

## FACT SHEET, December, 2014

### Joint Monitoring Committee Gathered for the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting

On 10 December 2014 the **9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Monitoring Committee** (JMC) of ENPI Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme 2007-2013 took place in St.Petersburg (Russia) to evaluate realization of the Programme and to make decisions on forthcoming year and further implementation of the Programme. Annual Work Plan, Information and Visibility Plan, Technical Assistance Budget for the year 2015 as well changes in LSP Communication and Visibility Guidelines were approved by the JMC. Next meeting of the JMC will be organised in Latvia in 2015.

### Protocol to the Financing Agreement Now Signed

The European Commission has informed the Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme that the **“Protocol to the Financing Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Financing and Implementing the Cross Border Cooperation Programme “Estonia-Latvia-Russia””** has come into force on 8 December 2014. The protocol, extending the Programme and project implementation deadline till 31 December 2015 enables effective accomplishment of the 14 prolonged projects.

### Preparation of Bilateral CBC Programmes Discussed in St.Petersburg

To proceed with preparations of the future Programmes **the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Programming Committee (JPC) of the Estonia-Russia CBC Programme** and the **5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the JPC of the Latvia-Russia CBC Programme** were held in St.Petersburg (Russia) on 9 and 11 December 2014. The main objectives of these meetings were to continue discussion on the drafts of the Joint Operational Programmes of Estonia –Russia and Latvia-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes 2014-2020. Next JPC meeting of Estonia-Russia Programme will take place in March 2015 in Estonia and for Latvia-Russia Programme in April 2015 in Latvia.

### Projects Come to an End

In December 2014 ten cross-border cooperation projects between Estonia, Latvia and Russia accomplished its activities and stepped into final reporting stage. As a result of joint actions and enthusiastic collaboration partners of **5 trilateral projects, 3 bilateral projects between Estonia-Russia and 2 bilateral projects between Latvia-Russia** have contributed to improvement of the region`s competitiveness in spheres of culture, energy efficiency, tourism development, preservation of natural resources, cultural and historical heritage. Numerous cross-border visits, joint events and new established contacts have laid the foundation for good partnership and development activities in future. **Till the end of the year 2014 in total 36 out of 50 supported projects have finalised its activities.**

**Find out more about projects ended in December [HERE](#).**

### Enterprises of Estonian, Latvian and Russian Students Communicated in Video Clip

**New video clip** reflecting **the First Cross-border Student Firms Trade Fair** what was organised in Värskä, Estonia on 22 November 2014 in frame of trilateral cross-border cooperation project **“Business Heritage”** is **now available** for your review **[HERE](#)**.