

Estonia-Russia Cross Border
Cooperation Programme
2014-2020

Programme Introduction

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Cooperation Across Borders



Cross-border cooperation on the external borders of the European Union is a **key priority** both in the European Neighbourhood Policy and in the **EU's strategic partnership with Russia**.

ENI CBC builds on the achievements of its predecessor, the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI CBC) 2007-2013.

Period ENPI CBC 2007-2013

- ✦ High **interest** among the actors in their eligible regions
- ✦ **7000 applications**
- ✦ over **37 000 organisations**
- ✦ requesting **7 times more** the funds available
- ✦ approval of nearly **1000 projects**

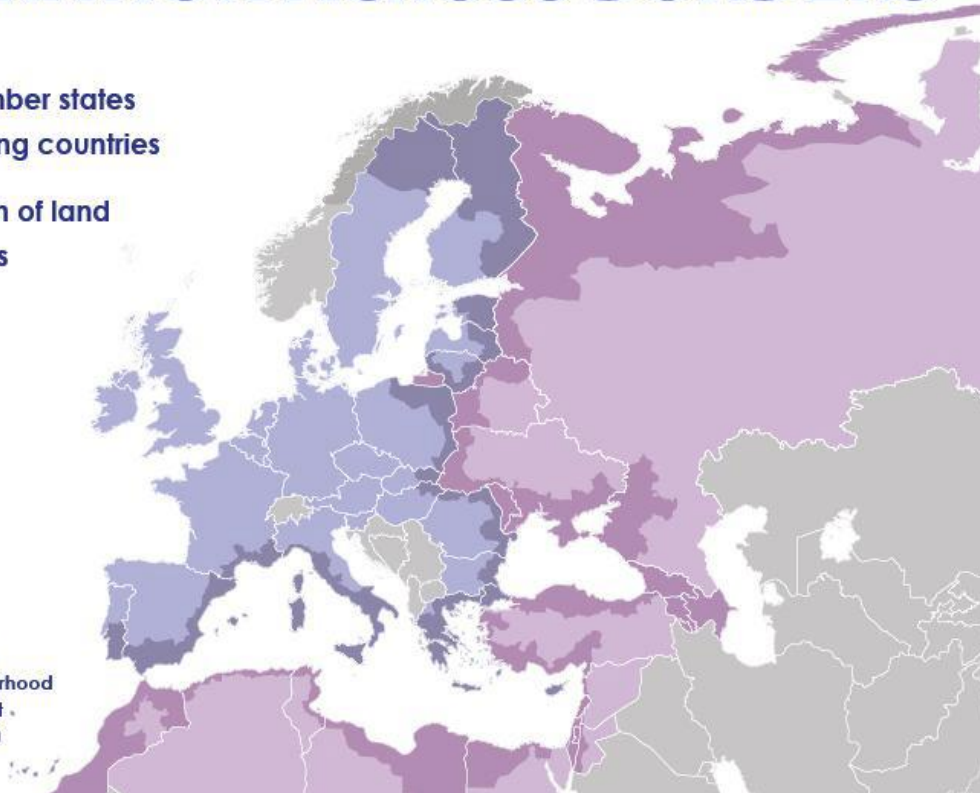


COOPERATION ACROSS BORDERS

- over 30 EU member states and neighbouring countries
- thousands of km of land and sea borders
- 1 billion €



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Cooperation Across Borders

✱ 16 programmes

- 12 land borders
- 1 sea crossing
- 3 sea basins



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Estonia-Russia CBC Programme



Cross-border Beneficiary impact
Programme
Authority Timing Thematic
Durability
Implementing Visibility LIPs
National Rules
Communication
Outputs
Objectives Results area
Guidelines Indicators Lead
Sustainability Partners Managing
costs
Eligible Management

EE-RU CBC similar but different from:

- **Structural Funds' programmes**
- **Interreg**
 - **ETC**
European Territorial Cooperation programmes
(e.g. Estonia- Latvia)
 - **Central Baltic**
 - **Baltic Sea Region**
- **Other**



Estonia-Russia CBC Programme



- ✧ Aims to **promote cooperation** across the borders **between Estonia and the Russia**

- ✧ **Focuses on four themes:**
 - **Business and SME development**
 - **Promotion of border management and border security, mobility and migration management**
 - **Environmental protection, climate change mitigation and adaptation**
 - **Support to local and regional good governance**

Strategic objectives



Economic and
social
development



Common
challenges in
environment,
public health,
safety and
security



Better
conditions and
modalities for
mobility of
persons, goods
and capital.



