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In today's Vatnik Soup, I'll introduce KOOS party leader and Estonian crypto businessman Oleg Ivanov. He's best known for running shady businesses, spreading Russian false narratives in Estonia, and participating in the pro-Kremlin political party KOOS.

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As a talented youngster, Oleg learned Estonian almost flawlessly, was a promising karate athlete, and landed a job at a law firm at just 20. He caught the eye of Estonian fuel entrepreneur Endel Siff, who quickly took him under his wing.

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Oleg Ivanov, the 23-year-old chairman of the board of the port of Bekker, is like the American dream in Estonian reality - a young man from a simple Russian family, whose team earns the port a million kroons a month.

Oleg, who graduated from a Russian-language high school at the age of 26, speaks fluent Estonian and English. He is the winner of the Estonian Cup in karate and the owner of a brown belt.

Oleg's friends are five to ten years older than him. "My generation wants to party more and chase girls," he reasons. "I was born and raised in Estonia and I can say that I have more of an Estonian than a Russian mentality," admits Oleg. "I don't feel safe in Russia."

Oleg's father, Vladimir Ivanov, was a longtime politician from the Russian-funded United People's Party of Estonia. His career at the town hall ended abruptly when he was caught drunk at work. After that, he went into business with his son, Oleg.

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The Ivanovs owned a supermarket in Lasnamäe. Additionally, Oleg held a stake in the Russian-language newspapers Vesti and Eesti Päevaleht. Previously introduced Estonian MEP Jana Toom became the paper's editor-in-chief in 2004.

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According to the Estonian weekly Vesti, the company publishing the newspaper, Merliner Holding, therefore organized an additional share issue. Siff said that for him it is an investment, and as a major shareholder, he hopes to get income from his newspaper business. In Siff's opinion, the purpose of the publishing house must be to publish politically independent newspapers that are interesting to all Estonian residents. Siff noted that, as a completely logical step, this step was followed by withdrawal from the Fatherland Union, to which he sent a statement of exclusion from his party yesterday. The other major owner of the newspaper is Oleg Ivanov, who previously worked under Siff as the manager of the port of Bekker. Oleg Ivanov, who left his job at the port, became the owner of Estonija this spring, when Gennadi Ever sold the paper to him.

In 2012, Ivanov bought Terminal Sapjorni, an oil terminal in St. Petersburg. The business was a failure, and like many scammers at that time, he pivoted to crypto, marketing OneCoin and DagCoin.

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## DagCoin

Let's first quickly go over DagCoin, who is behind it, and why it is a slightly modified pyramid scheme.

DagCoin gained popularity in the Middle East, but Estonia's state security police (KAPO) flagged it as a potential vehicle for terrorist financing. In 2022, DagCoin's owners were arrested for fraud. Ivanov, however, was only a marketer, not a manager, so he remained free.



## The creators of the virtual currency are suspected of defrauding 8 million euros

19 October 2022

At the beginning of October, the Central Criminal Police arrested four men suspected of investment fraud. According to the suspicion, the men provided false information in order to sell the dagcoin they had created and thereby earned nearly 8 million euros.

In the spring of 2018, four Estonian men created an opportunity to acquire the virtual currency dagcoin. Dagcoin was promoted, among other things, through network marketing and sold on trading platforms created for this purpose. The suspects gave the impression that dagcoin is a virtual currency whose development and sale process is carried out by independent and reliable persons, but it is suspected that the companies related to dagcoin were secretly managed by two of its creators.

District prosecutor Kristiina Laas explained that, according to the suspicion, the men provided false information in order to sell virtual currency. "The price of dagcoin depended on the number of its users - the more people who accept dagcoin as a means of payment, the higher the price. Based on the data collected so far in the criminal proceedings, there is a reason to believe that the suspects have artificially increased the price of dagcoin and the number of its users in order to receive investment, creating a perception for the public as a functional and constantly increasing value virtual currency that can be used as a means of payment or earn income from its storage."

According to preliminary data, this kind of activity has caused a loss of nearly 8 million euros to investors. Most of the victims are from foreign countries.



Dagcoin CEO Nils Grossberg. Photo: Private collection/Nils Grossberg

During the publication of the yearbook of the Defense Police Agency (KAPO), the general public did not notice that, in addition to several threats, there was also brief attention paid to Dagcoin, a cryptocurrency created by Estonians, which, according to the agency, could be used to finance terrorism.

