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Having started after Lithuania and Poland joined the European Union, the Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood Programme provided its beneficiaries the chance of using the EU support of approximately 2,88 mln. euros by the end of 2006. By the 22nd of December, 2006, the beneficiaries reported to the Managing Authority of the Programme they had spent exactly this sum, which should be returned to them from the European Regional Development Fund.

As the new programming period has started since the beginning of 2007, the projects already approved under the Neighbourhood Programme will continue implementing their goals till the end of 2008 (those with TACIS element – till the end of 2009). And potential applicants benefiting from the actual Neighbourhood Programme in the next programming period (depending on the countries participating and the territory covered) will be able to participate in 2 programmes: European Territorial Co-operation (ETC) programme and European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Cross Border Co-operation (ENPI CBC) programme. The calls for proposals will be announced after the participating countries will agree on the contents of the programmes and after the approval of the programmes will be made by the European Commission. The announcements will be published in press and disseminated by other means of communication.

Upcoming events

NEXT JMSC MEETING

The coming Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee Meeting will take place on the 20th-21st of February, 2007, in Kaliningrad Oblast. Decision on approval of TACIS projects, submitted for the 20th of October, 2006 will be taken.

THE 4TH LEAD PARTNER SEMINAR

The lead partners and financial partners of the INTERREG part of the projects approved in the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee Meeting in Palanga (24th-25th of October, 2006) will soon be invited to attend the 4th Lead Partner Seminar. Information about project implementation, reporting and information and publicity will be provided in the seminar. The seminar will take place in the beginning of February in Lithuania.

TACIS CONFERENCE FOR APPROVED PROJECTS

The TACIS responsible partners of the TACIS part of the projects approved in the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee Meeting in Palanga (24th-25th of October, 2006) and

of projects which will be approved in the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee Meeting in Kaliningrad Oblast (20th-21st of February, 2007) will be invited to the 2nd TACIS launching conference in the beginning of March, 2007. Information about project implementation, reporting and information and publicity will be provided in the seminar. The seminar will take place in Kaliningrad Oblast.

REPORTING-TRAININGS FOR PARTNERS OF APPROVED PROJECTS

All the lead partners and financial partners of the INTERREG part of the projects will soon be invited to attend the Reporting-trainings. Information about the financial and activity reporting under a project, the most common mistakes made by the applicants will be provided in the trainings. The events are planned for February-March and will take place in Lithuanian and Polish regions.

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REPORTING FORMS AND THEIR SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AVAILABLE

Important information has been placed on the www.interreg3a.org web site regarding the submission of the reporting forms (activity and financial). All the lead partners submitting reports to JTS should carefully study this information. You may find it either on the "Title page" or in the section "Documents and logos", category "For INTERREG project implementers", folder "Reporting forms".

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