

Proposed guidelines to the annual EstCoR conference 2019

General problem is circling around possibilities of a small country's leader/politician to influence global government, decisions, and trends. Has a small country tools to pressure international politics? Is this a totally hopeless attempt or should one try?

How could it be done considering local circumstances and scope of a country?

Could small countries be treated as a specific category? E.g. Estonia/Scandinavian countries – different phases of development, background, history, even culture.

Subtopics:

- Is there any specific area, where a representative of a small state could be more visible?
- Are there fields where the obstacles set by the world power are impassable?
- To what extent should small countries consult or listen to the great powers?
- Lennart Meri had a dream to unite small countries into an assembly that could have a better dialogue with great powers. Was this just a dream?

To president Tarja Halonen:

- Based on your experience, could you say that there are principles and understandings of a small country (e.g. Finland) that differ from the ones carried by the world power?
- Comparing Finland and Estonia – do those two act like small countries similarly?

To Tarja Halonen as to the member of CoR:

The Club of Rome has declared/ Report 2018/2019 “Come On!”/:

The crisis is not cyclical but growing. And it is not limited to the nature around us. There are also a social crisis, a political and a cultural crisis, a moral crisis, as well as a crisis of democracy, of ideologies and of the capitalist system. The crisis also consists of deepened poverty in many countries and the loss of jobs for a considerable part of the population worldwide. Billions of people have reached a state of mind where they don't trust their government anymore.

- Are those crises real for you? In which way?
- If yes, could small countries tackle those better than major states?
- What is the survival plan to Finland?
- How could small countries cooperate in this? How would it be heard in the World?
- Big powers, big money vs local understandings. E.g. Rail Baltic – are you rather excited about the opening day or would you, if possible, stop it in its current arrangement?