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Dear 'LatLit news' reader!

We are very glad to present you our 9th Newsletter issue. What is new this hot summer in our Programme?

First, Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee approved 31 new project applications out of 89 that were submitted during the 3rd Call for Proposals. It means now our Programme has 75 projects in total! Statistics on 3rd Call results you will find on page 2 of this edition.

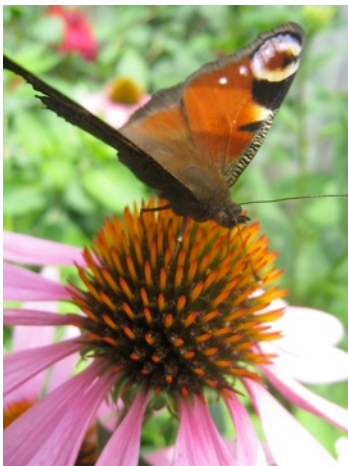
More and more results are tangible, more and more projects are finishing their activities. Therefore in this issue we continue to present successful cooperation examples (articles on pages 4-5).

The ones who are interested in Latvia-Lithuania relations know that 22 of September is a day of United Balts. Our programme invites you to mark this day in our annual event 'Future perspectives of cooperating neighbours', which will be held on 24 September in Dobele (Latvia). More information about the event and special awards you will find out reading articles.

Enjoy summer and hope to see you soon in Dobele!

Yours,

Joint Technical Secretariat Team



Annual Event of the Programme



LATVIJAS UN LIETUVAS FORUMS
LIETUVOS IR LATVIJOS FORUMAS

This year Annual Event 'Future perspectives of cooperating neighbors' of the Latvia-Lithuania Programme is organized in the framework of the 4th Congress of Latvia and Lithuania Forum.

TIME: 24 September 2010

PLACE: Dobele Cultural House,

LOCATION: Baznicas str. 6, Dobele, Latvia

During the event you will have a possibility to:

- ➔ get to know more about Latvia-Lithuania relationship;
- ➔ share experience and show your project results to the decision makers;
- ➔ meet other and develop new partnership for the 4th Call for Proposals;
- ➔ learn from other project implementers.

Registration is open **till 11 September 2010**. Registration Form and Agenda are available on the Programme website www.latlit.eu.

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Stickers with the Programme Logo

Two sizes of stickers with the Programme Logo were produced. In order to receive them contact the Joint Technical Secretariat by phone or email (info@latlit.eu) and indicate quantity and sizes of stickers you need. Available sticker sizes are 5,5 cm x 4,5 cm and 4 cm x 2,2 cm.

Seminar for the 3rd Call approved projects

Lead Partner and Partner seminar for the 3rd Call approved projects is planned to be organized in October, this time in Latvia. Detailed information will be announced on our Programme website.

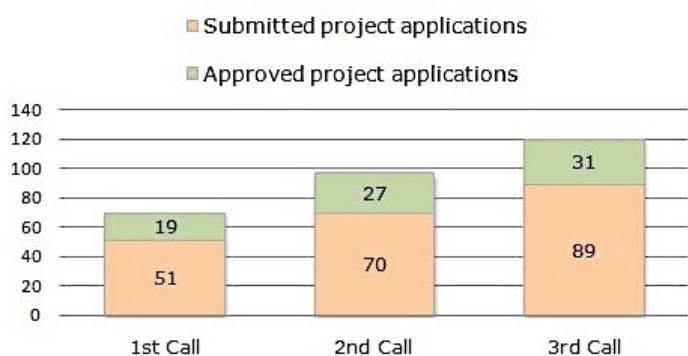
Consultations in Lithuania

The Joint Technical Secretariat is planning individual consultation days in Lithuania as travelling local office activities. If you need consultation, please inform the Joint Technical Secretariat by phone +370 6999 4672 or email info@latlit.eu.

31 New Projects Approved within the 3rd Call for Proposals

Project were approved in June during the fourth meeting of the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee of the Programme which was held in Palanga (Lithuania). Approved projects will carry out the joint activities in cooperation of 89 institutions from Latvia and 57 from Lithuania. Projects were submitted under four thematic groups: joint projects facilitating business, labour market, research and technology development; improvement of internal and external accessibility of the border region; enhancing joint management of public services and natural resources; development of active and sustainable communities.

