

FACT SHEET, January, 2013

Other 20 projects to join the Programme soon

On 14 January 2013 the Joint Managing Authority of the Estonia-Latvia-Russia cross border cooperation Programme received a **positive feedback from the Directorate General for Development and Cooperation of the European Commission** with regard to 20 Project Applications that were recommended for financing by the Joint Monitoring Committee of the Programme during its meeting in December 2012.

Thus all 20 Project Applications are approved. As noted in the letter of the EC – this is a very important result and Grant Contracts to be signed at soonest shall turn in tangible results for beneficiaries in cross border area covered by the Programme. On 18 January the **results** of the evaluation process were communicated to the successful Applicants **through official letters**. Within next 15 days the decision letters to the rejected project applications will be sent out.

Improving Infrastructure on Latvian-Russian Border

Grant Contract for 5, 8 million EUR of ENPI Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme co-financing has been countersigned with the State Joint Stock Company "State Real Estate" in Riga (Latvia) at the end of 2012. Large Scale Project **"Reconstruction of BCP "Vientuži" and arrangement of BCP "Brunishevo"** from Russian side involves the Federal Agency for the Development of the State Border Facilities of the Russian Federation and Federal State Budget Institution "Rosgranstroy". The project contributes to the improvement of infrastructural component on two Latvian-Russian border points thus **increasing qualitative and quantitative capacity of Border Control Checkpoints Vientuži/Ludonka and Pededze/Brunishevo, so that both become fully functioning multilateral Checkpoints in the nearest future.**

The 6th JMC Meeting held in December, 2012

The sixth meeting of the Joint Monitoring Committee of the Programme was held in **Riga, Latvia on 13th-14th December 2012**. The Joint Monitoring Committee approved the results of the second phase of the evaluation process of the project proposals as well as **the list of the projects recommended to be funded under the 2nd call for proposals**.

During the meeting **JMC members also approved necessary working documents for 2013**: Annual Work Plan, Information and Visibility Plan and Technical Assistance Budget. Joint Monitoring Committee members were introduced with the present **status of the implementation of the Programme** and results of **remarkable Programme events of 2012**. Detailed information and facts about the events can be found in a specially elaborated [Newsletter](#).

First introduction with **Events that will be held in 2013** was provided. The **Annual Event** of the Programme, devoted to tourism development will take place **on 10-11 June in Sigulda, Latvia** and the **European Cooperation Day is dated again on 21 September 2013**. More information will be published on Programme's website in February – www.estlatrus.eu