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

## INTRODUCING PRIORITIES FOR THE 2021-2027 PROGRAMME

The 8<sup>th</sup> Joint Programming Committee meeting took place online, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October, 2021. Lithuanian and Russian national delegations met to finally agree on the future programme priorities. It was mutually decided that the programme funds will be dedicated to support two policy objectives and one Interreg Specific Objective:



Priority 1 – Safe environment for people and nature

Policy Objective 2 Specific Objective (vii) Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

Priority 2 – Comfortable well-being in regions

Policy Objective 4 Specific Objective (v) Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family - and community-based care

Policy Objective 4 Specific Objective (vi) Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

Priority 3. – Cooperating regions



Interreg Specific Objective 1 specific objective (vi) Building institutional capacity of public authorities.

The next Programming stage will include finalising strategic environment assessment, identifying output and result indicators and preparing the Programme document.

## EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE EVENT TOOK PLACE IN VILNIUS

Representatives of 4 Programmes – Interreg Latvia-Lithuania, Interreg Lithuania-Poland, CBC Lithuania-Russia and CBC Latvia-Russia, have gathered together to participate in the exchange meeting to share experiences and good practices. The event took place in Vilnius, on the 7th-8th of December, 2021. The purpose of this event was to present the current stage of the programming issues for the future programmes 2021-2027 as well as to discuss lessons learnt from the past and plans for the future.

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## SUCCESSFULLY FINISHED PROJECTS OF THE 1ST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The project's LT-RU-1-002 "The Curonian Spit: Fighting the fires" main objective was to increase Russian and Lithuanian firefighters capacity and cooperation, as well as to inform residents and tourists about the risk of fires in the Curonian Spit. During the project implementation, project partners National Park „Kurshskaya Kosa“ and Budgetary Institution „Services for Neringa“ carried out several trainings and seminars for firefighters. In addition, new firefighting equipment was purchased as well as safety warning signs were situated in the Curonian Spit with fire warnings and basic recommendations on fire prevention. What is worth to mention, our Programme together with the project partners celebrated European Cooperation Day 2020 by organizing a bicycle route which was one of the project's activities. Together we contributed to the main aim of the route – to mark 30 years of Interreg and to show that the fire has no border.



The project LT-RU-1-026 "Promotion of breast colorectal cancer prevention measures in cross border territories" was aimed to increase the number of patients who undergo breast and colorectal cancer (BCC) medical examination in Klaipeda and Kaliningrad regions. 3 project partners – Public Institution Republic Klaipėda Hospital, Klaipėda University and Kaliningrad Central City Clinical Hospital purchased modern-day equipment for diagnostics and prepared innovative methodologies for healthcare sector professionals and general public. In addition, partners created some informational videos, where the famous people from Klaipėda region spread the message that the disease can be cured if detected in an early stage.



*Happy New Year! Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday season filled with memories you'll always treasure and let the magic of the season stay with you.*