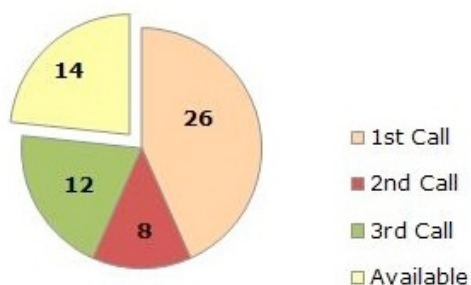
Submitted and approved project applications



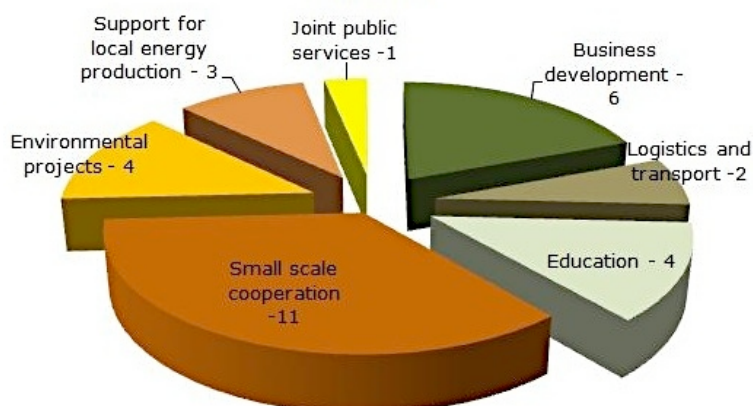
Key points of the 3rd Call projects:

- ➔ During the technical eligibility check of the projects submitted within the 3rd Call 27 projects out of 89 felt out, so we would like to pay your attention on technical arrangement of application - not to forget to add documents, submit full set of application, meet the deadline of submission. More information on how to submit the application and fulfill requirements of technical eligibility read in 6th issue of 'LATLIT news' available on our website.
- ➔ The most active representatives of the regions in the projects of 3rd Call are institutions from Jelgava, Rīga and Liepāja in Latvia and Siauliai, Klaipeda, Kaunas in Lithuania.
- ➔ More detailed information on approved projects can be found on the Programme website.

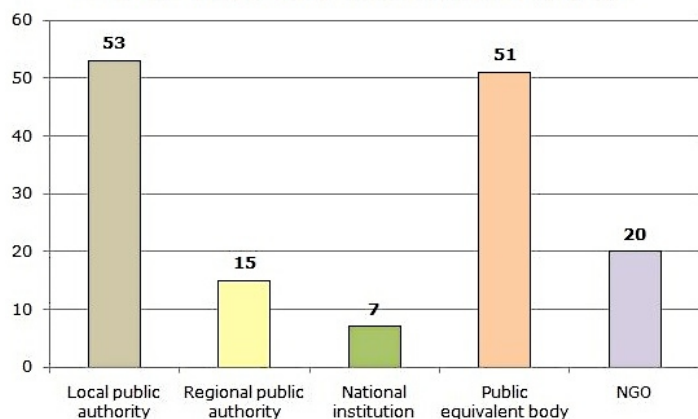
Funds committed EUR, mln



Division of projects by sectors 3rd Call



PP by legal status (approved 3rd Call projects)



Next - 4th Call for Proposals

According to the decision of the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee of the Programme fourth Call for Proposals is planned to be opened on November 2010 (when changes in the Programme Document will be approved by the European Commission).

Simplified ERDF Co-financing Payment Method

Due to the economical situation in Latvia and Lithuania that causes financial difficulties for project partners to pre-finance project implementation the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee of the Programme took the decision to introduce the simplified European Regional Development Fund co-financing payment method.

According to the rules set by the Latvia–Lithuania Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007–2013 the payment of European Regional Development Fund co-financing for implementation of project was made based on the Progress Report after it is submitted by the lead partner, verified by the first level controller, checked and approved by the Joint Technical Secretariat, certified by the Certifying Authority.

The simplified European Regional Development Fund co-financing payment method foresees two separate payments to the lead partner of the projects for costs reported via each Progress Report.

The 1st payment – 70% of the European Regional Development Fund co-financing from the total eligible costs made by the project partners and reported via Progress Report are paid to the lead partner of the project after Progress Report is verified by the first level controller and received at the Joint Technical Secretariat.

