

## FACT SHEET, October, 2013

### European Cooperation Day 2013 helped projects to go public

**European Cooperation Day 2013** was widely celebrated by Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme. **14 events were organized by 15 Projects of the Programme.**

Celebrations continued also in October. „**Common Peipsi**” **Project opened its first investment site in Estonia – Rāpina Harbour**, with broadcast by national television of Estonia ETV. Exhibition „Digitalized documentary heritage about Riga Technical University from National Archives of Latvia” was organized by Project „E-archives”. Clean-up activities organized by the Project “Aqua Life” helped to improve the environmental conditions of border regions in active cooperation of the partners from Latvia and Russia. All events gathered local people of all ages and positions.

**The photo competition** among the cross-border cooperation projects "**Put Your Project in the Headline**" was organised by the ENPI Info Centre in conjunction with INTERACT ENPI in the framework of European Cooperation Day.

The competition attracted great attention and the projects of Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme not only took an active part in it, but were noticed and highly appreciated. In the first round of the competition the photo of the "**EstRusForTour-2**" **project was among 10 photos** chosen by professional experts from the ENPI Info centre. **Altogether 14 photos participated in the second round for "Special Audience Prize"**, submitted by the projects CCB, CROSSBO ACTIVE, AAC, LSG Development, Via Hanseatica, E-archive, Green Man together with JTS, EstRusForTour-2, Tour and by the JTS of the Programme.

### Exchange of the best practices among 7 ENPI Programmes in Lilaste, Latvia

**Implementing authorities of seven cross border cooperation Programmes** with participation of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine as external partners **have met for the Annual Meeting** in Lilaste, Latvia on 8 October 2013. Representatives of each Programme - Project Managers, Financial Experts and Information Managers, presented current state of play and exchanged best implementation practices of the Programmes, including on-spot visits to the projects, reporting and role of external experts in supervising the project implementation, risk assessment and analysis of project results, and programme-closing.

Heads of the JTSs and JMA of Karelia ENPI shared their view of implementation time lines and introduced activities, which will help to monitor deadlines especially for projects with infrastructure component, discussed planning of savings and possible ways of their use, capacity building of existing project management teams.

### Seminar on Procurement took place in St. Petersburg, Russia

On 22 October seminar for the beneficiaries and partners took place in St. Petersburg (Russia). More than 60 participants from Latvia, Estonia and Russia were introduced with the most important and complicated issue – **Russian legislation on procurements**. Competent lecturers presented Federal Law 223-FZ and differences of the currently operational Federal Law 94-FZ and coming into action from the year 2014 Federal Law 44-FZ.

### Developments in preparation of the Estonia – Russia cross border cooperation Programme

The meeting of the 2nd Joint Programming Committee (JPC) for preparation of future Estonia-Russia CBC Programme where the representatives of Estonia and Russia, European Commission and ENPI INTERACT project discussed preparation of new programme took place in Tallinn on 16 October. **The meeting became an important step forward in the Programming process.** The decision on the location of the Joint Managing Authority of the future EST-RUS Programme in the Republic of Estonia was made; the main office of the Joint Technical Secretariat will be located in Estonia and Branch Offices in Russia. The Programme territory was also outlined and is going to include Pskov region, Leningrad region and St. Petersburg in Russia and Lõuna-Eesti, Kirde-Eesti, Kesk-Eesti and Põhja-Eesti in Estonia.

**Your JTS Team.**