



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

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About Consul Raidna

Paul Raidna has been the honorary consul of the Republic of Estonia in Washington state since March 2007. He represents the economic, cultural, and political interests of the Republic of Estonia in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Raidna is the son of Estonian immigrants to the United States and was raised speaking the Estonian language. He was actively engaged in efforts to preserve Estonian national identity and culture during the Soviet occupation of Estonia prior to re-independence in 1991. He has been actively involved in the leadership of the Washington state Estonian-American community and many other Estonian and Baltic-American activities and organizations, both prior and subsequent to his appointment as the honorary consul.



Mr. Raidna enjoys a successful business career as the managing director of Graham Capital Group, LLC and a private equity firm based in Seattle, Washington. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in business administration (accounting concentration) from the University of Washington and is a certified public accountant.

About Estonia

Location: Eastern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea and Gulf of Finland, North of Latvia and west of Russia

Size: 16,684 square miles (slightly smaller than New Hampshire and Vermont combined)

Population: 1,315,912 (July 2007 est.)

Major Industries: engineering, electronics, wood and wood products, textile: information technology, telecommunications, and tourism

A republic of northeast Europe and north of the Gulf of Finland, Estonia is set in a beautiful marine location, which allows its climate to remain moderate. Aside from its rich land and culture, Estonia has a literacy rate of nearly 100 percent.

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