



ELFA'S VALUE PROPOSITION FOR ITS MEMBERS

ELFA (Estonian Logistics and Freight Forwarding Association) is a voluntary association (non-profit organisation) of legal entities engaged in the provision of international forwarding and logistics services. The purpose of the organisation is to represent and protect the common professional interests of the members, to avoid unfair competition and to contribute to the development of legislation in the sector and to the dissemination of information.

The founding meeting of ELFA was held on 6.12.1994 in Tallinn and the association has been active for 27 years. We have been a member of the sector's international organisation FIATA for 26 years and a member of the Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry for 20 years.

Currently, ELFA unites 62 companies engaged in international transport and freight forwarding or providing other logistics services, including thirteen associate members.

ELFA focuses on the following topics, which are actively dealt with both at the board and council levels.

- We are the voice and the channel of communication between the sector's companies and state institutions.
- We organise pan-industry and cross-industry meetings. We are a cooperation platform for sub-sectors (a new initiative is the round table of companies in the courier sector, the round table of the competitiveness of the transport sector, air transport, etc.).
- We take care to ensure that there is enough labour force in our sector (drivers, couriers, warehouse workers, forwarders, logisticians, etc.). We participate in the Ministry's round table on migrant labour issues.
- Mediation of various contacts and external connections for its members.
- We organise information exchange with professional organisations in neighbouring countries.
- Cooperation with various governmental and non-governmental organisations for the general development of Estonian transit.
- We advocate for additional and faster investments in 2+2 roads and infrastructure.
- We are requesting the permission of long loads (25.25 and 34.5 m) on Estonian roads.
- We participate in e-CMR, a paperless administration system for Single Window projects.
- We have a say in green issues and reducing environmental impacts, what can be done and what is not the sector's responsibility (reducing CO₂, the obligation to recycle packaging, topics related to environment protection and heavy truck tax issues, etc.).
- We issue FIATA documents (eFBL, FBL, FCR, FWB, FFI) to members.
- We help organise the logistics-related training market to ensure the availability of the internationally recognised standard (FIATA Minimum Standard) and the corresponding competence training (FIATA Diploma Training) in Estonia. In addition, we have are in cooperation with TKTK, Mainor and TalTech.
- We participate in various committees and working groups:
 - KN Transport and Logistics (participation in working groups for professional standards, in thesis defence committees)
 - ELFA's representative in European Air Cargo Program Joint Council (EACP-JC), and in working groups (both Estonian and foreign FIATA working groups) and round tables.
 - ELFA representatives participate in the sustainability advisory board of Estonian Stockpiling Agency (ESPA) from 2022.
- At least once a year, we provide members with statistics and salary surveys related to the activities of ELFA members.
- At least once a quarter, we publish the ELFA newsletter.

By being a member of ELFA, you increase your company's competitiveness, recognition and visibility. By being a member of the organisation, you contribute to improving the competitiveness of the entire Estonian forwarding and logistics sector.

For more information see: www.elea.ee