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Projects Continue to Attain their Final Goals

Following three 1st Open Call Projects have closed its activities in March 2014.

Two bilateral CBC projects have contributed to **tourism development** - cooperation between cities Narva, Estonia and Ivangorod, Russia has **improved the historical promenade areas** in Narva and Ivangorod and facilitated development of the border region of Estonia and Russia in frame of project "Development of historical riverside protection area in Narva/Estonia and Ivangorod/Russia II stage" ("River promenades II"). "Tour de Latgale and Pskov" („Tour“) established **network in tourism sector** among Latgale Region, Latvia and Pskov Region, Russia and **created, as well jointly promoted 5 tourism routes – Rural, Sacral, Crafts, Cultural and Eco**. Small infrastructure of 24 water based sites in Latgale and Pskov Oblast were improved and children playgrounds were installed. Third project „Exchange of cross-border experience to enhance the quality of special education“ („SPEECH“) has promoted **people to people cooperation** between Estonia and Russia. Partnership raised the quality of special education (speech therapy) by organizing **trainings of speech therapists** and **exchange of cross-border experience** between partner countries.

Topics on Final Reporting Attract Project Implementers

About **90 participants** representing **20 projects** gathered for the second two days seminar on final reporting and project closure issues on 19-20 March in Pskov, Russia. Seminar was organised by Joint Technical Secretariat of Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme 2007-2013 to support projects **to fulfil requirements related to the closure and final stage of implementation of projects**. Questions by participants concentrated on topics about managing the changes within the project, proper usage of programme logo and financial issues, transfer of finances between partners and use of savings. Joint exercises and case studies strengthened the project teams and increased project management skills.

Joint Programming Committee of Estonia-Russia CBC Programme met in Izborsk, Russia

To proceed with the preparation of Estonia-Russia CBC Programme 2014-2020 the 4th meeting of the Joint Programming Committee (JPC) was held on 4 March 2014 in Izborsk, Russia. Discussions concentrated on following topics:

- **results of the joint seminar** of Estonia-Russia stakeholders what was held in St.Petersburg and general approval of the list of thematic objectives for the Programme;
- preliminary themes for cross-border **Large Infrastructure Projects**;
- **management principles** of the future Programme.

Next meeting of JPC of Estonia-Russia CBC Programme is planned to take place on 17 June 2014 in Ust-Luga, Russia.

Annual Event Highlighting the Achievements of Projects and Programme

Annual Event „**Joint solutions for the benefit of the Estonia-Latvia-Russia border areas**“ of the ENPI Estonia - Latvia – Russia CBC Programme 2007 – 2013 will be held in the **Gatchina Palace, Gatchina, Leningrad Region, Russia on 3-4 June 2014**. Event will focus on the Projects addressing directly children, youth and families with children, as well on the infrastructure development and renovation activities in the Programme area. On-line registration to the Annual Event will be opened in the beginning of April on the Programme website.