

CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAMME EVENTS: ECDay 2012 and 2013



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2014 – Year of childhood!



On 3 August 2013 during celebration of the 86th anniversary of Leningrad region the Governor of the Region Alexandr Drozdenko announced the year 2014 to be the Year of Childhood in the Leningrad region.

In his opinion, though the plans and perspectives can change with time depending on everyday challenges, those representing our future and our social responsibility – children and veterans – should always be in the focus of our attention. "Children are the future; supporting them we already now build the basis for future prosperity. That is why it was decided to announce the coming 2014 year "The Year of Childhood" in the Leningrad region." – said the Governor in his interview.

Within the frame of the Year of Childhood the regional authorities in cooperation with public and non-commercial organizations, business and media are arranging public events directed towards development of support of children and families.

State Committee for Education and State Committee for Social Care of the Leningrad region are arranging festivals of creative works, sports events, and public awareness actions aimed at supporting talented children, families with children having special needs, foster families and families at social risk, assisting general and vocational education of youth.

The Administration of Leningrad region also continues taking part in implementation of state programs and assisting in the work of charitable institutions, providing support to children and youth.

The issue of support to children and youth and families with children in the spheres of sport, education, social rehabilitation and adaptation are also among the key priorities of the states of the EU. Thus Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme responded and integrated the thematic of children and youth support into the topics of the Annual Event of the Programme, hosted in the year 2014 by Gatchina, Leningrad Region.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 01.05.14** [LANDSCAPE PEARLS: Launching of educational program "Landlord laboratory"](#)
- 03.05.14** [SVS ACTIVETOUR: International competition](#)
- 07.05.14** [FOSTER SME: Forum of Russian Entrepreneurship in Pechory, Russia](#)
- 07.05.14** [HERITAGE BUSINESS: Training for SMEs in Ape region, Latvia](#)
- 08.05.14** [PEOPLE WITH NATURE: Study days in Nature Education Centre](#)
- 14.05.14** [LOGONTRAIN: Participation in the International Conference "TRANSESTONIA 2014"](#)
- 14.05.14** [PEOPLE WITH NATURE: Study days in Nature Education Centre](#)
- 22.05.14** [T & L: Participation in the Exhibition "PSKOV EXPO 2014" in Pskov, Russia](#)
- 22.05.14** [ESTLATRUS TRAFFIC: Final Traffic Safety Forum](#)

3–4.06.14

Programme Annual Event "Joint solutions for the benefit of the Estonia-Latvia-Russia border areas"

- [LANDSCAPE PEARLS: Conference and opening of Grand Cascade in Pavlovsk Park, Pavlovsk, Russia](#) **03.06.14**
- [PEOPLE WITH NATURE: Study days in Nature Education Centre](#) **05.06.14**
- [LOGONTRAIN: Summer School for logistics teachers of Estonia and Latvia in Riga, Latvia](#) **09.06.14**
- [VIA HANSEATICA: FAM tour for journalists and stakeholders along Via Hanseatica tourism route](#) **16.06.14**
- [NATURE THERAPY: Training course for social workers](#) **16.06.14**
- [PEOPLE WITH NATURE: International Youth Nature Education Camp in Estonia](#) **16.06.14**
- [LANDSCAPE PEARLS: Seminar for museum specialists in Aluksne, Latvia](#) **16.06.14**
- [E-ARCHIVE: The final conference "Digital archives and historical cross-border heritage" in Riga, Latvia](#) **19.06.14**

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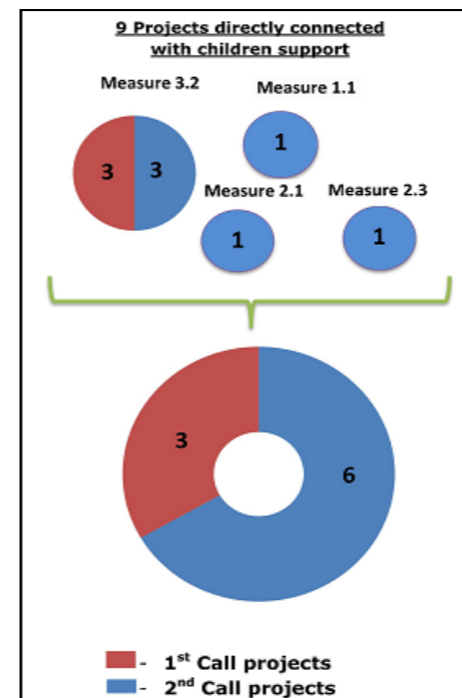
Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme within ENPI 2007-2013 has been launched in 2010. The strategic objective of the Programme is promotion of joint development to improve competitiveness of the Region using its socio-economic potential and beneficial location on the cross roads of the EU and the Russian Federation. The specific objective is to make the wider border area an attractive place for both inhabitants and businesses through activities aimed at improving the living standards and investment climate.

Children in Programme focus

Among the Programme Priorities or Measures there is no directly formulated assistance to children or families, but due to its evident importance for all the stakeholders of the Programme in the wider border territory of Estonia, Latvia and Russia many projects support children. **Over 10 000 children are benefiting from the cooperation between three countries** in the frame of the cross border cooperation participating in **24 out of 50 projects supported by the Programme.**

9 of the projects of the Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme **are directly connected with children support** having families and children as their final beneficiaries. Measures represented here are

- 3.2 - Cooperation in spheres of culture, sport, education, social and health;
- 1.1 - Fostering of socio-economic development and encouraging business and entrepreneurship;
- 2.1 - Joint actions aimed at protection of environment and natural resources;
- 2.3 - Improvement of energy efficiency and promotion of renewable energy sources.



15 projects working in even more various spheres **have children and youth among their target groups.** To the above mentioned 4 Measures are added as well:

- 1.2 - Transport, logistics and communication solutions;
- 1.3 - Tourism development;
- 2.2 - Preservation and promotion of cultural and historical heritage and support of local traditional skills.