Within five working days after Progress Report is received, the Joint Technical Secretariat will check it according to simplified checklist, e.g., it will be checked whether Progress Report and first level controllers confirmations are signed, stamped and dated, whether reported costs do not exceed planned amounts in budget lines and reported outputs are in line with the project application form. If no shortcoming will be identified, Progress Report will be proceeded for payment and 2nd check of progress report will be started in order to approve it.



source: www.la.lv

The 2nd payment – rest of the European Regional Development Fund co-financing from the reported eligible costs are paid to the lead partner of the project after approval of Progress Report by the Joint Technical Secretariat and certification of costs by the Certifying Authority. In case non-eligible costs are discovered during the approval of the Progress Report, they will be automatically deducted from the total reported costs, therefore the 2nd payment could be paid less than 30% of total requested European Regional Development Fund co-financing.

If non-eligible costs exceed 30% of the European Regional Development Fund co-financing, the 2nd payment will not be made and the difference will be deducted automatically from the amount reported in next Progress Report or in case of final Progress Report – the reimbursement procedure is initiated

Accordingly all projects were proposed to apply the new method starting by 1 July 2010 and as the result 33 projects implemented under the Programme confirmed that they would like to apply the simplified European Regional Development Fund co-financing payment method. Now the contracting process for the new method has been started.

As the exception there are two cases when the simplified European Regional Development Fund co-financing payment method is not applied to the projects:

- ➔ if the project refuses to apply it;
- ➔ if the final Progress Report is submitted and payments for construction works made during the reporting period constitute more than 25% of total reported eligible costs.

3rd Call approved projects will be asked about applying this payment method before signing the Subsidy Contract.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact responsible project manager of the Joint Technical Secretariat, Līga Kalvāne (e-mail: līga.kalvane@latlit.eu, phone: +37167357375).

Plungė and Bauska will be ACTIVE even after the Project End

This summer project 'ACTIVE' ended but project manager, Chief specialist of Strategic plans and Investment Department of Plungė District Municipality Administration Rasa Jonušienė says, that project partners are already thinking about next projects and will never stop to be active.

What was the main idea of your project 'ACTIVE'?



Ms. Rasa Jonušienė

Our project 'ACTIVE' was targeted at local inhabitants of Bauska and Plungė and aimed to encourage them to be more involved in sports. Additionally we were thinking about the future - improvement of sport infrastructure in both towns. Therefore technical project was prepared for building sport center

in Plunge and two technical projects for reconstruction of sport halls in Bauska.

Did you succeed with the project?

Sure! The most important thing is that all is what was planned is done! During the project we organized various joint activities - games, competitions, workshops. For promotion of joint activities a set of cultural, regional and untraditional sports were chosen: sportsmen having knowledge of specific sport game in one country introduced the rules to the local citizens of the other country. I am impressed how



Photo by Ivars Kalniņš

eager local people were to participate in project activities. One more success of the project was involvement of the disabled people. Plunges disabled club "Atgaiva" together with chairmen Jonas Endriuška were very active!

What was the most interesting for you in the project?

It was great learn more about neighbors and their traditional sports. On the final event of the project Lithuanians learned how to play not traditional Latvian sport game "Liela Balva". We also thought Latvians to play traditional Lithuanian game 'ripka', which is known in our region.

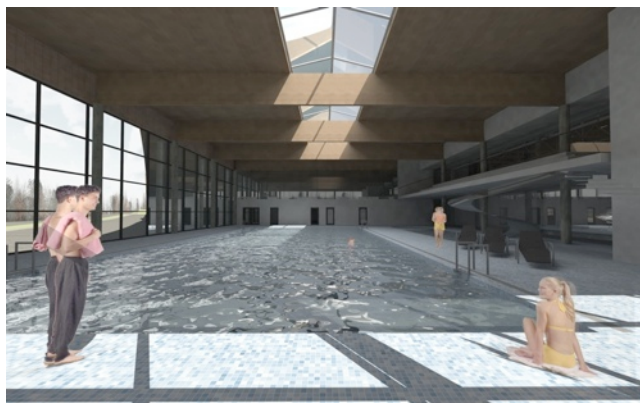
What was hardest for you during the project implementation?

It was not easy to agree on the common decision how the sport centre in Plunge should look like. We have so many sportsmen involved in different sport activities: football and basketball, judo and athletics, chess and rugby, canoeing and swimming. There were a lot of discussions on what sports are most important for Plunge. But as more discussions you have the better result are - good that we managed to agree.

