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**Capitalisation of the Programmes Tourism Development Projects has started**

Capitalisation and Communication seminars for Communication and Project Managers of **project Beneficiaries and Partners of the Calls for Proposals** and Large Scale Projects took place in Valga, Estonia on 20 March, 2013 with around 30 participants and in St. Petersburg, Russia on 26 March, 2013 with around 50 participants.

During these seminars for the first time capitalisation as a method of transferring results, experience gained and best practice into the value, that can be used in the future, was introduced. Seminars were aimed also at improvement of the project visibility and marketing of the first results and achievements of supported Projects through photography as one of the ways of capitalisation. The upcoming Programme events in 2013 were presented as an opportunity to promote the Projects to wider public, too.

**Seminars started the Capitalisation Pilot Action** and further on Capitalisation Questionnaire were distributed to 8 Projects supported within the Measure 3.1. – Tourism Development. Feedback and results will be compiled and analysed in the thematic study, which will be presented at the Annual Event of the Programme in June 2013. **Registration to the Annual Event – Conference and the Exhibition will be opened in the beginning of April 2013.**

**Further improvement of border crossing between Latvia and Russia supported**

**F**ollowing the decision of the Joint Monitoring Committee **additional financing has been awarded to the Large Scale Project “Reconstruction of BCP “Vientuļi” and arrangement of BCP “Brunishevo””**. Addendum to the Grant Contract of the amount of **EUR 2 568 373** of the Programme financing has been **countersigned by the State Joint Stock Company “Real State Estate” in Riga, Latvia on 21March 2013**.

The financing has been reallocated for further improvement of the border-crossing point Vientuļi following the strategic objective of turning of this point into fully functioning border crossing point for passenger and cargo vehicles in the future and total budget of the project reaches **EUR 9 012 817.** It includes EUR 8 368 373 ENPI funding and Russian Federation co-financing, as well EUR 644 444 co-financing from the State Budget of the Republic of Latvia due to the **project beneficiary is the Latvian State Joint Stock Company “Real State Estate”**.

 **Ms Anna Filatova** has started to fulfil her duties as the Information Manager in the JTS Branch Office in Pskov, Russian Federation from 1 April 2013 and will replace Ms Ekaterina Moskaleva temporarily. Anna has graduated from the Faculty of Foreign Languages of Pskov State Pedagogical Institute and completed a course of post-graduate education in Herzen Russian State Pedagogical University, St.-Petersburg with academic degree of the **Candidate of Philology**. She is **experienced in office management and administrative tasks** proved by her work in the City Administration of Pskov, interpreting and translating experience acquired in her volunteered work.

**New Information Manager recruited for the JTS Branch Office in Pskov**

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