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Mobilization Briefings for the Project Managers of the Lead Partners

Mobilization Briefing as an **informal round table discussion** and exchange of information and best practice about important issues that concern final reporting and closing of the projects has been arranged by the Joint Technical Secretariat. Discussions held on **23 January in Riga, Latvia** and on **29 January in St. Petersburg, Russia** covered topics as information about on-spot visits, deadlines for implementation of activities, making payments, submission of reports, most common risks of ending the project, solving problematic issues within project partnership.

Third identical meeting will take place on **7 February in Tartu, Estonia**. During discussions the most needed topics are defined and will be covered during 2-day seminars for project ending that will be organized for all Project Partners in spring of 2014 in Estonia, Latvia and Russia.

Programme Brochure of Large Scale Projects published

2nd Brochure of the Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme about supported projects has been produced. **Five Large Scale Projects are introduced within the book** consisting of 112 colourful pages and providing information about the objectives, planned works and expected final results in English, Estonian, Latvian and Russian languages, as well demonstrating expressively the intermediate results of the Projects through many photos. **Electronic version** of separate parts of the brochure is available on the Programme web site http://www.estlatrus.eu/eng/programme/publications_amp_logo/publications

Results of Communication Questionnaire of the Programme

Positive feedback from project implementers was received via Communication Questionnaire at the very end of 2013. Survey was conducted to estimate the usefulness and satisfaction of the target group with the Programme communication activities carried out starting from 2010, as well to accumulate proposals for improvement of the Programme's implementation and increase effectiveness of communication activities in year 2014. The obtained data and proposals will be like wisely presented to the Joint Programming Committees of the future Estonia-Russia and Latvia-Russia Cross Border Cooperation programmes enabling to plan appropriate methods and tools in preparation and successful implementation of the programmes in programming period 2014-2020. Several charts on obtained data have been published in Programme News on web site www.estlatrus.eu

Joint thematic seminars of future CBC Programmes took place in St.Petersburg

Two joint thematic seminars were prepared and held in St.Petersburg in first month of the year 2014. On 21 January met the representatives of the Republic of Latvia and the Russian Federation and on 22 January the delegates of the Republic of Estonia and the Russian Federation in order to proceed with the preparation process of Latvia-Russia and Estonia-Russia CBC programmes 2014-2020. During workshops the results of the thematic seminars that were organised in Latvia in July and in Estonia in November as well as the results of the public hearings in Russia what took place in November, were presented and jointly discussed and it provides platform to further Programming process.

The total number of participants by country: Latvia - 12, Estonia - 28, Russia - 51, representing state, regional and local authorities and institutions, NGOs from the Programme territories of three states.

Forthcoming Events of the Programme in 2014

26-27 February 2014 **Seminars for Beneficiaries and partners** in Puhajärve, Estonia
 19-20 March, 2014 **Seminars for Beneficiaries and partners** in Pskov, Russia
 9-10 April, 2014 **Seminars for Beneficiaries and partners** in Gulbene, Latvia
 3-4 June, 2014 **Annual Event of the Programme**, Gatchina Palace, Gatchina, Leningrad region, Russia
 21 September and surrounding dates – **European Cooperation Day 2014** in Estonia, Latvia, Russia