## **IT Transforms Core Business for Customs** and its Stakeholders

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## **Estonian Logistics Cluster**

Estonian Logistics Cluster is a joint initiative dedicated to the international marketing of the members' services, introduction of the logistic advantages of Estonia at the target markets, research and development, and logistics education

## The members of the Estonian Logistics Cluster - the key actors of the Estonia's transport sector

#### 23 members:

The largest Estonian cargo ports,

The largest port operators,

Railway infrastructure and freight services operators,

Estonia's main freight forwarding companies,

Warehousing and industrial investment service providers,

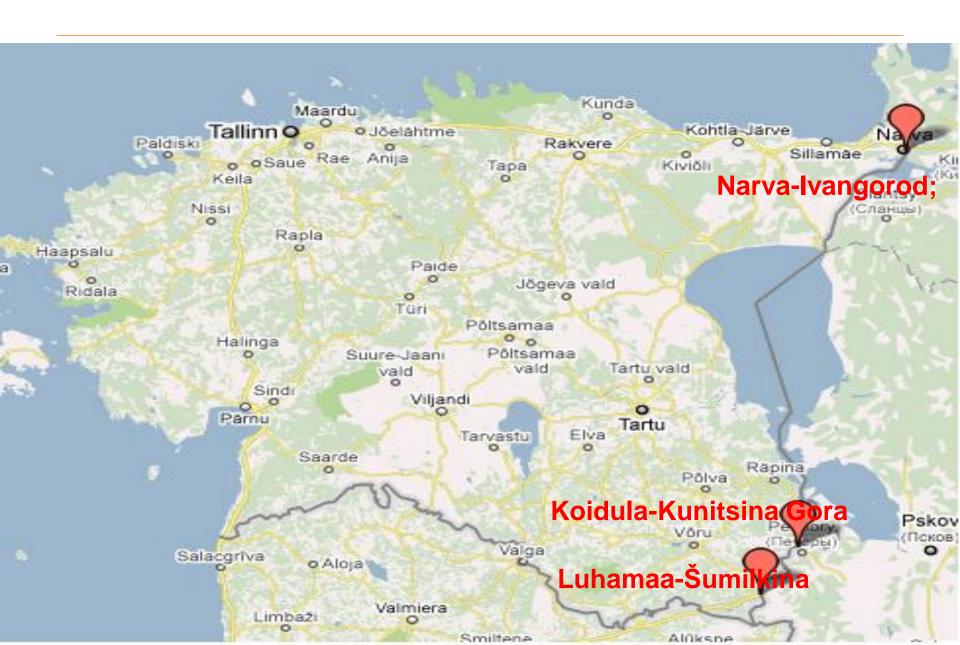
Estonia's largest airport,

Research and educational institutions



# GoSwift Electronic border queue

#### 3 Road BCP's on the east border



#### Border queue on the east border (1)

- Continuous problem over 10 years.
- Over 600 000 vehicles crossing border from Estonian side to Russia. Rise ca 10% per year.
- Political decision, that costs will be covered by border crossers(no recourses from the state budget).
- Political solution delegation to the private company.





#### Situation before 01.08.11

- ✓ Long queues at the borders up to 5-6 days
- ✓ Unlegal sale of places in queue
- ✓ Insufficient conditions for drivers, who had to wait for long period
- ✓ Garbage and pollution problems
- √ Traffic safety problems
- ✓ Insufficient security of the trucks and goods
- ✓ Drivers were unable to manage their work and rest time
- ✓ Profit loss for owners of the goods and carriers





#### Border queue on the east border (2)

- Start on April 2010 :
  - Parliament changed Law on State Border;
  - open contest to find IT system manager;
  - open contests to find waiting area managers for each BCP.
- ✓ From 1 August 2011, the procedure for border crossing on the Estonian-Russian border has changed.
- ✓ Thereafter <u>all</u> motor vehicles (categories A, B, C, D) heading towards Russia are oblidged to book a place in the electronic border queue.

