Pskov region: expectation of the cross-border cooperation Programme “Estonia-Latvia-Russia”

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Pskov region participates in the INTERREG IIIA Program Priority North Estonia-Latvia-Russia since autumn 2005.

17 projects for the total amount of 2 mln EURO are implemented in Pskov Region in the framework of Priority North in the following thematic areas: economy and environment, spatial development and education, SME support and culture, tourism and social sphere.

Among them there are:
infrastructural projects, involving construction or reconstruction;
development projects, creating basis for further regional development;
cooperation projects in the sphere of culture, education and regional planning, enabling youth, cultural institutions, NGO, politicians and municipalities communicate with each other;
projects facilitating entrepreneurship and effective productions...
- INTERREG III B (6 projects)
- INTERREG III A (17 projects)
Statistics: Geography of Cooperation

Partners:

- Pskov region – 23
- Latvia – 27
- Estonia – 19
Experience of cooperation in the EU-Russia programmes

Statistics: Projects’ Thematic Focus

3 - entrepreneurship  
2 - tourism  
3 - environment  
2 - planning  
3 - education  
2 - culture  
1 – partnership networks
In connection with EU enlargement Pskov region becomes the real gateway for European companies, entering Russian markets.

Cross-border location, advanced transport infrastructure, vivid cultural and historical heritage create unique opportunities for its development.

**Pskov region’s priorities:**
- tourism
- transport and logistic
- agriculture
- SME
- ecology
- power efficiency
Transport and logistics

- an accomplishment of the International automobile checkpoints, development of a frontier infrastructure

- reconstruction of frontier roads, bridges

- development of transport transit corridors of frontier regions «Baltic Tangent EE-LV-RU»

- «Comfortable transitions and travel»

- public transport development between frontier territories

- development of an information and ICT infrastructure
Tourism development

- Development of new products of seasonal tourism (ecological, recreational)
- Parks and manors as rest and tourism zones
- Support of historical and a cultural heritage of small cities and villages of the Pskov area
- Developments of cluster of the creative industries on the basis of a heritage and crafts
- Development of an infrastructure of individual tourism
- Marketing of tourist possibilities
- IT Monitoring of the tourist activity of the region
Agriculture

- development of agricultural clusters as points of social and economic points of growth

- ecological measures on agricultural objects

- agriculture waste as alternative power supply

- high technologies as an impulse of development of agriculture

- ecological decisions for preservation and increase in fish stocks
SME

- Support infrastructure development;
- cooperation network development;
- development and introduction of innovations
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PRIORITY 1: Socio-economic development
- MEASURE 1.1 Fostering of socio-economic development and encouraging business and entrepreneurship
- MEASURE 1.2 Transport, logistics and communication solutions
- MEASURE 1.3 Tourism development

- transboundary cooperation in development of systems directed on support of enterprise activity (business)
- creation of a network business – incubators
- development of a professional training system
- development of a labour market potential
- expansion of business possibilities
- increase of investment appeal of frontier regions
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**Priority 2: Common Challenges**

- **Measure 2.1** Joint actions aimed at protection of environment and natural resources
- **Measure 2.2** Preservation and promotion of cultural and historical heritage and support of local traditional skills
- **Measure 2.3** Improvement of energy efficiency and promotion of renewable energy sources

- Increase of power efficiency of social and inhabited objects, the enterprises
- Improvement of an ecological state of environment
- Studying and preservation of an archaeological heritage
- Popularisation of national traditions
- Restoration of the forgotten crafts and support of the existing
- Development of small alternative power with a view of territories development
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**Priority 3:** Promotion of people to people cooperation

- MEASURE 3.1 Development of local initiative, increasing administrative capacities of local and regional authorities
- MEASURE 3.2 Cooperation in spheres of culture, sport, education, social and heath

- Medical audit as the tool of social – economic development of regions
- Educational "mobility"
- Museums for all
- “Olympic hopes of frontier regions”
- “The youth united by borders”
- Development of a labour market potential
The main directions of the region Administration on support of the potential participants’ Programme

• regional register of project ideas and partners are conducted

• organization and carrying out of seminars on working out of project ideas and management of a project cycle

• individual work with project partnership

• distribution of the information about the Programme within the frames of the events which are carried out in territory of event

• The organizational assistance to technical Secretariat of the Programme and to project RCBI in carrying out of events in the territory of Pskov region
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