

## FACT SHEET, June, 2014

### Benefits of Joint Cross Border Solutions Highlighted in Gatchina, Russia

On 3-4 June 2014 the Annual Event of the ENPI Estonia-Latvia-Russia cross border cooperation Programme held in Gatchina, Russia had brought together around 200 participants from three Programme countries. On the first day the project site visit to Pavlovsk and **opening of the Grand Cascade** that was reconstructed with the support of the Estonia-Latvia-Russia Programme within bilateral CBC project „Landscape pearls” was hosted by Pavlovsk State Museum. The Grand Cascade regained its functionality since year 1850.

The **conference "Joint solutions for the benefit of Estonia, Latvia and Russia border areas"** in Gatchina Palace on the second day concentrated on the remarkable results achieved in the spheres of infrastructure development and people to people cooperation as well as on prospects of future cross border cooperation programmes. Lively **project exhibition "Children in project focus"** introduced the outputs of 20 supported projects, including informative and visual presentations of 13 children related projects.



***Conference presentations and photo gallery.***

### Following Four Projects Closing its Activities

Three projects promoting the **people to people cooperation** have finalised its planned activities in June. Bilateral CBC project **"Improving availability of medical information and counselling"** (MEDINF) implemented between Estonia and Russia has increased the accessibility of medical advice via telephone, internet and other ICT solutions in the border areas of Estonia and Russia. The new forms of medical counselling have been developed. **2 Medical Counselling Call Centres established in Russia** (1 in St.Petersburg, 1 in Pskov) are operational being covered with trained advisors (5 working places in each). **In Estonia existing Counselling Centre is ready for work via internet** and other means. **20 advisors in Russia and 5 advisors in Estonia** have been **trained to provide the new ICT-counselling** in border areas.

Project **"Supporting the local self-government development to improve the quality of life in rural areas"** (LSG Development) realized by partners from Latvia and Russia has built the capacity and developed the system of local self-governance (LSG) in remote rural areas of Latvia and Russia. The project has improved the communication channels to promote more effective dialog between the rural settlement communities and administrative centres. **A study tour to Latvia** for 20 representatives of Russian LSG-s, **educational programme** for LSG employees in Latvia and Russia conducted and **handbook** for elders of rural communities issued in 3 languages. **Emergency communication equipment** was provided to 35 rural settlements in Russia, Leningrad region, Shugosero district.

Cooperation **project "Development of Hereditary Cancer Prevention Measures in Pskov Region"** (HeCaPrev) between Latvia and Russia has raised awareness on hereditary cancer (HC) as manageable and curable disease among wider society of medics and general population of Pskov region. In frame of the project there is **HC centre established** and equipped in Pskov, Russia; **methodology developed for HC treatment** in Pskov region; **experience exchange** and **knowledge transfer** arranged between Pskov Regional Oncological Dispensary and Hereditary Cancer Institute of Riga Stradins University.



## Estonia – Latvia – Russia Cross Border Cooperation Programme within European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument 2007-2013

Trilateral project „**Cross Border E-archive**“ (E-archive) has highlighted significant information and materials related Estonia, Latvia and Russia and developed **4 digitalised collections** (student files, church books, historical maps and various personal documents) based on state archives with unlimited access to all interests. **Over 11 000 files** (texts, photographs, maps etc) **digitalized** and **over 500 000 documents** have been **made available** for target groups in Estonia, Latvia and Russia. **Functional digital web platform** with archive information has been developed and **1 content and 1 standardized metadata descriptions/catalogue** for the digital platform have been created. Project is supported under the Programme priority 2 – Common challenges.

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

The Joint Programming Committee (JPC) of **Estonia-Russia CBC Programme 2014-2020 hold its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting** on **16-17 June 2014 in Ivangorod, Russia**. On 16<sup>th</sup> June members of JPC visited 2 project sites of Estonia-Latvia-Russia Programme in Ivangorod region - “Development of historical riverside protection area in Narva/Estonia and Ivangorod/Russia II stage” (River promenades II) and “Development of unique Narva-Ivangorod fortresses ensemble as a single cultural and tourist object” (LSP-6). The visit had given new ideas and made discussions at the JPC meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June more constructive covering the following topics: - Programme priorities; - Implementing structure of the Programme; - Topics of Large Infrastructure Projects (LIPs). The approval of the final list of LIPs to be included in Joint Operational Program (JOP) will be done based on the budget available for the implementation of Estonia-Russia Programme 2014-2020.

### "Europe in My Region" - Submit Your Photo!

**The photo competition** is launched on 12 June and the deadline to submit your entry is **Monday, 25 August 2014**. The 100 pictures with the highest amount of votes, plus up to 50 “wildcard” entries (that were not included in the 1st group with the highest votes), are put forward to a jury of 3 photography professionals who will select 3 winners. The winners will receive their prizes – **a trip to Brussels and €1000 to spend** on digital camera equipment - during OPEN DAYS 2014 in October.

**The “Europe in My Region” competition aims to highlight the excellent work that projects across Europe are doing with the help of EU funding**, and explore what these projects mean to local communities.

Find the latest news about the photo competition on Twitter #EUmyRegion

### EU-wide Video Competition – “Border Issues, Border Solutions”

Join in on the celebration of European Cooperation Day by submitting a video that represents cooperation between people in Europe and **win a trip to Milan** to be part of the European Cooperation Day kickoff event! INTERACT is launching the **video contest “Border issues, border solutions”** among projects, programmes, individual film-makers to share their videos highlighting the results and benefits of cooperation in Europe. **Deadline for submission your video is Tuesday, 15 July 2014**.

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