## Main goals

- ✓ Not to allow black market
- ✓ Predictable border crossing time
- ✓ Opportunity to wait far from border (Tallinn etc)
- ✓ Better service for tourists, business people
- ✓ Better information, who will cross the border
- ✓ Solve security, waste and pollution problems on the roads just before border posts



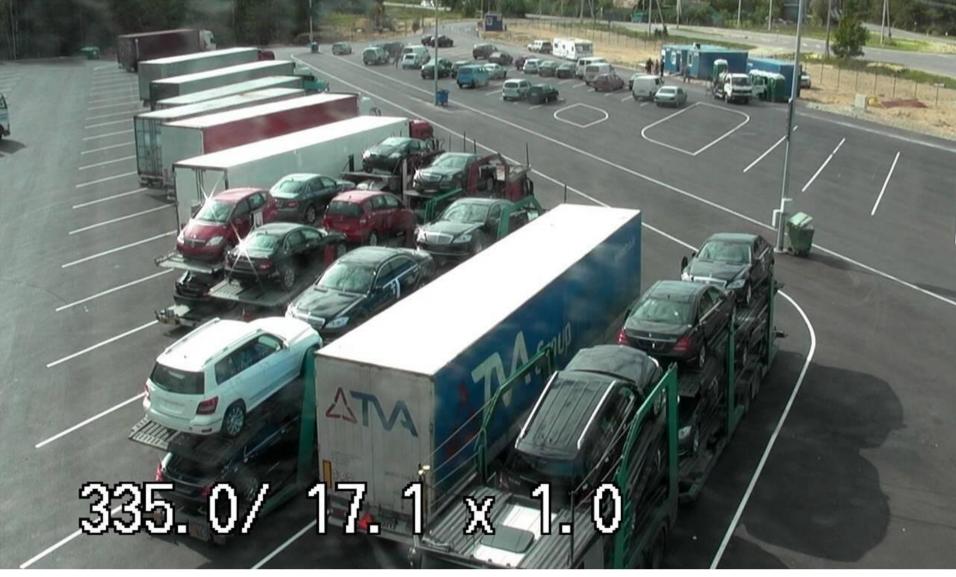


## Situation after 01.08.11

- ✓ Vehicles are in electronic queue
  - ✓ Waiting times are shorter
  - ✓ No physical waiting lines
  - ✓ Vehicles arrive at the border just before their crossing time
- ✓ Special waiting areas just before border posts where
  - ✓ Drivers are waiting for their border crossing time
  - ✓ Trucks and goods stay safe
  - ✓ Truck drivers can manage their work and rest time
  - ✓ WC, shower, cafe, free wifi etc.
  - ✓ Led screens are guiding cars to the border











## GoSwift electronic border queue

How it works (drivers view)?





#### GoSwift electronic border queue

- Book a place in the queue
- 2 Arrive to the waiting area
- 3 Cross the border





#### GoSwift – Booking

- √ 3 channels: Web, call centre, waiting area
- √ 3 languages : Estonian, English, Russian
- ✓ Payment for bookings:
  - ✓ Bank transfer (for Estonian banks)
  - ✓ Credit cards
  - ✓ Prepayment account
- ✓ Regular customer interface for
  - √ road transport and bus companies
  - √ frequent travellers





#### GoSwift - Booking via Call Centre

- ✓ Works 24-7-365
- √ 3 languages
- ✓ Booking line and information line
- ✓ Payment for bookings
  - ✓ Credit cards
  - ✓ MPI mobile payment
- ✓ Information line for extra fee