# Virtuaalväeringu loojaid kahtlustatakse 8 miljoni euro väljapetmises

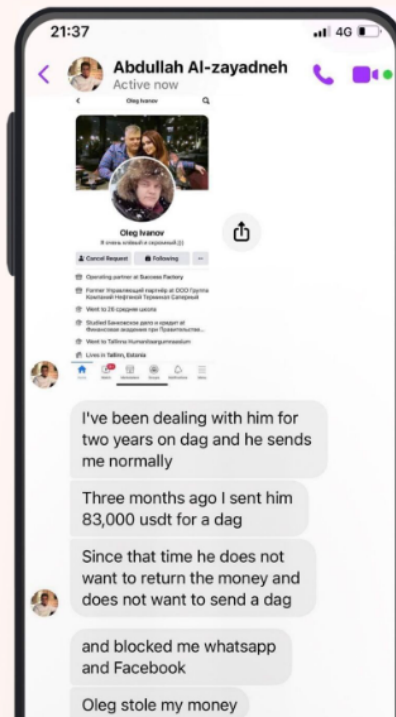
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Keskriminaalpolitsei pidas oktoobri alguses kinni neli meest, keda kahtlustatakse investeerimiskelmuses. Kahtlustuse kohaselt esitasid mehed valeandmeid, et müüa enda loodud dagcoini ning teenisid seeläbi ligi 8 miljoni eurot.

2018. aasta kevadel löid neli Eesti meest võimaluse soetada virtuaalväeringut dagcoin. Dagcoini reklaamiti muuhulgas võrkturunduse teel ning müüdi selleks loodud kauplemissplatvormidel. Kahtlustatavad jätsid mulje, et dagcoin on virtuaalväering, mille arendus- ja müügiprotsessis osalevad sõltumatud ja usaldusväärsed isikud, kuid kahtlustuse kohaselt juhtisid dagcoiniga seotud äriühinguid varjatult kaks selle loojat.

Ringkonnaprokurör Kristiina Laas selgitas, et kahtlustuse kohaselt esitasid mehed virtuaalväeringu müümiseks valeandmeid. „Dagcoini hind sõltus selle kasutajate hulgast – mida rohkem on neid, kes dagcoini maksevahendina aktsepteerivad, seda kõrgem on hind. Kriminaalmenetluses seni kogutud andmetele tuginedes on alust arvata, et kahtlustatavad on investeringu saamise eesmärgil dagcoini hind ja selle kasutajate hulka kunstlikult kasvatanud, luues üldsusele arusaama kui toimivast ja pidevalt väärtust kasvatavast virtuaalväeringust, mida on võimalik kasutada maksevahendina või teenida tulu selle hoiustamisest.“

Esialgsel ajal andmetel on sellise tegevusega investoritele tekitatud ligi 8 miljonit eurot kahju. Enamik kannatanuid on välisriikidest.



Abdullah al-Zayadneh kirjutab, et ta saatis kolm kuud tagasi Oleg Ivanovile dagcoinide eest 83 000 usdt žetoone, kuid sellest ajast peale pole ta saanud ei dagcoine ega makstud raha. „Oleg varastas mu raha ära,“ ütles al-Zayadneh veel mõni aeg tagasi.  
Foto: Facebook

Despite declaring bankruptcy in 2021, owing creditors €816,000, Oleg continued living a life of luxury. He resides in a beautiful home, drives a fancy car, wears expensive clothes, and recently vacationed in Monaco, France, and Tenerife.

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Fotol Eestimaa Ühendatud Vasakpartei nimekirjas parlamendivalimistel osalenud Oleg Ivanov ja tema 2013. aasta Range Rover. — Foto: Taavi Sepp







Ivanov’s political career kicked off in 2022, barely a month after Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine. His video blogs amassed hundreds of thousands of views and were widely shared by Russian propaganda outlets. He actively pushed the “Bucha was a hoax” narrative.

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After its creation, Oleg joined the pro-Kremlin political party KOOS. But KOOS was never a real political party: it was a front for Russian influence. With Ivanov’s help, it spread Moscow’s disinformation, portraying NATO as an “occupier” and Estonia as “anti-Russian.”

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Leveraging his experience in crypto marketing, Oleg began aggressively promoting KOOS online. His approach involved flashy conferences, slick advertising, and shady financials. For Ivanov, KOOS wasn't just politics—it was another business opportunity.

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## The leader of a scandalous political movement entices to invest in a secret society



The secret society of crypto-businessman and novice politician Oleg Ivanov promises investors fantastic returns from sometimes non-commercial companies and encourages them to become owners of the new cryptocurrency. Cooperation with the country's largest savings and loan cooperative is also allowed.