Programme Financing

LIPs:
20,47 million EUR



Calls for proposals
~ 10 million EUR



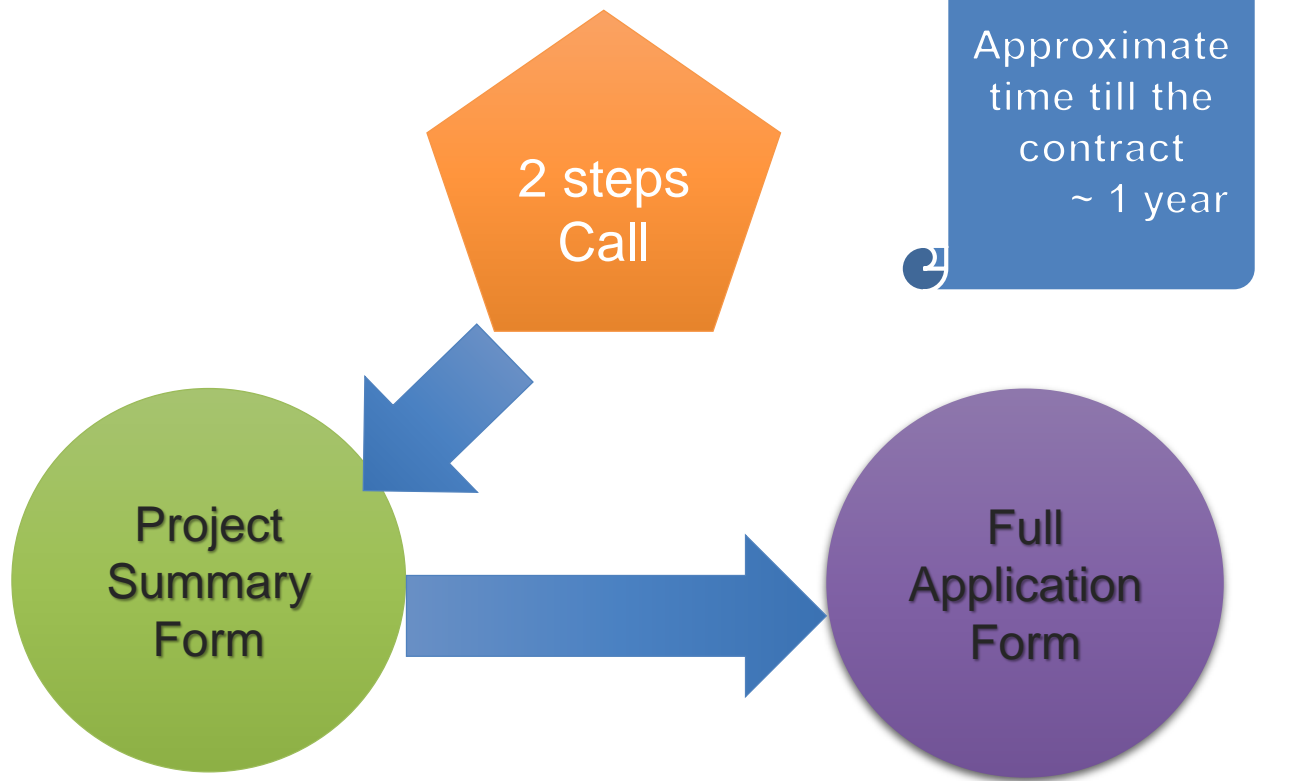
TA budget:
> 3,7 million
EUR



**Total
financing: >
34,2 million**



Call for proposals



Selection - 2 steps (indicative time-line)



✦ **Project Summary Form (PSF)**

- Administrative eligibility check (April- May, 2017)
- Quality assessment (June-August, 2017)
- Invitations to submit FAF (September)

✦ **Full Application Form (FAF)**

- Administrative eligibility check (Nov – Dec, 2017)
- Quality assessment (beginning of 2018)

Call for proposals

Submission of
Project
Summary
Forms

Deadline
3 April 2017
at 17:00
(EST time)



How to start?