#### GoSwift – Call Centre





#### Book a place in the queue



## Enter the data of booking person, vehicle and border point



Order an additional SMS notification For charge, optional



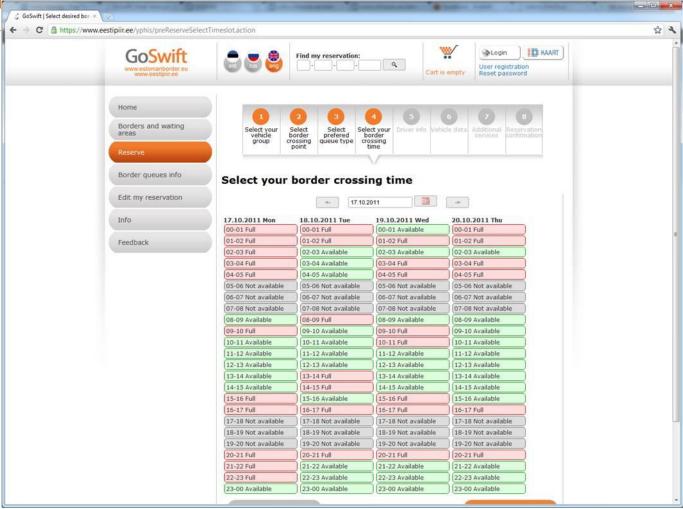
Pay for booking







#### Book a place in the queue









#### Book a place in the queue









#### Book a place in the queue - payment

- ✓ Booking via web
  - ✓ Bank transfer
  - ✓ Credit cards
  - ✓ Pre-paid account
- ✓ Booking via Call Centre
  - √ Mobile payment
  - ✓ Credit cards
  - ✓ Pre-paid account
- ✓ Booking in the waiting area
  - ✓ Cash
  - ✓ Debet cards







#### Book a place in the queue - payment fee

- ✓ Reservation fee is €1,1 + waiting area fee;
- ✓ Sum of reservation + waiting area services in year 2011:

|          | Α     | В     | С       | D      |
|----------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| Narva    | €2,00 | €3,00 | € 15,00 | €15,00 |
| Sillamäe | NA    | NA    | € 15,97 | NA     |
| Koidula  | €2,50 | €5,50 | €7,00   | €7,00  |
| Luhamaa  | €1,05 | €3,50 | € 10,00 | €10,00 |







### Waiting area and border



Arrive to the waiting area



Watch the board until your queue number appears



Drive from the waiting area to the border point





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## Drive from waiting area to the border





### GoSwift - Terms of use

- ✓ All motor vehicles need to have a reservation for crossing the border
- ✓ Reservation can be made on the Internet, by phone or in the official waiting area
- ✓ Driver of a vehicle and each vehicle can have only one reservation at a time
- ✓ You have to pay for making a reservation, the fee is non-refundable.
- ✓ Reservation can be changed not more than 3 times and not later than 3 hours before the reservation time
- ✓ All the vehicles need to pass through the waiting area before being sent to the border checkpoint
- ✓ HGV's are registered to the queue on the basis of empty vehicle or with the MRN (Movement Reference Number) of the customs declaration. MRN will be controlled by authorities at the border.

Source – https://www.eestipiir.ee/yphis/terms.action?request\_locale=en





## GoSwift – Waiting areas

- ✓ Official waiting areas near to border posts
- ✓ Created by the result of public tender, exclusive right for 5 years
- ✓ Secure parking for trucks and cars
- ✓ Border queue reservations and information
- ✓ WC, shower, wifi, cafe etc
- ✓ Large screens for border queue info







#### GoSwift – How?

- ✓ PPP Public-Private-Partnership
- ✓ Investment 0 € from national budget
- ✓ System is owned by private company, data is owned by state agency
  - -> Continuous development
  - -> Improvements are quick and flexible
- ✓ Common objectives
- ✓ Open communication





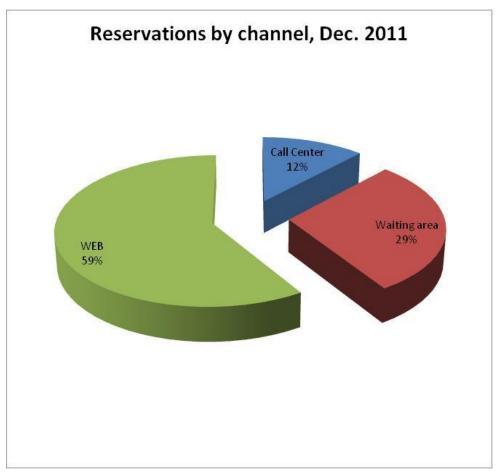
#### GoSwift – August - December 2011

- √ ~256 000 border crossings
- √ ~ 55 000 phone calls
- √ ~ 2 800 incoming questions and feedbacks
- √ ~450 000 sms messages sent





#### GoSwift - Reservations by channel



#### In December 2011:

Reservations 57300
Call center 6700
Waiting area 16700
Web 33900

#### Trends:

- ✓ Web, call center up
- ✓ Waiting area down





#### GoSwift - Outcomes

- ✓ Predictable border crossing time -> more tourists
- ✓ Better information, who will cross the border
   preliminary risk analysis
- ✓ More profit for owners of the goods and carriers
- ✓ Better traffic and security at the roads before border posts





#### **GoSwift**

Thank you!



