

Eligibility of projects

Beneficiaries and project partners must be located (have their legal address) in the Programme area. The Programme funding may up to a limit of 20% be used for financing the expenditure incurred by project partners from adjoining areas in Estonia and Latvia. Each project shall involve at least two partners, of whom at least one project partner shall be located in the Programme area in one of the Member States and at least one project partner located in the Programme area in Russian Federation.

Large Scale Projects

Large scale cross-border projects (LSP) are strategic investment projects contributing to socio-economic development of the whole cross-border area and having a strong political support at the national level.

The LSP must:

- be directly related to the Programme and its Priorities;
- be crucial for the development of the part of the Programme area;
- have a clear cross-border impact;
- have investment character;
- be coherent with state/regional development strategies;
- be strongly supported by the both sides of the border;
- have outcomes of a sustainable character;
- have the beneficiary, clearly identified as the only one being able to implement the LSP.

Programme financing for LSPs is 26 096 744 EUR. Additional financing to the LSPs has been made available from the Estonian State budget 9 081 558 EUR.

Eligibility rules for Large Scale Projects

- LSPs are selected and contracted through the direct award procedure;
- Private entities are eligible for participation with limits for co-financing from the Programme;
- Partners may be located outside the Programme area, but all LSP activities take place in Programme area;
- LSPs are directly related to the Programme and fit the Priority I or Priority II;
- Project size for the LSP is over 2 MEUR;
- Grant to the LSP project is not exceeding 90% of the total eligible costs of the project.

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About the Programme

The Estonia – Latvia – Russia Cross Border Cooperation Programme (Programme) is implemented within the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument 2007–2013.

Programme objective

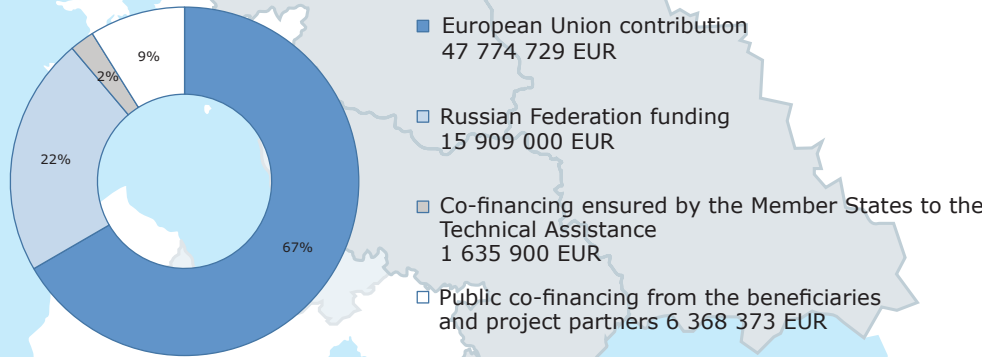
The strategic objective of the Programme is to promote joint development activities for improvement of the region’s competitiveness by utilising its potential and beneficial location in EU and Russian Federation. The specific objective of the Programme is to make the wider border area an attractive place both for its inhabitants and businesses through activities aimed at improving the living standards of local population and investment climate.

Financing

The Programme finances activities within the projects of distinctive cross border character. The Programme financing rate is up to 90% of eligible expenditure. In case of private enterprises, the Programme financing rate is up to 50% of eligible expenditure for respective project partner.

Programme budget

The total budget of the Programme 71 688 002 EUR is financed from the following sources:



Additional financing made available from Estonian State budget for large scale cross-border projects involving partners from Estonia and Russia is 9 081 558 EUR.

Programme area

Estonia: Kirde-Eesti, Lõuna-Eesti, Kesk-Eesti; adjoining area: Põhja-Eesti;
Latvia: Latgale, Vidzeme; adjoining areas: Riga City and Pieriga;
Russia: Leningrad region, Pskov region, St.-Petersburg City.



Programme priorities

I - Socio-economic development:

Measure 1.1
Fostering of socio-economic development and encouraging business and entrepreneurship;

Measure 1.2
Transport, logistics and communication solutions;

Measure 1.3
Tourism development.

II - Common challenges:

Measure 2.1
Joint actions aimed at protection of environment and natural resources;

Measure 2.2
Preservation and promotion of cultural and historical heritage and support of local traditional skills;

Measure 2.3
Improvement of energy efficiency and promotion of renewable energy sources.

III - Promotion of people to people cooperation:

Measure 3.1
Development of local initiative, increasing administrative capacities of local and regional authorities;

Measure 3.2
Cooperation in spheres of culture, sport, education, social and health.

Calls for Proposals

Calls for Proposals are launched by the Joint Managing Authority of the Programme.

Who can apply

Following bodies can be beneficiaries and project partners

- National, regional and local public authorities;
- Associations formed by one or several national, regional or local authorities;
- Public equivalent bodies (any legal body governed by public or private law);
- Associations formed by one or several bodies governed by public law (as defined above);
- Non-governmental organisations and other non-profit making bodies;
- Educational organisations (schools, preschool institutions, colleges, institutes, universities);
- Small and medium sized enterprises, who can participate only within Priority I.

More detailed definition of eligible applicants, partners can be found in the Programme and Guidelines for Grant Applicants.