- **Joint Operational Programme – JOP**
 - 129 pages
 - Focus on indicators
- **Guidelines for applicants**
 - 63 pages + Annexes
 - Explanation of programme requirements
- **National and local strategy documents**



Programme wants to achieve

TO1 - business and SME development

- The strength of joint development in products and services by businesses
- Attractiveness of cultural and heritage sites to visitors
- The strength of cross-border activities by institutions in education, R&D, and innovation sectors
- The quality of the cross-border business environment



Programme wants to achieve

TO 5 - Support for local and regional good governance

- Improving cooperation between local and regional authorities and their sub-units
- Improving cooperation for local and regional communities
- Accessibility of cross border social, health and sporting services, and vocational and language training

Programme wants to achieve



TO 6 - Environmental protection, climate change mitigation and adaptation

- Increased capacity in environmental protection for joint water assets
- Increased awareness in environmental protection and energy efficiency amongst inhabitants and institutions in the Programme area
- A decrease of the overall number of land- and forest fires per year

Discover:

What does the project plan to achieve?

How and for whose benefit?

Why together?

IMPACTS			
RESULT(S)			
OUTPUTS			
ACTIVITIES			



PSF Quality assessment criteria

- ✦ Project **contribution** to programme`s **objectives** and **indicators, relevance** to wider **strategy** and **policies**
- ✦ **Cross border** relevance and added value of the project
- ✦ Project **design**
- ✦ **Partnership** relevance and experience
- ✦ **Budget**



Official language

✱ **English**

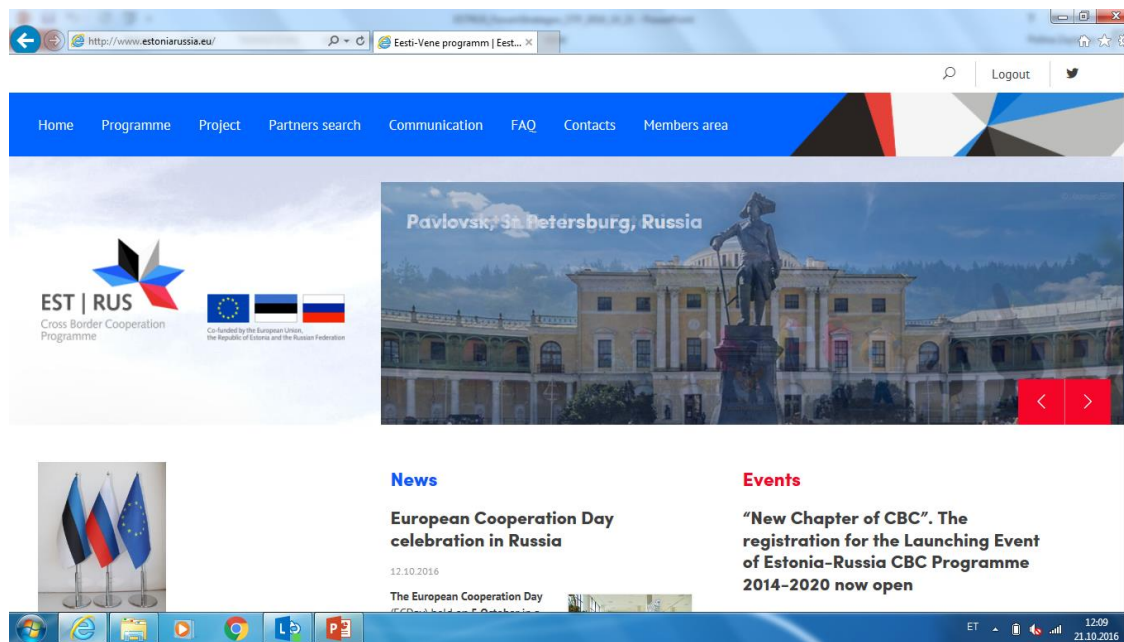


**Translation costs can be included in the
: budget**



Programme website

- ✦ More info
www.estoniarussia.eu



Some hints:

- Well prepared **activity plan and budget**
- Clear division of tasks between **partners**
- Good **project manager**
- Focus on **results** and added value of **cross-border cooperation**
- Make the results **visible** to wider public as well as decision- and policy- makers
- **Consult with the JTS**



Joint Technical Secretariat



-  **Unda Ozolina – Head of JTS**
-  **Liane Rosenblatt – Programme and Communication consultant**
-  **Polina Zaytseva – Programme consultant**
-  **Riina Vaap – Programme consultant**
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-  **Ekaterina Moskaleva – Information manager**
-  **Sergey Balanev – Information manager**
-  **Krista Staškevičs – Programme assistant**

**Good luck
for the call!**

