

Announcement for the first call for proposals for the EU financed INTERREG IIIA Priority Estonia-Latvia-Russia (North)

The first call for proposals for the INTERREG IIIA Priority North supporting cross-border cooperation between Estonia, Latvia and Russia is launched on October 1, 2004 with the deadline for project submission on November 15, 2004.

The objectives of priority Estonia- Latvia-Russia programme are:

- on the external border- to balance the overall development conditions and eliminate development hindrances caused by geographical location through integrating the border regions;
- on the EU internal border- to strengthen the cross-border relations in various structural fields of activities.

Eligible activities in co-operation between Estonia and Latvia and Russia are, for example,

- tourism development (development of strategies, small-scale infrastructure, tourism services, tourism marketing),
- environmental management and protection (initiatives in planning, cross-border monitoring systems, infrastructure),
- municipal co-operation (joint services, common development activities, exchange of best practice),
- local co-operation contacts (networks and durable contacts, regular events, people-to-people activities), als training (networks and staff training) is eligible activity.

The eligible area of the North priority covers following territories:

- in Estonia: Ida-Viru, Jõgeva, Tartu, Põlva, Võru, Valga, Viljandi, Pärnu, Lääne, Saare, Hiiu;
- In Latvia: Kurzeme, Latgale, Riga, Vidzeme, Zemgale;
- In Russia: Leningrad and Pskov oblast, St Petersburg.

Applicants can be municipalities, regional authorities, schools, universities, municipal enterprises, non profit organizations and under certain conditions also private bodies. At least two partners from two countries have to be involved in the project.

The INTERREG IIIA priority North is financed from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The total ERDF budget available for the Priority for the tim period 2004 - 2006 amounts to EUR 7 840 236. The maximum co-financing rate being 75% of the total eligible project costs. Expected project size is from 5000 to 1 million Euro of ERDF funding.

Application form and other relevant documents (e.g. Programme Document, Programme Complement, Programme Manual, relevant EU legislation) are available at: www.bsrinterreg.net/3a

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Announcement for the first call for proposals for the EU financed INTERREG IIIA Priority Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus (South)

The first call for proposals for the INTERREG IIIA Priority South supporting cross-border cooperation between Latvia, Lithuania and Belarus is launched on October 1, 2004 with the deadline for project submission on November 15, 2004.

The objective of the South Priority is to utilise the cross-border co-operation potential in order to facilitate the socio-economic development of the cross-border co-operation territory. The following activities are eligible:

- **Tourism development:** (planning, improvement of infrastructure, services, marketing) etc.;
- **Business development along the transit corridors:** (strategies, advise on import/export, exchange of experience, business contacts and networks) etc.;
- **Accessibility across the borders:** (infrastructure, joint planning of public services, information services, early warning systems) etc.;
- **Preserving the environment:** (cross- border monitoring systems and management of resources, planning cross-border infrastructure, co-operation for emergency cases) etc.;
- **People-to-people activities:** (facilitation of contacts and networks, joint training activities, joint studies) etc.

The eligible area of the South Priority covers the following territories:

- **In Latvia:** Latgale, Zemgale and Kurzeme regions. The adjoining areas are Riga and Vidzeme regions.
- **In Lithuania:** Klaipeda, Telsiai, Siauliai, Panevezys, Utena, Alytus and Vilnius counties. The adjoining area is Kaunas county.
- **In Belarus:** Vitebsk, Minsk and Grodno oblasts.

Applicants can be municipalities, regional authorities, schools, universities, municipal enterprises, non profit organizations and under certain conditions also private bodies. At least two partners from two countries have to be involved in the project.

The INTERREG IIIA Priority South is financed from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The total ERDF budget available for the Priority for the tim period 2004 - 2006 amounts to 10 417 541 EUR. The maximum co-financing rate being 75% of the total eligible project costs. Expected project size is from 5000 to 1 million Euro of ERDF funding.

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