

How to apply for BSR INTERREG III B funds

The next, seventh, call for project proposals will be launched on 1 February 2005 and closed on 7 March 2005.

The programme documents (the Programme, Programme Complement) have been revised mostly as a result of the enlargement as well as the introduction of the Neighbourhood Programmes by the European Commission. The new documents (available on www.bsrinterreg.net/programm/p-documents.html) are valid for the projects applying in the 7th call.

The external funding to finance the activities of partners from Russia and Belarus involved in implementation of joint projects is not available in the seventh call, for reason independent from the programme. Therefore partners from Russia and Belarus will not be considered as directly eligible for funding from BSR INTERREG III B Neighbourhood programme. Alternative funding sources should be investigated to finance their involvement in the BSR INTERREG III B NP projects. Also measure 3.2. will not be open in the seventh call.

The applicant's pack for the seventh call will be officially published on the programme's website at www.bsrinterreg.net on the day when the call is launched (1 Feb). However, there will be no major content changes introduced in the application form for sixth call. It is therefore recommended, that the applicants prepare for the next call using the application form for the sixth call, which is available in the **Applicant's pack** section, though keeping in mind that they will have to fill in and submit the new application form for the seventh call. The co-financing statements available on our website can be used already now, as they will not be changed.

A series of Individual Project Consultations will be organised in January/February 2005 to help the project applicants finalise their proposals. The consultations will be held on 26-28 January 2005 in Riga, Latvia, on 2-4 February 2005 in Karlskrona, Sweden and on 7-9 February 2005 in Rostock, Germany. For more information on consultations please contact Ms Joanna Przedzimirska (+46 455 33 5199, jp@bsrinterreg.net).

The decision on sixth round project approvals will be made during the SC meeting that is scheduled for 9 December 2004.

Already since the fifth round, the four BSR new Member States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania & Poland) are eligible for full participation in ERDF funded projects, both as Lead Partners and project partners.