

## FACT SHEET, February, 2014

### First Seminar on Closure of the Projects and Final Reporting held in Estonia

First out of three identical seminars for Beneficiaries and partners of Projects supported within ENPI Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme on closure of the Projects and final reporting took place on **26 – 27 February 2014 in Pühajärve, Estonia**. Interest was very high and about **80 representatives of the Projects** from Estonia, Latvia and Russia participated. The topics presented by the staff of Joint Technical Secretariat focused mostly on the issues highlighted by Beneficiaries during the mobilisation briefings, like contractual obligations and on-spot visits to the projects, visibility and accessibility of outputs, requirements of construction works, partnership and obligation of partners, financial and narrative reporting. Practical exercises, facilitation of networking and opportunity for individual consultations were highly appreciated by participants.

### ENPI Communication Managers met in Tallinn, Estonia

Estonia-Latvia-Russia Programme was represented among 10 ENPI CBC Programmes at the **5<sup>th</sup> network meeting of Communication Managers on 4 – 5 February 2014 in Tallinn, Estonia** to discuss challenges for the year 2014. Comparative analyses of information and communication plans of ENPI CBC Programmes were presented by INTERACT ENPI and the results of the overview and the identified good practices will be used assembling the communication guide for ENI CBC 2014-2020. Programme achievements and marketing the results of projects, as well communicating about new programming period - these were the main issues covered in several workshops.

### History of Narrow Gauge Railway Promoted in Estonia and Russia

Bilateral tourism development project **“Exploring the history of narrow gauge railway”** between Türi Rural Municipality, Estonia and NGO “Imperatorskii Vokzal”, Russia accomplished its planned activities in February and thereby contributed to linking Estonian and Russian origin organizations and interest groups involved in narrow gauge railway history. Partners developed **joint tourism goods and services**, commonly accepted **tourism strategy** and **created co-operation networks** in order to establish a museum and exposition of narrow gauge railway in Türi and St. Petersburg. A book about the history of narrow gauge railway “St. Petersburg to Tallinn by Train” has been produced in two languages - Russian and English. Book’s author is popular Estonian journalist and writer Tiit Pruuli.

### Developments in Preparation Process of Latvia-Russia CBC Programme

To proceed with the preparation of Latvia-Russia CBC Programme 2014-2020 the **3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Joint Programming Committee (JPC)** was held on 4 February 2014 in Moscow, Russia. According to the European Commission (EC) requirements each programme will focus on maximum 4 thematic objectives, which are to be selected from the EC approved list. Mutual agreement was reached regarding two thematic objectives – Business and SME Development and Environmental protection, climate change adaptation (discussion regarding other thematic objectives are still continuing). Moreover, the decision has been made about the appointment of the **Joint Managing Authority of Latvia-Russia CBC Programme – the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia**. Next meeting of JPC of Latvia-Russia CBC Programme is planned to take place in the 3<sup>rd</sup> decade of April 2014 in Latvia.