

CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAMME EVENTS: ECDay 2012 and 2013



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 01.05.14** [LANDSCAPE PEARLS: Launching of educational program "Landlord laboratory"](#)
03.05.14 [SVS ACTIVETOUR: International competition](#)
07.05.14 [FOSTER SME: Forum of Russian Entrepreneurship in Pechory, Russia](#)
07.05.14 [HERITAGE BUSINESS: Training for SMEs in Ape region, Latvia](#)
08.05.14 [PEOPLE WITH NATURE: Study days in Nature Education Centre](#)
14.05.14 [LOGONTRAIN: Participation in the International Conference "TRANSESTONIA 2014"](#)
14.05.14 [PEOPLE WITH NATURE: Study days in Nature Education Centre](#)
22.05.14 [T & L: Participation in the Exhibition "PSKOV EXPO 2014" in Pskov, Russia](#)
22.05.14 [ESTLATRUS TRAFFIC: Final Traffic Safety Forum](#)

3–4.06.14

Programme Annual Event "Joint solutions for the benefit of the Estonia-Latvia-Russia border areas"

- [LANDSCAPE PEARLS: Conference and opening of Grand Cascade in Pavlovsk Park, Pavlovsk, Russia](#) **03.06.14**
[PEOPLE WITH NATURE: Study days in Nature Education Centre](#) **05.06.14**
[MEDICAL WASTE: Training session for medical staff in Kohla-Jahrve, Estonia](#) **09.06.14**
[VIA HANSEATICA: FAM tour for journalists and stakeholders along Via Hanseatica tourism route](#) **16.06.14**
[NATURE THERAPY: Training course for social workers](#) **16.06.14**
[PEOPLE WITH NATURE: International Youth Nature Education Camp in Estonia](#) **16.06.14**
[LANDSCAPE PEARLS: Seminar for museum specialists in Aluksne, Latvia](#) **16.06.14**
[E-ARCHIVE: The final conference "Digital archives and historical cross-border heritage" in Riga, Latvia](#) **19.06.14**
[GRENMAN: Opening of Dendropark near Mirozhskij Monastery in Pskov, Russia](#) **19.06.14**
[FORGET A HARRY: International meeting of artists and opening of open-air stage in Kārsava, Latvia](#) **19.06.14**
[LOGONTRAIN: Summer School for logistics teachers of Estonia and Latvia in Riga, Latvia](#) **30.06.14**

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Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme within ENPI 2007-2013 has been launched in 2010. The strategic objective of the Programme is promotion of joint development to improve competitiveness of the Region using its socio-economic potential and beneficial location on the cross roads of the EU and the Russian Federation. The specific objective is to make the wider border area an attractive place for both inhabitants and businesses through activities aimed at improving the living standards and investment climate.



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

THEMATIC FACT SHEET, May – June, 2014

2014 – Year of childhood!

ГОД ДЕТСТВА



ЛЕНИНГРАДСКАЯ ОБЛАСТЬ 2014

On 3 August 2013 during celebration of the 86th anniversary of Leningrad region the Governor of the Region Alexandr Drozdenko announced the year 2014 to be the Year of Childhood in the Leningrad region.

In his opinion, though the plans and perspectives can change with time depending on everyday challenges, those representing our future and our social responsibility – children and veterans – should always be in the focus of our attention. "Children are the future; supporting them we already now build the basis for future prosperity. That is why it was decided to announce the coming 2014 year "The Year of Childhood" in the Leningrad region." – said the Governor in his interview.

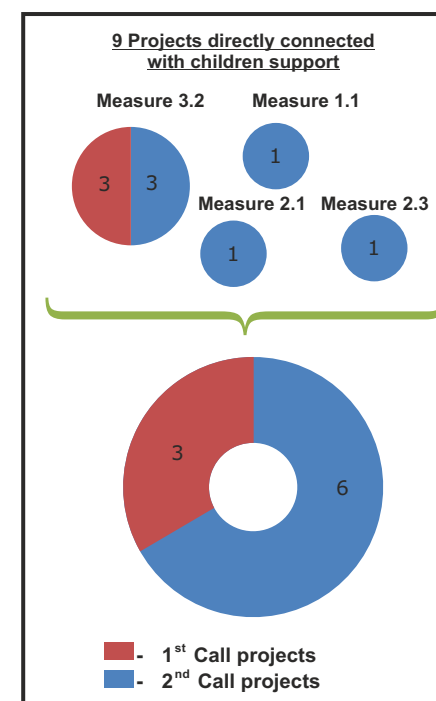
Within the frame of the Year of Childhood the regional authorities in cooperation with public and non-commercial organizations, business and media are arranging public events directed towards development of support of children and families.

State Committee for Education and State Committee for Social Care of the Leningrad region are arranging festivals of creative works, sports events, and public awareness actions aimed at supporting talented children, families with children having special needs, foster families and families at social risk, assisting general and vocational education of youth.

The Administration of Leningrad region also continues taking part in implementation of state programs and assisting in the work of charitable institutions, providing support to children and youth.

The issue of support to children and youth and families with children in the spheres of sport, education, social rehabilitation and adaptation are also among the key priorities of the states of the EU. Thus Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme responded and integrated the thematic of children and youth support into the topics of the Annual Event of the Programme, hosted in the year 2014 by Gatchina, Leningrad Region.

