

## FACT SHEET, May, 2014

### Gatchina Palace Hosts the Annual Event of the Programme

On 3-4 June 2014 the **Annual Event of the Programme “Joint solutions for the benefit of the Estonia-Latvia-Russia border area”** to be held in the Gatchina Palace, Gatchina, Leningrad region, Russia. Event will focus on the **Programme support to socio – economic development on near border regions. Project exhibition “Children in project focus”** will take place in Gatchina palace and [thematic Fact Sheet](#) of the Programme highlights the results of **capitalization of children related projects** and activities. The year 2014 is announced ‘the Year of Children’ by the Governor of the Leningrad Region.

### Projects Finalising its Planned Activities

Following three 1<sup>st</sup> Open Call Projects have closed its planned activities in May 2014.

Two bilateral cross border cooperation projects have promoted the **People to people cooperation**. Project **“Reduction of social consequences of an HIV spread in Estonia and Leningrad region of Russia”** (“Helping to live”), implemented between Estonia and Russia, has developed the socio-psychological support system for people living with HIV/AIDS in border territories of Estonia and Leningrad region. **2 social support centres were established** - 1 in Narva and 1 in St.Petersburg for the target group and various trainings arranged for the staff of the support centres as well seminars for the social workers of local municipalities, non-profit organisations and medical institutions of Leningrad region and North-East Estonia. Exchange of best practices between specialists of two countries has been arranged in order to provide **professional support** for the people living with HIV/AIDS.

Cooperation project between Estonia and Russia **“Cross country through football”** (CCF) has improved the sport facilities in Narva, Estonia and Pechory, Russia and contributed to the intercultural dialogue through sports. As a result of the cross-border cooperation there were **2 football grounds reconstructed**- 1 in Narva and 1 in Pechory, **trainings** of football trainers, judges arranged. Around **600 matches** and **4 weekly sport camps** for children were organised during the 2 years.

CBC project **“Integrated Intelligent Platform for Monitoring the Cross-Border Natural-Technological Systems”** (“INFORM”) between Latvia and Russia, under the Programme Priority **Common challenges** has **developed a universal common intelligent platform** in order to unify efforts of specialists from Russia and Latvia to protect the environment, based on integrated **space-ground monitoring**. The project addressed the topical problem of integrated real-time monitoring and control of cross-border natural-technological systems in normal and emergency situations based on heterogeneous data received from space and ground-based facilities.

### Strategy of Estonia-Russia Programme Discussed in Tallinn

On May 17<sup>th</sup> 2014, a **Programme Workshop** for the new Estonia-Russia Programme 2014-2020 took place in Tallinn, Estonia. The workshop, led and moderated by INTERACT, focused on the **challenges and priorities of the next Programme period**. The results of the one-day event are integrated into the Joint Operational Programme and will be presented at the next meeting of the Joint Programming Committee of Estonia-Russia Programme in June 2014.