Within-country collaboration on doctoral programmes – Estonian Doctoral School

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The Estonian Doctoral School brings together doctoral students and their supervisors from all Estonian universities. Its events enable doctoral students to establish scientific contacts in their fields of specialisation and international cooperation, to gain interdisciplinary knowledge and to develop their general skills. In addition, doctoral students can apply for a short-term mobility grant. A separate series of events supports the activities of supervisors.

In addition, the doctoral school supports the involvement of experts from Estonian and international universities and other evaluated research and development institutions in the co-supervision, mentoring and advising roles for doctoral students.

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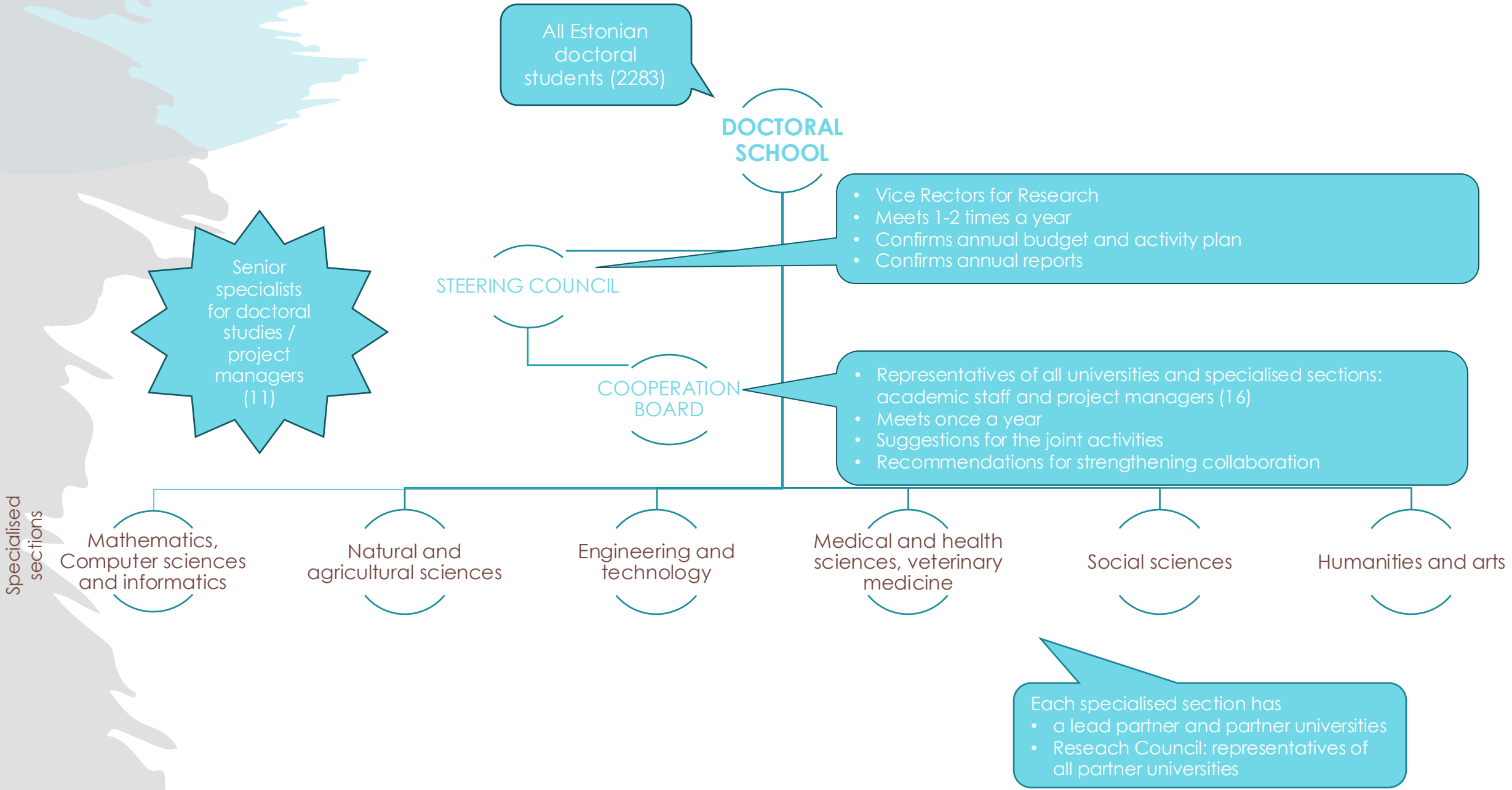
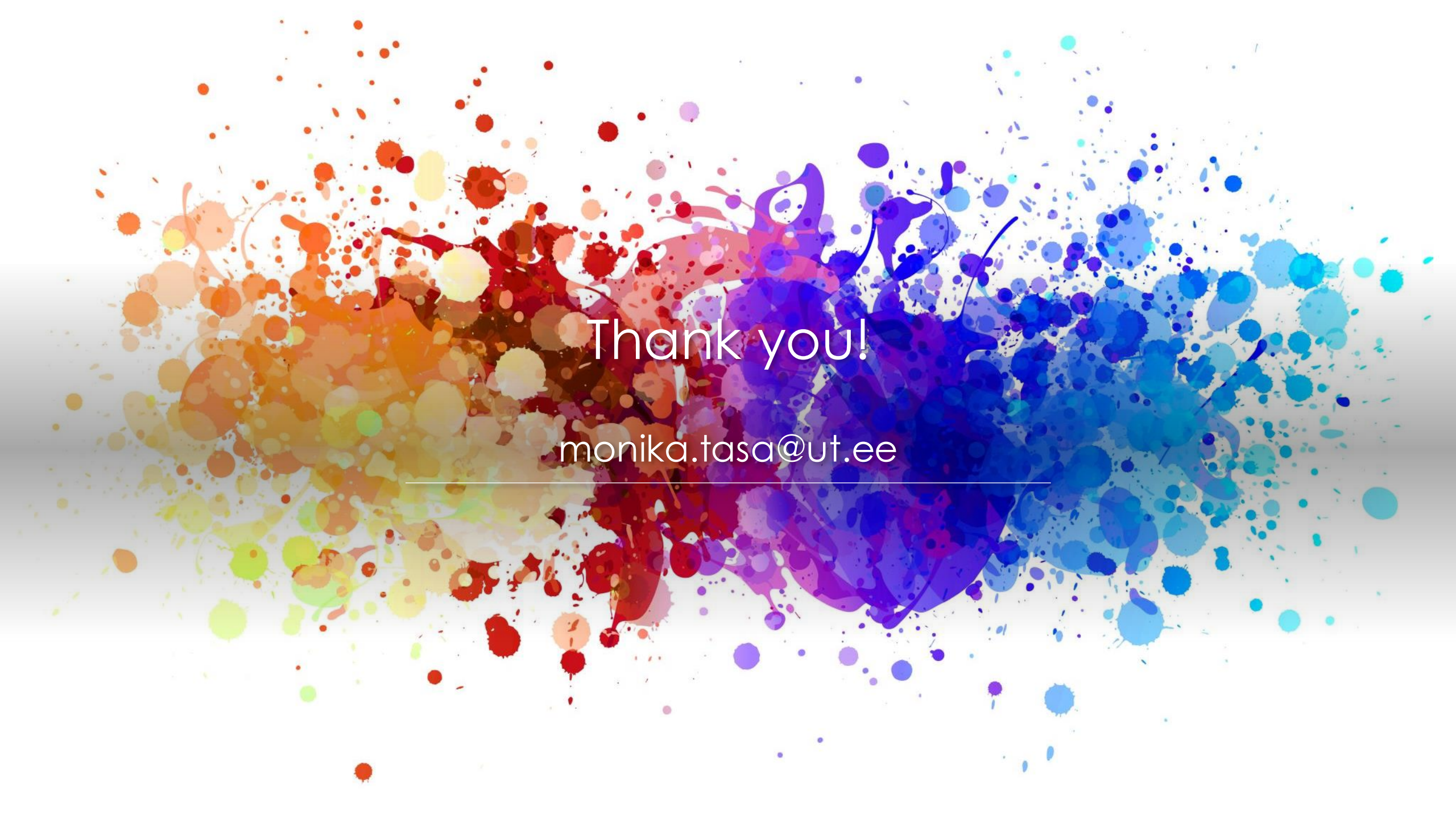

