

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

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From consultations to submission - 2nd Call for Proposals

The deadline for submission of the Projects' Concept Notes was 27 February 2012 and all JTS offices were very busy with registration of hand delivered and posted envelopes with project proposals. JTS will continue to receive Concept Notes by post till 27 March 2012.

7 Open Day consultations and 7 Information seminars were organized during the whole period of the Call in Latvia, Estonia and Russia by the Joint Technical Secretariat to provide potential applicants with necessary **information on how to elaborate Concept Notes** according to the Programme criteria, content components and requirements, and how to submit the Concept Note. The interest was very high – 107 participants attended seminars in Estonia, 90 participants seminars in Latvia and 142 participants seminars in Russian Federation. Open Day consultations also were very popular and 89 persons have been consulted in Riga (Latvia), 46 in Jõhvi and Tartu (Estonia) and 62 in Pskov and St.Petersburg (Russia). Additional seminars "**Project preparation workshop**" with the focus on preparation of the project were organized in close cooperation with RCBI (Regional Capacity Building Initiative project) in St. Petersburg and Pskov.

Implementation of Projects has started - 1st Call for Proposals

In addition to twelve projects signed till the end of January 2012, five more projects were countersigned by the Joint Managing Authority of the Programme in February 2012.

Three identical 2 days seminars were organized for Beneficiaries and partners of projects accepted during the 1st Call for Proposals. First two of them took place in Dikli, Latvia and Narva, Estonia. 70 participants representing 10 approved projects attended the seminar in Dikli (Latvia). Presentations were provided by JTS Project managers, Financial manager and Information manager and RCBI key expert Ms Karine Leroy. 65 participants representing 11 approved projects attended the 2nd seminar in Narva (Estonia). Presentations were provided by JTS staff and RCBI expert Mr Albert Sorrosal. Simultaneous translation from English to Russian in both events ensured RCBI. During the seminars there was a space for individual consultations with responsible Project manager and Information manager, as well for internal networking (getting to know each other) within the project. Third seminar is to be hold in Pskov, Russia on 5-6 March 2012. Presentations of the seminars are published on the Programme web-site www.estlatrus.eu Programme » Project Implementation.

Guidelines for Project Implementation translated into national languages

Approved by the Joint Monitoring Committee in June 2011, Practical Guidelines and Communication and Visibility Guidelines were translated into Estonian, Latvian and Russian languages. Participants of the Beneficiary seminars were provided with these translations and now they are published also on the Programme web-site www.estlatrus.eu » Programme » Project Implementation.

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