Children in Programme focus



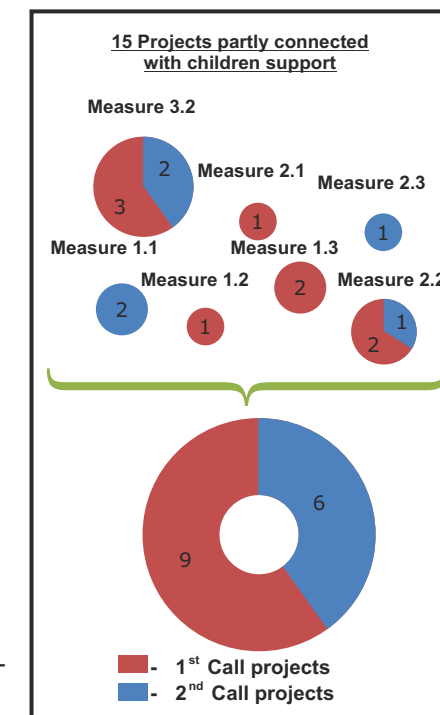
Among the Programme Priorities or Measures there is no directly formulated assistance to children or families, but due to its evident importance for all the stakeholders of the Programme in the wider border territory of Estonia, Latvia and Russia many projects support children. **Over 10 000 children are benefiting from the cooperation between three countries** in the frame of the cross border cooperation participating in **24 out of 50 projects supported by the Programme.**

9 of the projects of the Estonia-Latvia-Russia CBC Programme **are directly connected with children support** having families and children as their final beneficiaries. Measures represented here are

- 3.2 - Cooperation in spheres of culture, sport, education, social and health;
- 1.1 - Fostering of socio-economic development and encouraging business and entrepreneurship;
- 2.1 - Joint actions aimed at protection of environment and natural resources;
- 2.3 - Improvement of energy efficiency and promotion of renewable energy sources.

15 projects working in even more various spheres **have children and youth among their target groups.** To the above mentioned 4 Measures are added as well:

- 1.2 - Transport, logistics and communication solutions;
- 1.3 - Tourism development;
- 2.2 - Preservation and promotion of cultural and historical heritage and support of local traditional skills.



DIRECTIONS OF CHILDREN SUPPORT

Sport – Projects within the Programme support not only provide necessary sports equipment and repair or create new infrastructure sports objects. They create and develop networks of contacts between young sportsmen, organize sports events, train and introduce new sports games.



Project "CCF". Renovated football ground in Pechory, girls football teams of Tartu (Estonia) and Pechory (Russia).



Project "Be good at sport". Floorball competition between the teams from Valka (Latvia), Valga (Estonia) and Novoe Devjatkinno (Russia).

Project "CBA". Renovation of sports grounds and competitions in field athletics for the children of Smiltene (Latvia) and Porhov (Russia).



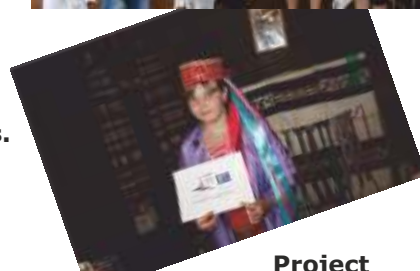
Culture – Projects take efforts to raise children's awareness about the importance of cultural and historical heritage, develop the artistic potential of youth.



Project "Forget a Hurry". Young artists of the artistic groups from Vilany and Karsava (Latvia) and Shlisselburg (Russia).



Project "Promoting Heritage". Folklore expeditions of school children to collect traditional songs, rites and legends.



Project "Border light". Historic costume theatre from Gatchina (Russia).

Social care – Projects support children with special needs and children at social risk in adaptation and rehabilitation, as well social, provide wider range of opportunities in communication and socialization, provide equal opportunity for the most vulnerable groups of children.



Project "EDU no Borders". Study visits and networking activities of children from schools and SOS villages of Latvia, Estonia and Russia.



Project "Nature Therapy". Nature therapy experiential courses for children at social risk and children with special needs.



Special infrastructure for children – Projects renovate kindergartens and schools, and more than that, even projects working in other spheres, like tourism, care to organize facilities for the recreation of children and families with children – playgrounds.



Project "Via Hanseatica". Children playground in Avinurme Wood Park (Latvia)



Project "Tour". Children playground in Cheryokha village, Pskov Region (Russia).



Project "Green Public Houses". Reconstruction of kindergartens to make them energy-efficient buildings.

Education – Projects assist in raising standards of vocational education and unifying study programs of higher and special education, provide business-training for youth, new skills in eco-efficiency, nature education and traffic safety.



Project "T & L". Joint participation in school fair with presentation of modern education programs.



Project "Sun and Wind". Lesson on renewable and nature-friendly energy sources and energy saving in Meremae (Estonia).

Project "Aqua Life". Green laboratory for young ecologists.



Project "Estlatrus Traffic". Traffic safety campaign for children in Pskov region (Russia).

Over 10 000 children are benefiting from the cooperation between Estonia, Latvia and Russia.

In at least 44 locations all over Programme territory project partners work for children support. In Latvia 19 places - Rēzekne, Dagda, Daugavpils, Līvāni, Viļāni, Kārsava, Krāslava, Lipuški, Malnava, Preiļi, Ilūkste, Valka, Valmiera, Smiltene, Sigulda, Līgatne, Salacgrīva, Ķemeriand and Rīga. **In Estonia 9 places** - Avinurme, Tartu, Narva, Voru, Meremae, Poltsamaa, Johvi, Valga, Rouge. **16 places in Russia** - Vyborg, Pskov, Pechory, Ostrov, Palkino, Sebezh, Novoe Devyatkinno, Shlisselburg, Kingisepp, Porhov, St.Petersburg, Volhov, Gatchina, Krasnogordsk, Pytalovo, Gdov.

Approximately **5 million EURO** are invested by the Programme into children support through projects directly related to children