All Estonian doctoral students (2283)
DOCTORAL SCHOOL
Vice Rectors for Research
Meets 1-2 times a year
Confirms annual budget and activity plan
Confirms annual reports
Senior specialists for doctoral studies / project managers (11)
STEERING COUNCIL
COOPERATION BOARD
Representatives of all universities and specialised sections: academic staff and project managers (16)
Meets once a year
Suggestions for the joint activities
Recommendations for strengthening collaboration
Specialised sections
Mathematics, Computer sciences and informatics
Natural and agricultural sciences
Engineering and technology
Medical and health sciences, veterinary medicine
Social sciences
Humanities and arts
Each specialised section has
a lead partner and partner universities
Reseach Council: representatives of all partner universities

Challenges

- The scope of the project
  - Guidelines for communication, eligible costs, etc.
  - How do achieve actual collaboration (time, aligning interests, etc)
- The elaborate structure
  - Effective information exchange
  - Including different levels of the universities/doctoral school
- A shared understanding of DS added value
  - Knowledge of each others' programmes and requirements essential
  - Mapping needs, avoiding duplication

Benefits

- The scope of the project
  - Reaching substantial and sustainable collaboration is the goal
- Opportunities to provide quality training for our doctoral students and support for our supervisors
  - Enhancing quality
  - Considerable effect for smaller universities and specialities
- **Networking** (long-term impact): doctoral students, supervisors, administrators
  - Sharing experiences and viewpoints, new ideas, “creating new traditions”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