

## FACT SHEET, January, 2012

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals has been launched**

The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia has launched the 2nd Restricted Call for Proposals of the Programme on 10 January 2012. **The deadline for submission of the Project's Concept Note is 27 February 2012.** Available budget for the projects of the 2nd Call for Proposals is around 6 million EUR. A number of information events and group consultations have been carried out in Estonia, Latvia and Russia and will continue until 9 February 2012. **Presentations of the seminars in English and Russian** and Full Guidelines for Applicants are available on the Programme's website: <http://www.estlatrus.eu> » **How to apply**

### **Grant Contracts signed with 12 projects of the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals**

In total 23 First Call projects out of 25, which were recommended for financing in June 2011 got final approval from the Joint Monitoring Committee. In addition to eighth projects signed in 2011, **four more projects were countersigned by the Joint Managing Authority of the Programme in January 2012.**

For successful start of projects and smooth their implementation Joint Technical Secretariat in cooperation with INTERACT and RCBI key experts organize seminars in Estonia, Latvia and Russia in February and March 2012 for 1st Call Beneficiaries and partners. Project implementation teams and partners are invited to attend jointly one of these identical 2 days seminars in country of their choice.

**On-line registration** to these seminars is opened in the Programme's website – [www.estlatrus.eu](http://www.estlatrus.eu)

### **New Project Manager with Latvian language in the JTS Main Office**

**Ms Ilze Skrebele-Stikāne started to work as Project Manager** in the JTS Main Office from 9 January 2012. Ilze has Masters Degree in European Studies from Faculty of Economics and Management in the University of Latvia and also a degree in International Relations from Riga Stradins University. Ilze has experience in implementation of EU co-financed projects due to her work experience of several years at Investment and Development Agency of Latvia.

**Your JTS Team.**