

BSR IR IIIB 5th Project Call (indicating Russian partnership)

	Project Title	Russian partners	Outcome (approved projects given in red)
1	Female Entrepreneurs' Meetings in the Baltic Sea Region	Kaliningrad Regional Fund "Women's Centre of Information and Employment" Kalinka, Administration of Kaliningrad, Kaliningrad Regional Society Organization "Society Kaliningrad-Sverige". Kaliningrad Business Lady Club, NGO.	<p>Despite certain shortcomings that can be identified in the submitted application, the project managed to successfully pass the quality assessment. Through focusing on gender mainstreaming issues, the project demonstrates a very interesting and innovative approach to regional and local development. The project will help to decrease the unemployment rate among women by promoting the role of women in starting entrepreneur undertakings and will therefore contribute to improved economical and social conditions in the BSR. The project presented a clear action plan (although in some parts overambitious), managed to compose the competent partnership that will be capable to successfully implement the project.</p> <p>Conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total budget of partner 17 (Innovation Norway) should be reduced from EUR 700 000 to EUR 100 000 (EUR 30 000 -INTERREG, EUR 70 000 - partner's own resources). <p>Costs budgeted in budget line 6 ('other costs and equipment') need clarification.</p>
2	Sustainable Social Tourism in the BSR; Ecumenical networking, intercultural learning and transnational hospitality - Networking	Youth department of Smolensk-Kaliningrad Eparchy of Russian Orthodox Church, The Youth Department of St. Petersburg diocese. Russian Orthodox Church, Regional Youth religious movement "Transfiguration", Evangelic-lutheran St.Catherin Congregation, Kaliningrad Deanery of ELCROS, Evangelic-lutheran Church in Russia and other CIS States	Although the project idea as such is in line with the programme objectives, the project lacks a direct relation to spatial planning and regional economic development. The activities in the WPs lack a detailed description and the responsibilities are not well defined among the partners. The cooperation should be anchored in regional and local authorities and not only in the Christian organizations. Moreover, there is a weak vertical composition of partners and the transnational value of the project is low. Therefore the present set up of the project does not qualify to be supported under the BSR INTERREG III B programme.
3	Coastal Zone Management in the Baltic Sea Region / COASTMAN	Leningrad Region Government, Administration of the Primorsk Local Municipality, St.Petersburg State Polytechnical University, Russian State Hydrometeorological University, Green Polytechnic non-profit making partnership	<p>The project addresses an important development problem regarding conflict resolution in coastal zone management and integrated planning that really exists in the BSR. It is a relevant topic for best practice project based experience on concrete case studies. Harmonization of methods for conflict resolution will facilitate the conflict management process on the local as well as on the regional level and demonstrate how the spatial planning instrument can be utilized to contribute to a sustainable development of the BSR.</p> <p>The applicant managed to establish a convincing project structure that allows one to assume that the project will be successful in its operations.</p>
4	BALTIC SEA INFORMATIO	North-Western Russia Logistics	The project will contribute to the development of integrated Baltic Sea Information Motorways, what will significantly

	N MOTORWAYS – BaSIM	Development and Information Center	<p>improve the effectiveness of the sea transport and communication system in the BSR. The applicant managed to develop a convincing project proposal, where project's rationale and outcome are clearly linked and logical. The project will be implemented by an extensive and competent partnership what will lead to high quality and durable outcome. There are only few minor critical remarks regarding the budget setup and weak coordination of the project with Russian partners. These shortcomings have to be clarified before the project subsidy contract can be signed.</p> <p>Recommendation: The project will have to secure the involvement of Russian partners, so that the strategies to be developed on both sides are in line with one another. It is recommended that preferably St. Petersburg and the Leningrad oblast are contacted, as they are the key partners regarding the oil transport.</p> <p>Clarification: In case of partners involved also in project InLoC, the applicant should explain how it is planned to avoid the danger that the same activities for those partners will be double financed.</p>
5	Baltic Cruise Project 2004-2007 - BCP 2004-2007	The City of St. Petersburg, Committee on Tourism and Resort Development	<p>The project did not pass the quality assessment because of its weak link to spatial and regional development. The presented spatial planning aspects are not convincing and play a very limited role in the project. The approach to the problem is fairly unbalanced and methodology applied is not clear enough. Although the accumulated outcome of the WPs might help to increase competitiveness of the BSR on the global cruise market, however there is too much focus on the promotional and marketing activities. Such activities are rather a regular statutory responsibility of each municipality and could therefore be questioned as being relevant for financial support from this programme. Moreover, the project consortium has low reliability and capability to handle spatial planning issues that would contribute to sustainable development of the Baltic cruise sector.</p>
6	The Baltic Challenge - an ICT awards programme promoting sustainable growth in the Baltic Sea Region	Regional Economic Development Agency (Kaliningrad), North-West Investment Development Agency	<p>Although the project has a good relation to regional development issues, it is hard to identify the spatial planning component in its methodology and WPs. In the current setup, the project's approach is considered to be too general and broad for the programme objectives in the measure, as it has not successfully demonstrated any concrete effects on the development of the BSR. The promotion of ICT solutions is presented in very general terms; it is therefore not clear what exactly will be achieved. Moreover the nature of the Award itself is very unclear (is it just a recognition letter or also some kind of a financial grant). If the award has value in itself (money, golden statuette, etc.) such costs are not eligible for funding from the programme.</p>
7	Integrating Logistics Centre Networks in the Baltic Sea Region – InLoC	North-Western Russia Logistics Development and Information Centre	<p>The applicant managed to set up a convincing project proposal with well-presented rationale, clear structure, logical methodology, good description of activities/outcome, competent partnership and well-justified budget. Through improving the potential of the logistics centers and integration of the logistics networks to facilitate the transport in the BSR the project will contribute to sustainable regional development in the BSR.</p> <p>Clarifications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant should explain what is the step forward and what gives added value from this project in relation to the previous project NeLoC. Clarifications have to be provided to ensure, that there is no financing of the same activities again. <p>In case of partners involved also in project BaSIM, the</p>

