

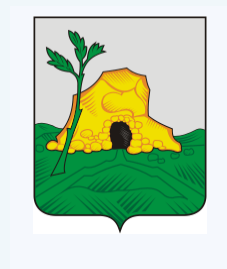


Improvement of traffic and border crossing possibilities in Värskä-Pechory monastery road

SAFE ROAD

Priority 1 Socio-economic development

Measure 1.2 Transport, logistics and communication solutions





Short summary of the project

South-East Estonia region and Pskov oblast are due to their geographical position strategically important regions for development of exchange of trade between Russian Federation and Estonia/EU using motor transport. Two regions are also playing important role in development of tourism sector acting as a gate between Russian Federation and Estonia/EU and having many tourism attractions on their own territories.

Good road infrastructure is one of key factors for development of all regions looking for opportunities for higher competitiveness, better living environment and more favorable business environment, especially for transport/logistic and tourism sector. Road infrastructure in project area doesn't meet nowadays requirements (poor condition of roads from Värskä to Koidula frontier point and from Kunichina Gora frontier point to Pechory monastery need extensive repairs, etc) therefore investments to road infrastructure and parking areas are very important.

According to international standards construction of foot/cycle ways next to roads with high traffic density is needed in order to achieve better traffic safety for foot passengers and bicyclists.

In order to achieve good results parking areas for trucks, cars and tourist buses are also needed, because vehicles standing by the roads and streets are causing serious problems in traffic safety.

One of project goals is the development of the region as tourism destination. Therefore information about main tourism attractions in the area should be available and visible.

Overall objective

To increase the competitiveness of the cross-border region through development of traffic possibilities in Värskä-Pechory monastery road, including border crossing in Koidula/Kunichina Gora frontier point.

Specific objective

- Improvement of traffic safety in Värskä-Pechory monastery road for trucks, cars, bicycles and foot passengers;
- Improvement of border crossing possibilities for all target groups, which enables to foster exchange of trade between Russian Federation and European Union;
- Creation of better and safer possibilities for tourists and local inhabitants for traffic from South-East Estonia to Pechory district (and to Pskov region) and vice versa, including for bicyclists and foot passengers;
- Improvement of tourist information on Värskä-Pechory monastery road;
- Exchange of know-how and experiences in the fields of road safety, road maintenance and repair of main roads, basic and secondary roads and streets;
- Creation of new cross-border networks between national, regional and local organizations for future co-operation in the fields of road safety, road maintenance and repair of roads.

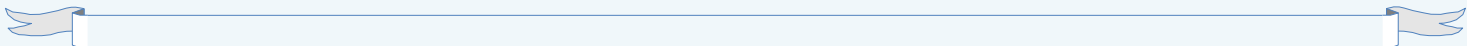
Beneficiary

Estonian Road Administration (Estonia)

Partners

- The Administration of Pechory district (Russia)
- Municipal Culture Institution "Pechory Culture Center" (Russia)
- General Partnership Company "Shans & Co"

Associates

- State Committee of road facilities in Pskov Region (Russia)
 - State Committee on economic development, industry and trade in Pskov region (Russia)
 - Värskä Municipality (Estonia)
 - The Union of Setomaa Rural Municipalities (Estonia)
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Expected results

- ✚ **Investments to road infrastructure in Estonia:**
 - **Reconstructed 14,6 km of road** section Reha-Koidula and **2,4 km of road section** Värskä-Reha to provide faster and safer traffic possibilities for trucks, cars;
 - **Constructed 1,6 km long foot/cycle way in Värskä** village and ca **0,3 km long foot/cycleway in Koidula** border area between border point and parking area.
- ✚ **Investments to road infrastructure in Russia:**
 - **Technical documentation prepared for reconstruction of the road** in Russian border area;
 - **Reconstructed ca 2,1 km long road from Kunichina Gora frontier point to Pechory monastery** (Jurjevskaja str.-Svobody square 6300 m² -Oktjabrskaja square 4400 m²-Fabritchnaja str - Rabotchaja str - Sobornaja square 1520 m² - Pechory monastery), **including facilities** under and next to the road;
 - **Constructed ca 2,1 km cycle ways and ca 2,1 km footways** to provide safer traffic possibilities for bicyclists and foot passengers.
- ✚ **Investments to parking areas in Russia:**
 - **Technical documentation for parking areas** in Pskovskaja street in city of Pechory and near to Kunichina Gora frontier point;
 - **Constructed ca 0,5 ha parking area for tourist buses** in Pskovskaja street in city of Pechory, safer infrastructure created for tourists visiting city of Pechory, incl. the Holy Dormition Pskovo-Pechorsky Monastery;
 - **Constructed ca 3 ha parking area for trucks and cars** with all needed facilities (lightening and electricity systems, system of sewers, heating system, telephone and internet connection, toilets, showers) next to Kunichina Gora frontier point.
- ✚ **Tourism information system improved in border areas** of South-East Estonia and Pskov oblast - 4 banners with tourism map and information installed in Värskä village, Koidula frontier point, Kunichina Gora frontier point and city of Pechory.

Final beneficiaries

- ✚ Logistic/transport companies (ca 120-150 trucks per day cross the border)
- ✚ Local inhabitants of Pechory district (ca 22 700), of Värskä municipality (ca 1500) and Orava municipality (ca 800) using daily road by car, bicycle or walking
- ✚ Visitors and tourists crossing the border by car (ca 300 cars per day), by bicycle or walking (ca 300-400 per day); Tourism companies
- ✚ Organizations dealing with road maintenance and reconstruction in project area

Duration

45 months

Budget

Total budget: **6 463 356,20** EUR

Programme co-financing: 4 699 999,50 EUR (72,72%)

Project co-financing: 1 763 356,70 EUR (27,28%)

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