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The 13th meeting of the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee (JMSC) of Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood Programme took place in Gdańsk (Poland) on November 17, 2009. Besides general issues (the Final Programme report, absorption of the Programme funds, closure issues etc.), the Evaluation study of the Programme was presented by the expert from the “BGI Consulting” Ltd. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the Programme in terms of impact and effectiveness, also to present and future qualitative progress in the area and to provide conclusions and recommendations for more efficient implementation of Lithuania and Poland Cross-border Cooperation Action Programme under EU European Territorial Cooperation Objective for 2007-2013; Lithuania,



Poland and Russian Federation Cross-border Cooperation under European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument for 2007-2013; and South Baltic Cross-border Cooperation Programme under EU European Territorial Cooperation Objective for 2007-2013.

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At the EU-Russia Summit on 18 November, 2009 Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy, Benita Ferrero-Waldner and the Russian Minister for Regional Development, Viktor Basargin, signed the Financing Agreements for five cross-border co-operation programmes. These financing agreements are central to the implementation of cooperation programmes between the border regions

of the European Union and Russia. The programmes have a total budget of approximately 437 million EUR until 2013.

One of these programmes is a successor of the 2004-2006 Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood Programme: “Lithuania-Poland-Russia“ programme, with total programme budget 176.13 million EUR.



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OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AWARD

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The Neighbourhood programme project No 2006/289 "Development of scientific-technical support for reproduction of fish stocks in transboundary water of Lithuania and Russia" was awarded the 2nd prize in the Russian national ecological competition EKOMIR in 2009.

More than 300 applications were submitted for the nominations in the category "Preservation of biodiversity and improving the landscape conditions" in which the project received the award.



IN ACTION

THE CROSS BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME LITHUANIA – POLAND IN ACTION

The CBC Programme Lithuania – Poland in action: 24 projects, approved in the framework of the 1st and 2nd calls, are being implemented in the borderline region or will start in the nearest future. The total value of the contracted projects is 36,1 million EUR, including 30,7 million EUR of ERDF. On 15 December 2009 the 3rd call for proposals, open for the Priority 1

Competitiveness and productivity growth of the cross-border region only, was closed. The Joint Technical Secretariat has received 22 applications for the total amount of 39 million EUR, including 33 million EUR ERDF. Decision on the approval of the projects, submitted for the 3rd call will be taken in April, 2010.





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Bidding farewell we wish you, that the neighbourhood spirit we have should never leave You



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