			applicant should explain what steps will be taken to avoid the danger that the same activities for those partners will be double financed.
8	RUTILUS - Strategies and Sustainable Management of Under Water Cultural Heritage	Museum of the World Ocean	Despite very well elaborated project rationale, the applicant did not manage to present a convincing action plan. The planned objectives and results are not reflected in the description of the WPs. Although the project idea is very interesting and the applicant demonstrates an innovative approach, however the description of the WPs is too limited to properly assess the project. The application is simply unfinished, as there is more possibility for actions within the planned objectives.
9	Nordic Stadiums - Facilitators of New Knowledge and Business Opportunities for BSR - NORSTA	St. Petersburg Sport and Concert Venue	The institution building aspect in the project (a prerequisite for operations financed under priority 3) is too weak, as the project activities are mostly focused on cooperation and networking among the four specific selected sites and will benefit preferably these four partners. The activities are therefore characterized by a relatively low level of transnationality. In many parts the description is unclear and the methodology lacks a sufficient level of detail. Moreover, it is not clear how the outcome of the project will be disseminated and benefit other relevant actors in the BSR besides the partners already involved in the operations.
10	CLEAN UP - Risk based management of contaminated soils in the Northern Baltic Sea Cities	Committee for Nature use, Environment and Ecological Safety of St Petersburg	The project did not manage to develop a transnational approach on how to solve problems in the proposed field of operation. The scope of activities is not sufficiently reflecting the programme's core objectives of the chosen measure (institution building). The methodology applied in the project lacks innovative and transnational aspects. Moreover, unclear project rationale and weakly described activities make it impossible to assess the scale of the project's impact. In the present setup the project will not produce any results that would be of transnational importance. Therefore a positive decision regarding the project could not be justified.
11	Baltic Business Development Network – BBDN	Kaliningrad International Business Institute, Kaliningrad Regional Development Agency	The project did not pass the quality assessment due to the poorly described activities and outputs, inconsistencies in the budget as well as undefined management structure of the project. The objectives to establish a transnational network between regional development agencies is relevant but the application of the Triple Helix model is not sufficiently fulfilled. The application simply seems to be unfinished.
12	Nature Centres and Environmental Interpretation in the Baltic Sea Region - BSR EAGLE	Environmental Education Center "Zapovedniks"	<p>Despite several methodological shortcomings and certain content deficiencies, the project has managed to pass the quality assessment. The project will contribute to making the role of environmental centers more important, what will have a strong impact on ecological awareness in relation to institution building focusing of this issue. The project needs to strengthen its transnational dimension as well as establish clearer actions for integrating the environmental aspects into the field of planning for sustainable development. Therefore, before the project can be finally approved and contracted, it shall fulfil the conditions listed below.</p> <p>Conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The number of NC to be established in the project should be reduced to 2 and should take place on the territory of the new MS as learning by doing and testing purposes. 2) The number of pilots should be reduced and only pilot projects/actions that are at least bilateral should be carried out. Therefore, only those pilot projects should be set up that give a stronger transnational value added and will be implemented jointly by partners from different countries.

			<p>3) More public authorities should be involved to establish a dialog and improved relation to a broader context of sustainable development in connection to policy-making processes (these activities should be preferably included in WP5). Project's dissemination strategy should also be improved in this regard.</p> <p>BL6 and BL7 will have to be further described and the transnational relevance clarified.</p>
13	Promoting Spatial Development by Creating COMon MINdscapes – COMMIN	ICSER "Leontief Centre" of St. Petersburg City Administration	<p>The project did not pass the quality check due to the weak correlation of work-packages and the methodology described to reach the accumulated project results. The project aim and focus as such is interesting and clearly in line with the programme objectives. However, the WPs are weakly correlated and form independent projects. The methodology applied should be further elaborated, better structured and improved in timing. Especially content of WP1 is missing practical aspects and the courses to be developed in WP2 lack innovative elements and do not address the content for the project. Moreover, the unbalanced composition of partnership has led to a negative conclusion concerning the transnationality, despite a large number of countries involved. There is a certain imbalance also in the composition of partners and their roles with GER and FIN dominating the partnership. An improvement in this respect would need a substantial development that is not realistic in this stage.</p>
14	Sustainable Development in the Mid Nordic Region, ProMidNord	Youth Affairs, Sport and Tourism Committee, Leningrad Oblast Government	<p>The applicant managed to develop a convincing project proposal. The operation will strengthen the attractiveness and competitiveness of the MNR and the sub-regions through the joint work on development strategy and exploitation of the macro-region's potential. The project has a logical structure of WPs and its activities are clearly described. The composition of the partnership is relevant and the management structure was planned in an efficient way. The only major critical remark was raised in regard to the budget and unjustified financial dominance of The Regional Council of Etelä-Savo.</p> <p>Recommendation: Very high budget of partner 14 (The Regional Council of Etelä-Savo, FI) will have to be justified.</p>