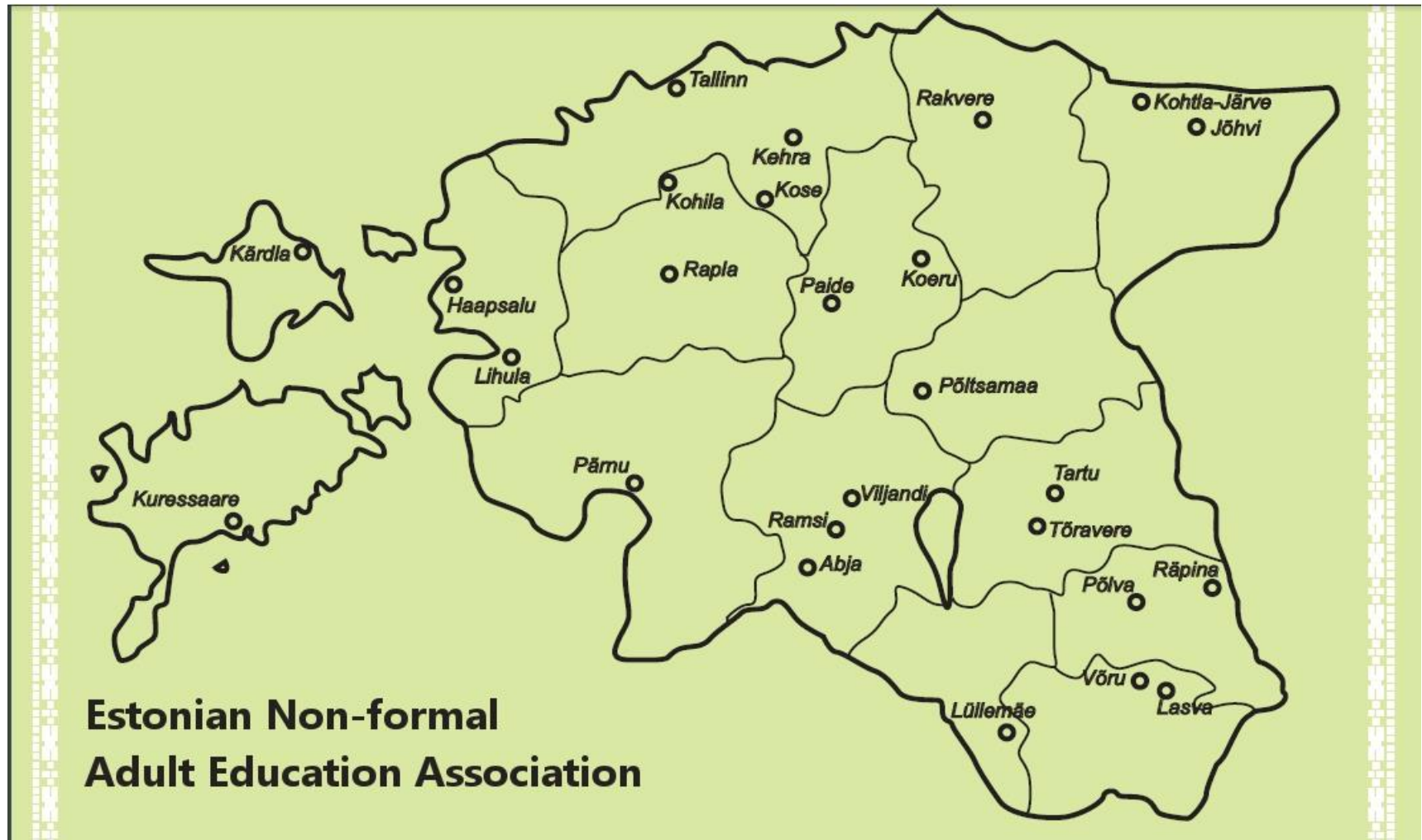
Cooperation with non-governmental sector

Estonian Non-Formal Adult Education Assosiation

- Network includes 80 non-formal education centers across Estonia, 50 participated in the programme
- Previous experience of cooperation
- Managing with the ESF rules and regulations was a at the beginning challenging



Places where training was offered



Popularisation of lifelong learning

- Program carried out by Association of Estonian Adult Educators Andras
- Regional network of coordinators
- Adult learners week
- TV campaign



Results

- More than 70 thousand adults have participated in training courses
- Drop-out rate was low (5-7%)
- Feedback from participants positive
- Non- governmental associations had important role
- Non- governmental associations have grown stronger

THANK YOU!

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