



Russian National Sub-Committee

BSR Interreg III B Programme

Russian proposal on indicative allocation of Tacis funding between priorities and measures of BSR Interreg III B Neighbourhood Programme

Based on the decisions of

RNSC Task Force meeting, St. Petersburg, 26 March 2004 and consultations with RNSC members from all North-West regions of Russia during 26 of March – 15 of April.

BACKGROUND

The proposal for **ERDF allocation** between priorities and measures was developed by Steering Committee “Strategy” Task Force on its meeting 11-22 March

The Steering Committee Task Force also developed recommendations on **Tacis NP Funding**,
Please see below:

Abstract from the Minutes of First Steering Committee “Strategy” Task Force on Allocation of funding between measures

The TF recommendation is that the NP funds will not be allocated between the measures. However, if this is envisaged, there exist two options, either following the allocation rates of the remaining INTERREG III B funds or **to set specific financial priorities to be proposed by Russia and Belarus**. The final decision on the issue will have to be taken by the MC and the COM.

RNSC TASK FORCE PROPOSALS ON TACIS NP FUNDING

1. RNSC Task Force is proposing specific financial priorities based on the following principles:

- Provide relevant financial basis to measure 3.2. for the participation of Russian partners in bilateral co-operation which will be in balance with ERDF allocation
- Not to introduce new priorities and allocations for every measure
- To be in line with IR III B ERDF scheme

Decision: I to allocate **50%** of Tacis Funding to **Priority 3** with 40/60 distribution between 3.1 and 3.2 was approved by the RNSC Task Force members. Also **5%** should be allocated for Priority 7. Technical Assistance.
According to this decision the RNSC Task Force developed the following proposal:

TACIS FUNDING / (indicative)		
PRIORITIES	%	EUR
Priority 1. Promotion of spatial development approaches and actions for specific territories and sectors: Measure 1: Supporting joint strategies and implementation actions for macro-regions Measure 2: Promoting sustainable spatial development of specific sectors Measure 3: Strengthening integrated development of coastal zones, islands and other specific areas	10%	750.000
Priority 2. Promotion of territorial structures supporting sustainable BSR development Measure 1: Promoting balanced polycentric settlement structures Measure 2: Creating sustainable communication links for improved spatial integration Measure 3: Enhancing good management of cultural and natural heritage and of natural resources	35%	2.625.000
Priority 3. Transnational promotion of institution building, strengthening the capacity for spatial development activities Measure 1: Transnational co-operation Measure 2: Bilateral co-operation	50%	3.750.000
Priority 4. Special support for regions bordering candidate countries		
Priority 5. IIIA cross-border co-operation priority Estonia–Latvia–Russia (North)		
Priority 6. IIIA cross-border co-operation priority Latvia –Lithuania–Belarus (South)		
Priority 7. Technical Assistance to support transnational and cross-border co-operation	5%	375.000
TOTAL	100%	7.500.000



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2. RNSC Task Force proposing the following size of Tacis grants

- minimum amount: EUR 100.000
- maximum amount: EUR 300.000

3. Under the conditions of closing Seed Money instrument just in the moment when the Neighbourhood Instrument is introduced **RNSC Task Force proposing to allocate 10% (within every priority) **to micro-grants for projects preparation**. Size of Tacis micro-grants – up to 25.000 EUR.**

4. RNSC Task Force proposing following definitions for eligible partner organization under Bilateral Maritime Co-operation

Project proposal should be prepared in a partnership between partner organizations as specified hereafter. A partnership is a relation of substance involving an active exchange of skills, experience and knowledge. All partners of a project must be involved in its designing and conception, and actively participate in its implementation.

One of the project partner organizations should act as a lead partner. The lead partner is the partner in charge of smooth running of the project and its implementation, and bears financial and legal responsibilities to the programme managing and paying authorities.

In order to be eligible for the bilateral maritime co-operation, partner organizations must be a non-profit-making legal entity falling within the following categories:

- Local and regional authorities (cities, municipalities, province or regions);
- An association of local/ regional authorities;
- An entity closely linked to a local or regional authority as part of the organizational structure or/and mainly owned (minimum 50%) by this local/regional authority, or having an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities or by other bodies governed by public law;
- Non-governmental organizations;
- Not-for-profit professional organizations (associations of SMEs, chambers of commerce, trade associations, etc.);
- Regional branches of national/federal bodies relevant for the project