(guideline specified on 18.04.2023)

Oleg Ivanov is one of the leaders of the pro-Kremlin political movement KooS, created last year. It is less known that he is a member of the board of the non-profit cooperative International Cooperation, which was established at the end of last year. This cooperative promises to save its members from the financial disaster looming behind the window.



Entrepreneur Oleg Ivanov: Danish news channel portrays me as a frostbitten Russian Putinoid (video)

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One of Ivanov's biggest stunts was his protest against Estonia's decision to remove Soviet-era monuments. These were symbols of occupation, but Ivanov framed their removal as an "attack on history," deliberately stirring tensions.



He organized demonstrations, spread false claims that Estonia was “erasing history,” and pushed the Kremlin’s narrative that the Baltic states were trying to paint Russia as the villain. In reality, Estonia was simply rejecting the Soviet legacy of oppression.

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## Russia puts Estonia prime minister on wanted list for destroying Soviet monuments

Russian police have put Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas, Lithuania's culture minister, and members of the previous Latvian parliament on a wanted list for destroying Soviet-era monuments, according to the Russian interior ministry's database.



File photo. Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas arrives to attend the third meeting of the European Political Community in Granada, Spain, 05 October 2023. [EPA-EFE/Miguel Angel Molina]

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His rhetoric mirrored that of other pro-Kremlin propagandists in Estonia. He claimed the country should remain “neutral” to avoid being dragged into war with Russia. He also collaborated with other Estonian vatniks, like Harry Raudvere, Aivo Peterson & Oleg Bessedin.

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KOOSOLEK: Aivo Peterson filmimas poliitlikumise üht esimest koosolekut. Taamal on näha kapo aastaraamatuski mainitud provokaator Sergei Tšaulin.

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Ivanov was organizing funds from a Russian state foundation linked to Russian intelligence to pay for the lawyers of the co-founder of the KOOS Party, Aivo Peterson, who is facing treason charges for his ties with Russian intelligence.

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## Leaked Kremlin letter claims Estonian lawyers receive secret money in treason case (260)

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He also attended an event in St. Petersburg titled “Baltic Fascism: Evidence for a Future Tribunal.” In his own speech, he called for the Kremlin to respond to Estonia’s “aggressive policies.” The event’s poster called for “liberation” of Tallinn, Vilnius and Riga.

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Oleg Ivanov (right) sat on the left hand of the deputy head of the Compatriots Foundation at a discussion group held in St. Petersburg in June of this year. The same month, according to Delfi, the foundation was sent the defense plan described in this article.

PHOTO: SCREENSHOT FROM THE EVENT BROADCAST

The event in question was entirely anti-Estonian, with the title “Baltic Fascism: Evidence for a Future Tribunal.” In his speech, Ivanov incited Russia to respond to Estonia’s aggressive policies. At the same time, the event’s poster called for the liberation of Tallinn, Vilnius, and Riga.



He tried to expand KOOS into the other Baltic states and Finland but has since departed it due to “financial questions from the leadership of the party,” probably meaning that Oleg yet again tried to make some extra rubles from the party’s activities.

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## Notice of Oleg Ivanov's resignation from the KOSO party

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Oleg Ivanov wrote a letter of resignation from the political party and the board of the party KOOS

On Friday evening, December 13, 2024, Oleg Ivanov submitted an application to the board members of the party KOOS to leave the party board. and

In a video address published on his personal Facebook page, Oleg Ivanov explained the reasons for this step to his constituents.

"In connection with the fact that I was offered a job that is not compatible with being a member of the board of the Estonian political party or Estonian politics, I decided to thank you all sincerely and move on".

Oleg Ivanov said in his address.

The board of the KOOS party wishes Oleg Ivanov success in opening new, ambitious and perspective pages in his life.

Like many before him, Oleg fled to Russia after there were rumors of legal consequences for his actions. According to him, Estonian security services moved against him for spreading extremist ideas and working in the interests of a foreign power.



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## Estonia issued international arrest warrant for ex-offender of the party

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Estonia issued an international arrest warrant for Oleg Ivanov, a pro-Kremlin information warrior with Estonian citizenship. However, it is not about his views or utterances, but rather about alleged cryptocurrencies.

Today, he resides in sunny Sochi, where he was quickly embraced as yet another so-called “victim of Western persecution.” Russian state media turned him into a propaganda tool, claiming Estonia had driven him out simply for his political views.

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