

## FACT SHEET, May, 2012

### Large Scale Projects receive final approval by the European Commission

**First 3 Large Scale Project Applications sent to the European Commission by the end of April recently** have been approved by the European Commission and can now begin preparations for **signing the Grant Contracts and Project implementation.**

**The Summary of the LSP-5** "Development of air transport services at international regional airports "Daugavpils" in Latgale region and "Kresti" in Pskov region" **was approved by European Commission** and the project has got the green light for preparation of **Full Application Form** to be submitted to EC in August.

**To** support preparations of the Full Applications of other 3 Large Scale Projects and development of their knowledge on Programme requirements for successful implementation of the projects **in 14 and 15 May 2012** in Pskov (Russian Federation) **JTS** with the support of **Interact** and **RCBI** organized a **two-day seminar for Beneficiaries and Partners of Large Scale Projects.**

### European Cooperation Day - "Sharing Borders – Growing Closer"

**Throughout Europe** there is an increasing interest in Cooperation on European level. In regards to this **INTERACT** is running a pilot initiative and joint communication action **European Cooperation Day** with the **slogan "Sharing Borders-Growing Closer"** on **21 September 2012. The common objective is to raise awareness within the population and attract media interest** by means of joint communication activities and attractive actions on local, national and European levels.

**Stories** about Projects developing tourism in Narva (Estonia), improving traffic safety in Latgale (Latvia) and Pskov Oblast (Russia) and developing ICT solutions for e-government issues in Russia will be promoted on the European Level. **All running Projects** are invited to organize local events in September 2012. **Paper ships, Linking Fires, creative works and competitions among children, Space knowledge for Humanity are few of examples of local actions.** Joint Technical Secretariat initiated promotional lectures to be held in Educational Institutions all over the Programme territory. Projects will be invited to share their experience and expected results that will be for the benefit of local population.

### Annual Event of the Programme in October 2012 in Estonia

**Programme Annual Event** will be hold in **Narva, 31 October 2012.** The aim of the event is to provide a platform for running and future projects to strengthen partnerships, reflect on European Cooperation Day, discuss actual issues and visit Project sites in Narva –Ivangorod on both sides of the border.

### New Head of the Joint Managing Authority

Since **22 May 2012** the function of the **Head of the JMA** is fulfilled by the Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development **Ms. Dace Grūberte.**

**Your JTS Team.**