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EUExNet National Node of Estonia meets regularly having meetings, seminars and networking in the frame of activities of Association of Estonian Mining Enterprises and Estonian Mining Society. Currently discussions of profession awarding, safety regulations, and safety measures are being carried on.

According to the annual report of Technical Surveillance Authority, no accidents occurred in the handling of explosive substances (including pyrotechnical products) in 2010. 4 competency examinations in the field of pyrotechnics and explosive substances were carried out in 2010. 60 persons participated in the exams. In total, 55 certificates of competency were issued, 29 of which were extended. The regulations of the Explosive Substances Act, on regulation of staff certification and keeping of explosive substances and pyrotechnic articles, were analysed in 2010, and motions to amend were prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications. As a result, instead of the previous two regulations, only one was prepared for conservation of explosive substances and pyrotechnic products. From 2011 two important changes occurred in Estonia. Professional qualification body for explosives handling and blasting in mining and demolishing was issued.



Another professional qualification activity is preparations by Estonian Mining Society for starting mining engineering professional qualification awarding. For that mining engineering standard has been accepted and curricula has been opened according to this standard in the Department of Mining of Tallinn University of Technology.

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