

Ülle Madise
Chancellor of Justice of Estonia

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Dear Professor Madise,

I wish to convey my warmest congratulations on your election as President of the Republic of Estonia.

Your election is a significant personal achievement and, at the same time, a source of great satisfaction for the wider Ombudsman community. Your years of service as Chancellor of Justice have been marked by a strong commitment to constitutional democracy, good administration, the protection of fundamental rights and the independence of oversight institutions.

Over the years, I have greatly valued the opportunities we have had to exchange views through our respective international commitments and participation in Ombudsman fora. These exchanges have consistently reflected your clarity of thought, practical approach and deep understanding of the role that independent institutions must play in safeguarding rights and strengthening public trust.

It was also a particular pleasure for the Office of the Ombudsman in Malta to welcome you as a guest speaker at the International Ombudsman Conference held in Malta in October 2025. Your contribution to the discussion on digitalisation and artificial intelligence was especially timely and thought provoking. Your emphasis on ensuring that technological innovation remains firmly anchored in human rights, democracy and meaningful human control left a lasting impression and enriched the wider discussion among participating institutions.

Your election to the highest office of the Republic of Estonia is a fitting recognition of your distinguished public service and of the contribution you have made, both nationally and internationally, to the promotion of constitutional values and human dignity.

On behalf of the Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsman of Malta, and on my own behalf, I extend to you my sincere congratulations and best wishes as you prepare to assume your new responsibilities.

I wish you every success in your service to the people of Estonia and look forward with great pleasure to following the next chapter of your distinguished public life.

Yours sincerely,



Judge Emeritus Joseph Zammit McKeon
Parliamentary Ombudsman – Malta