

Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood Programme

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2ND LEAD APPLICANT SEMINAR IN NEMUNAITIS



On the 24th of August the INTERREG Joint Technical Secretariat organised the 2nd lead applicant seminar of the Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood Programme. The seminar was held in Nemunaitis village, Lithuania on a beautiful coast of river Nemunas. 82 participants took part in the seminar: 53 from Poland and 29 from Lithuania. Regional project manager of the INTERREG JTS Asta Eigėlytė presented the most frequent mistakes made by

applicants to the participants and explained in detail how to fill in the most difficult parts of the application form. And the financial project manager of the INTERREG JTS explained filling in the budgetary tables of the application form. Participants from Poland were provided with simultaneous interpretation of the presentations into Polish. During the 2nd part of the seminar, the participants had the possibility to search for partners, needed for implementing projects in the Neighbourhood Programme. Each willing organisation had a stand where every participant wishing to implement Neighbourhood



Programme project together could leave their contact details or speak to the representatives of the organisation. Out of 39 organisations that took part in the seminar, even 23 received partnership proposals. The participants that had expressed the need for personal consultations could meet INTERREG JTS project managers personally and get the advice about their project ideas, application forms, etc. Each organisation had 20 minutes for personal consultations. Lithuanian

participants were consulted by Lithuanian, and Polish participants – by Polish project managers. The latter were assisted by officers of Polish regional contact points.

Participants indicated that they received information about the seminar from the following sources: e-mails from JTS and regional public institutions, press, in person.

The 1st Lead Applicant Seminar was organised in Goldap, Poland on the 21st of June.



PERSONAL CONSULTATIONS IN LITHUANIAN MUNICIPALITIES

Having in mind that Summer is a holiday season and it would be rather difficult to collect enough people to informational seminars, also having in mind that it might be difficult for some potential applicants to come to such seminars in the centres of the regions, INTERREG Joint Technical Secretariat organised visits to Lithuanian municipalities in August.

The purpose of these visits was to promote the Programme, to attract potential beneficiaries (focussing on smaller – Priority 2 – projects), and to advise applicants in order to improve the quality of the application forms (AF).

Considering different needs and number of people interested in different municipalities, 3 formats of consultations were chosen:

- Format 1 Personal vis-a-vis consultations with each project
- Format 2 Personal consultations with all interested projects where participants are consulted project by project and others are waiting in the same room and listening
- Format 3 Presentation about the Programme and answering the questions
- Format 4 Interview about the Programme on the regional radio

Consultations were carried out by INTERREG JTS information officer Giedrius Surplys.

Stage 1:

16 Aug

Sangrūda (Kalvarija mun.)	Format 3	20 persons
Marijampolė city mun.	Format 2	6 persons
Vilkaviškis mun.	Format 1	4 persons
Regional radio „Kapsai“	Format 4	

17 Aug

Lazdijai mun.	Format 2	6 persons
Alytus district mun.	Format 1	3 persons
Kazlų Rūda mun.	Format 3	9 persons
Regional radio „FM99“	Format 4	
Varėna mun.	No contact with the mun.	
Druskininkai mun.	No contact with the mun.	



Stage 2:

19 Aug

Šilutė mun.	Format 3	9 persons
Klaipėda city mun.	Format 1	7 persons
Kretinga mun.	Format 3	6 persons

22 Aug

Jurbarkas mun.	Format 3	7 persons
Pagėgiai mun.	Format 3	20 persons
Tauragė mun.	No people registered.	
Šilalė mun.	No people registered.	

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15-September 16

Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee meeting in Gdansk, Poland. 1st group of projects to be approved.

Beginning of October

Lead Partner and Financial Partner Seminar, the location to be specified later.

Lead partners and financial partners of the projects approved to be instructed on project implementation, reporting, information and publicity measures, etc.

UPCOMING WORKS

September 12, 5 pm. Lithuanian time

Deadline of submission of the application forms to be approved in JMSC meeting in the beginning of December. Applicants have to submit the hard copy of the Application form to the INTERREG JTS either by post or in person. Polish applicants have the possibility to submit the hard copy of the Application form to the Polish regional contact points. In this case, they have to send an e-version of the Application form to the JTS via e-mail: info@interreg3a.org . In this case the same rules and deadline apply.

After the JMSC in Gdansk

Disseminating information about the decisions of the Steering Committee in all the web sites related to the Programme, media and e-contact networks.

CHANGES ON WWW.INTERREG3A.ORG

- **POLISH VERSION; News section:** news about the possibility to submit the hard copies of the Application forms to the Polish regional contact points
- **RUSSIAN VERSION; News section:** advertisement of job offer to Kaliningrad information officer.
- **LITHUANIAN, POLISH, ENGLISH VERSION; Events section:** information about the Lead Applicant seminar and photos.

OTHER INFORMATION

Dear colleagues,

The Administration of the Kaliningrad Region is looking for potential partners from Polish and Lithuanian side in order to formulate and submit an Application for "LITHUANIA, POLAND AND KALININGRAD REGION OF RF NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAMME, 2004-2006" under Interreg IIIA (see attached file, describing the Programme and web-site of it with more info:

<http://www.interreg3a.org/interregen>).

The idea for the Project would be to establish cooperation and implement exchange of knowledge between neighbouring municipalities of Kaliningrad Region, Poland and Lithuania in the field of environmental protection.

Primary objective for the Russian side for such a co-operation would be getting experience regarding responsibilities of Polish and Lithuanian municipalities in the field of environmental protection, due to ongoing decentralisation of executive power in Russia down to municipal level. Starting January 1st, 2006 quite a lot of functions in the field of environmental protection shall be implemented at municipal level, however there is lack of even basic knowledge of the matter.

Therefore, sufficient support in capacity building is required for the interim period, while gaining these functions. So far, we could foresee involvement of at least 2 Russian municipalities from Russian-Lithuanian side (Kurshkaya Kosa and Neman) and 2-3 municipalities from Russian-Polish border (Bagrationovsk, Baltiysk, Mamonovo).

Therefore, we would appreciate any calls or proposals of partnership in potential project.

On behalf of Department for Housing and Energy of the Administration of the Kaliningrad Region,

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