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Activities

CONFERENCE FOR TACIS PROJECT IMPLEMENTERS

Conference for the Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation Neighbourhood programme TACIS partners of INTERREG/TACIS projects and TACIS projects took part on the 29th of August in Svetlogorsk (Kaliningrad Region).

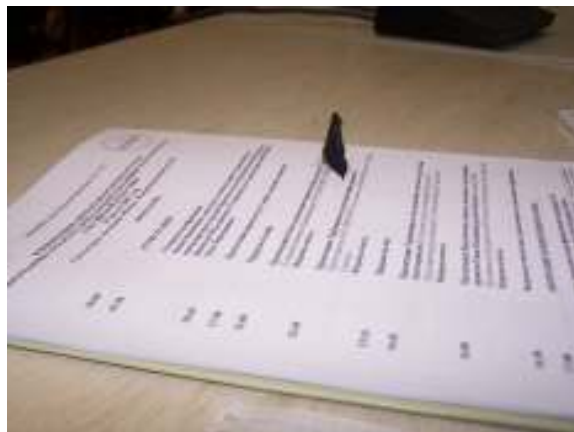
Neighbourhood programme, Michael Hackethal, Projects Officer at the Delegation of European Commission to the Russian Federation as well as experts of INTERREG Joint Technical Secretariat Giedrius Surplys and Marina Kislyak and the director of the TACIS Local Support Office in Kaliningrad Alla Ivanova.



More than 60 project implementers from the Kaliningrad Region, Lithuania and Poland took part in the conference. The Conference was mainly devoted to the issues of implementation, reporting and visibility of the projects submitted and approved during the two last calls of proposals. Besides that, project partners of the previous calls for proposals could address their questions to Aukse Bernadisiene, Director of INTERREG Joint Technical Secretariat of the

Participants of the conference also had the possibility of advertising their projects during the conference.

Please, feel free to see the presentations for TACIS partners made during the event: [Current state.pdf](#); [Publicity.pdf](#); [Reporting.pdf](#); [Implementation.pdf](#).





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REPORTING TRAININGS FOR INTERREG PROJECT IMPLEMENTERS

In September and October, 2007 the INTERREG Joint Technical Secretariat together with the Polish regional contact points and the 1st level controllers organised the 2nd cycle of reporting trainings for the INTERREG Project implementers of the Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood programme.

234 participants took part in the trainings (108 – in Lithuania and 126 – in Poland). The events were organised in Klaipeda (September 10), Marijampole

(September 11), Alytus (September 12), Bialystok and Gdansk (September 12). According to the special request from the Warminsko-Mazurskie Regional contact point, the beneficiaries from the region were provided personal consultations in Olsztyn on the 18th of October.

The project managers of the INTERREG Joint technical secretariat have realised that the quality of the project reports has improved after the trainings.

JMSC MEETING N^O 11

On the 16th-17th of October, 2007 the 11th meeting of the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee (JMSC) of the Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of the Russian Federation Neighbourhood programme took place in Augustow, Poland.



The members of the JMSC have taken actual decisions, besides participants of the meeting – representatives of the

Lithuanian, Polish national and regional authorities, Russian regional authorities and the European Commission (*DG Regio*) Nathalie Verschelde visited four projects of the Neighbourhood programme.

The participants of the JMSC meeting saw a fire-engine and a life-saving motor-boat, purchased by the Augustow fire-brigade with part-financing from the European Union. The guests also took a walk on the newly built road in the tourist zone of Augustow. The mayor of the city hosted the meeting.

The head of the local administrative commune office of Punszk greeted the guests in Punszk (Sejny county). He showed the participants of the JMSC meeting the roads built to the Lithuanian border. These roads will shorten the trips



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between Lithuania and Poland after the countries join the Schengen area soon. The guests were also invited to see the newly built museum of traditional culture.



The trip to Augustow and Punszk has proven that the ideas of the project

implementers are transforming into reality from the paper of applications and they are useful to the development of the Lithuania, Poland and Russia border region.

The 11th meeting of the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee decided on the possibility to extend infrastructure project implementation period, but not longer than till 30 June, 2008 on well justified cases by the decision of the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee. The Joint final progress reports for extended projects must be submitted to the Joint Technical Secretariat before 31st of July, 2008.

CONFERENCES ON 2007-2013 PROGRAMMES

LITHUANIA

The money of the European Union provides the possibility to produce all sorts of traditional white cheese, to cherish the cultural heritage, to grow fish, dance break and conduct joint life-saving operations in the Lithuanian, Polish and Russian border region. These touchable results of the Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood programme were presented to the participants of the outgoing conference “Second step towards co-operation of the regions. New period of European Union territorial co-operation on the Lithuanian-Polish border”. The event was organised on the 24th of October,

2007 in Druskininkai, Lithuania by the Lithuanian Ministry of the Interior and the INTERREG joint technical secretariat of the Neighbourhood programme.

