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Following two projects are drawing to a close

Tourism project "Enjoy the best in Latvia, Estonia and Russia" has popularized the attractiveness and tourism potential of border regions of 3 countries. 2 thematic tourism routes were drafted -recreation for families with children and for gourmands. Informative booklet with a road map, tourist information was issued in 5 languages and distributed during 9 international tourism fairs in Programme territory as well as in Netherlands, Germany and Lithuania. Project partners - Latvian Camping Association, Estonian Caravan Club, and Regional Sports Federation of Sport Tourism of Leningrad region have signed the agreement for further cooperation in the field of tourism.

Sports project „Promotion of Healthy Life-Style Organizing Sport Events in Latgale and Pskov Regions" or „CROSSBO ACTIVE" has fostered the life quality and access to sports and health facilities for socially excluded community groups and raised awareness of healthy lifestyle. In cooperation of Latgale Planning Region (Latvia) and Pskov State educational institution "Children and Youth Centre Sports Training" (Russia) was organised 17 tournaments in 7 different fields of sports for disabled, youth and elderly people.

ENI Estonia-Russia CBC Programme 2014-2020 preparation expert employed

The ENI Estonia-Russia Programme preparation expert, Mr Taivo Tali, has started work in the Enterprise Estonia in Tartu from 12 August, 2013. His educational and job's background is Strategic and Regional Planning, Regional Development and management of EU projects. He is responsible for preparation of new bilateral ENI Estonia-Russia CBC Joint Operational Programme Document in close cooperation with the Joint Programming committee, national and regional authorities and other stakeholders.

ENI Latvia - Russia CBC Programme 2014-2020 thematic seminar hold in Riga

50 representatives from all regions of Latvia gathered for a discussion on the future prospects for cooperation with the border regions of Russia on 21 August in Riga. Promotion of cross-border movement, strengthening regional competitiveness and business development, sustainable use of natural resources – these are three thematic areas of co-operation are planned with the Russian border regions in the next programming period 2014-2020. The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia is authorized to coordinate the process of preparation of the new programme.

Seminars for 2nd Call Beneficiaries and partners hold in Rēzekne and Tartu

Third identical two day seminar took place in Rēzekne (Latvia) on 13-14 August in Embassy of Latgale "GORS". Above 80 participants from Estonia, Latvia and Russia representing 14 projects were introduced with Programme requirements in order to ensure successful implementation of the project and smooth upcoming reporting to those projects who signed Grant Contracts in spring 2013.

Around 30 participants from Estonia and Latvia attended the seminar on Reporting organised in Tartu on 22 August in Atlantis Conference Centre. Presentations by JTS staff covered issues like narrative and financial reporting, reasons for Expenditure Verification and reflecting project visibility.

European Cooperation Day 2013 –Be part of it!

To celebrate the European Cooperation Day and to leave a little green footprint in surrounding city environment Estonia-Latvia-Russia Programme is organising public tree planting activities:

- 5 September at 11.00 in Dendropark near Mirozhsky monastery, Pskov, Russia
- 10 September at 13.00 in Vipinga Forest Park, Rēzekne, Latvia
- 14 September at 12.00 in Tähtvere Sports Park, Tartu, Estonia

Your JTS Team.