

Newsletter of the Lithuania–Russia Cross–Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020

EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY COMMEMORATED BY THE BICYCLE TOUR

On the 26th of September, 2020, the Lithuania-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme (the Programme) 2014-2020 together with the project No LT-RU-1-002 „The Curonian Spit: fighting the fires” partners – Federal State Budgetary Institution "National park "Kurshskaya Kosa" and Budgetary institution „Services for Neringa“, invited everyone to celebrate together the European Cooperation Day. This year the Programme has marked this celebration by a bicycle route "Two partners, two routes – one aim".

As Lithuania-Russia border was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, bicyclists from Russia and Lithuania started the route from their own countries and then met using video call next to the border. Participants' efforts were rewarded with practical gifts of the Programme. The total distance of the route – approximately 14 km in Lithuania and 15 km in Russia. The event has attracted more than 60 bicyclists from both sides of the border.



5TH JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE WAS HELD ONLINE

The 5th Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) meeting of the Lithuania–Russia Cross–border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 was held on the 5th of November, 2020 virtually via Zoom platform. The JMC members from Lithuania and Russia, experts from the European Commission and observers met to monitor the implementation progress of the Programme, discuss the results of the 3rd Call for Proposals and approve the Annual work and communication plans for the year 2021.

What is more, there are very awaited news regarding the results of the 3rd Call for Proposals. As during the 3rd Call for Proposals, the Programme has received 48 applications, the competition between applications was high. This time even 14 projects shall be awarded with Programme grants and 2 more projects shall be on a reserve list.

WEBINARS ON REPORTING FOR APPROVED PROJECTS OF THE 2ND CALL WERE ORGANISED

The Joint Technical Secretariat of Lithuania-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 has organised two webinars on reporting issues for project beneficiaries of all selected projects of the 2nd Call for Proposals. The webinars were held in national languages on the 24th of November for Lithuanian beneficiaries and on the 25th of November for Russian beneficiaries via Zoom.

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During the events the main information related to the progress reports was presented – filling in both narrative and financial parts of the progress report, preparation of the annexes to the financial report and Programme communication and visibility requirements for awarded projects. Representatives of all awarded projects attended the seminar – in total 57 participants have joined the event.

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS FOR APPROVED PROJECTS OF THE 3RD CALL SHALL TAKE PLACE ONLINE

Beneficiaries of the awarded projects of the 3rd Call for Proposals have been invited to the virtual individual consultations. The first projects have already started the cycle of consultations at the end of November, while the majority of consultations shall take place in December.

We are wishing you All peace, joy, and all the best this wonderful Christmas time has to offer. May this incredible time bring you the happiness that lasts throughout the year!



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