

Taavi Rõivas, who was given the authorities to form the government, today introduced the ministers of the new government to the President, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, in Kadriorg. Following the introduction, the President of the Republic signed the decision to appoint the new government to office.

"As I said on Independence Day: the success of Estonia relies on security, education and health. Everything else relies on these values," emphasised President Ilves, when addressing the new government.

"Estonia is protected. We have an efficient national security system and strong alliance relations in NATO and the European Union," stated the Head of State. "Every person is important in Estonia. For Estonia, it is important that every person who lives here can manage and that no one feels alone."

"All these principles are present in the programme of the new government. I do hope that the government, which consists of representatives of the Reform Party and Social Democratic Party, will be strong and energetic," told President Ilves, who wished the new government strength and productive co-operation.

Members of the government that was appointed to the office today:

Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas  
Minister of Education and Research Jevgeni Ossinovski  
Minister of Justice and Agriculture Andres Anvelt  
Minister of Defence Sven Mikser  
Minister of the Environment Keit Pentus-Rosimannus  
Minister of Culture Urve Tiidus  
Minister of Economic Affairs and Communications Urve Palo  
Minister of Finance Jürgen Ligi  
Minister of the Interior and for Regional Affairs Hanno Pevkur  
Minister of Social Affairs Helmen Kütt  
Minister of Foreign Affairs Urmas Paet  
Minister Urmas Kruuse  
Minister Anne Sulling

The government, led by Taavi Rõivas, will assume office today after being sworn into office at the Riigikogu.

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