As the deputy-minister of the Lithuanian Ministry of the Interior Regimantas Ciupaila said in his welcome speech, the conference had two goals: to indicate (first of all to the “government” people from Vilnius) that the Neighbourhood programme, joining the INTERREG IIIA and TACIS programmes, is contributing to the development of the border regions in reality, not only on paper; and to present the territorial co-



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operation and the neighbourhood programmes of the new programming period, the Ministry of the Interior is responsible for. Eugenijus Palavinskas, the Governor of the Alytus county, also greeted the participants.



The organisers of the conference offered the representatives of the Lithuanian parliament, ministries, regions and municipalities, who took part in the conference not only to sit and listen to presentations, but to also visit a couple of the Neighbourhood programme projects. Some of the participants visited Darguziai village, where the local community is producing traditional Lithuanian cheese and advertising it with the support of Varena district municipality and the EU. All the participants of the conference were invited for lunch into the Lithuanian traditional food inn “Vido malunas”, which is advertising the culinary

heritage that they serve as part of a Neighbourhood programme project.

As far as the topic of the conference was moving ahead in the direction of the regional co-operation and development, every participant of the event received a ticket and an agenda illustrated with roads-signs, marking the topics of each presentation. The organisers of the conference ensured that while working with certain region, it is impossible not to fall in love with it earlier or later. In order to stimulate the interest or maybe even passion of the participants to the Neighbourhood region, several quizzes were organised.



The participants of the event made the second step towards the 2007-2013 period of territorial co-operation having learnt a lot and packed their baggage with good ideas.





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POLAND

On the 17th of July, 2007 the Polish Ministry of Regional Development organised a conference devoted to two programmes of the upcoming 2007-2013 period: the cross-border co-operation programme Lithuania-Poland and the European neighbourhood and partnership instrument programme Poland, Lithuania and the Russian Federation. The Regional contact point of the Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation Neighbourhood programme in Warminsko-Mazurskie was asked to assist in organising the conference.

Three beneficiaries of the Neighbourhood Programme were invited to present the results and the lessons learnt from their projects. Marek Aleksander Miros, the mayor of Goldap, presented the project “Enhancement of cultural tourism infrastructure through new culture and education facility”;

Izabela Narozniak from the Association of communes „Polish gothic castles” – spoke of the project “Presentation of castle and museum trail, cultural - historical attractions of the Baltic Sea region” and Teresa Malanowicz from the municipal office in Elblag - “Development of communal Sea port infrastructure in Elblag; improvement of border security”. Additionally, the representative of the Regional contact point introduced the lessons learnt from the implementation of the Neighbourhood programme in the Warminsko-Mazurskie voivodeship.

More than 100 participants came to the conference. Many of them expressed their surprise concerning the results achieved while implementing the projects.

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3 BANNERS

Three new banners appeared on the web site of the Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation Neighbourhood Programme: www.interreg3a.org. You can now check regularly what events do Neighbourhood

programme beneficiaries organise. You can also vote for the most popular project every month and, finally you can check the project map (what projects are implemented where).



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MPP September RESULTS

Project N° 2006/351 „The establishment of international rehabilitation centre for 7-14 year-old children with disabilities“ became the most popular project of September, 2007 with 16 votes!

The project is implemented by The Federal State Institution pediatric orthopedic sanatorium “Pionersk” of the

Federal agency for healthcare and social development.

Out of those who voted for the project, 3 winners of the Neighbourhood programme prizes were selected randomly: Viktorija Kravcova, Jekaterina Gurinovich and Jelena Fedosova. Congratulations!





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MPP October RESULTS

Project N° 2006/255 „Co-operation between Kaliningrad and Klaipeda in successful education through health improvement“ became the most popular project of October, 2007 with 10 votes! The project is implemented by the Non-state school of general education of N. I. Moroz.

Out of those who voted for the project, 3 winners of the Neighbourhood programme prizes were selected randomly: Vitaly Ochrimenko, Liudmila Prokofjeva and James Brindley. Congratulations!



MPP November CANDIDATE PROJECTS

INTERREG Joint Technical Secretariat is organising the Most Popular Project (MPP) competition!

Each month you will find 9 photos from the activities of the Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood Programme projects on www.interreg3a.org (banner “Most popular project”).

If you recognise a photo of a project that was organised in your town or even you took part in the project activities, please vote.

Dear project implementers and participants, if you want your project to become the MPP, please agitate for your project and try to get as many people as

possible to vote for it! One person can only vote up to 5 times.

WINNERS AND PRIZES!

Each month the MPP of the month will be selected! It will be awarded Neighbourhood programme tokens. 3 fans out of those who sent in e-mails voting for the winner-project will be selected and awarded with Neighbourhood Programme souvenirs (a clock, a thermo-mug or a mouse pad-calculator).

In the end of the year, the project, which will have collected the biggest number of votes will be announced the MPP! Below you will see the photos of the 9 candidate-projects to win the November competition.



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