Total Project budget in EUR:	0,2 mil.
ERDF co-financing in EUR:	0,17 mil.
Project Duration:	01/2009 - 06/2010
Priority:	II Attractive Living Environment and Development of Sustainable Community
Direction:	2.3. Development of Active and Sustainable Communities(Small Project Facility)

And how the sport centre in Plunge will look like?

Plunge sports complex will consist of two buildings. The main building will have a universal sports hall (total area - 1200 square meters) for basketball,



Visualisation of sport centre in Plunge

volleyball and floorball, swimming pool with four 25-meter swimming lanes, gym hall, wrestling rooms, administrative space and a café. The second building is designed for the ice arena.

In order to maintain the sports complex with a minimum cost, designers had the task to share the energy resources in the sports complex and to provide car parking, access for domestic consumption. The total area of new sport complex increased to 11,000 square meters.

What are your plans now?

During the project we created a strategy on sport cooperation activities between Bauska and Plunge, so even if our project is finished there is still much planned till 2015. The website www.latlitsport.eu has been created which will serve as a platform to share information on sport events organized in Plunge and Bauska sport clubs, sport education institutions or other sport organizations. I am happy that friendship we build with Bauska will continue and we will work to have more and more active and healthy people in the region.

Thank you very much for the interview!

Daugavpils and Rokiskis: Friendship of Cultural Houses

Inhabitants of Daugavpils and Rokiskis towns are happy that now cultural events are organized in reconstructed halls. Receiving co-financing from Latvia-Lithuania Programme, cultural institutions changed from inside.

Before project have started both culture centres in Daugavpils and Rokiskis were in dramatic conditions: they were dark, cold, with damaged furniture, sound and light systems. 30-40 years old buildings have not been properly renovated. Management of the centres did not correspond to modern requirements.



Minister of Culture of the Republic of Latvia Mr. Ints Dālderis (on the right) gave interviews and opened the new Culture Centre in Daugavpils

Now all looks different – modern chairs, up to date light system, spacious halls. Everything looks so nice – you could hear comments from people that came to the international Cirkus festival that was organized in Daugavpils.

People working in the centres had a valuable trainings on management of the cultural institutions. Heads of the centres admit that after these trainings a lot of changed – Lithuanians were learning from Latvians and visa versa and got many ideas what to improve in their institutions.



Corridors in Daugavpils Culture Centre, which still need renovation

Partners from Rokiskis came to congratulate their Lear Partner with successful implementation of the project and were happy that thanks to the project best artists that participated in Circus festival will perform in Rokiskis. This is an extraordinary event for a small border town!

Nida Lungienė, Director of the Rokiskis Cultural Centre:



Ms. Nida Lungienė (in the middle), Director of the Rokiskis Cultural Centre

“We are really happy about nicely reconstructed hall of our project partners. Chairs are so colourful and comfortable! During our project we participated in seminars on improvement of management that were really valuable and we could implement all in practice. We learned a lot from our partners and microclimate in our institution improved!



Newly renovated hall in Daugavpils Culture Centre

How to ensure visibility and publicity when organizing public event?

When a project starts to organize some public event many questions arise: where and how Programme logo has to be placed, how big it should be, how places of the event should be marked and many more. Below you can see examples of the project LATLIT TRAFFIC how it has ensured visibility and publicity of the Programme at its event.



← Flags of participating countries and European Union are flying at the place of the event.

Participants are marked with the Programme logo. →



← Special stands at the places of the event. →



← All materials are marked with the Programme logo. →



Projects Upcoming Events

Date	Project Title	Event	Place	Contacts
21-27 August	UBUS	Students' summer camp in Liepaja (the aim of the summer camp is to provide students with knowledge of the Balts' traditions, culture, history in the field of art, develop students' artistic growth, reveal the similarities of the regions. At the end of the summer camp - students' work exhibition).	Liepaja, Latvia	Inta Klasone inta.klasone@liepu.lv + 371 2653 5978 www.ubus-latlit.eu
23-27 August	Mid Baltic-Crafts	Trainings of 100 craftsmen in Jelgava, Viesīte, Rokiskis and Joniskis to increase their ability to carry out entrepreneurship.	Jelgava, Viesīte, Latvia; Rokiskis, Biržai, Lithuania	Linda Sarke-Fedjajeva linda.sarke@zpr.gov.lv + 371 6302 1250
1-5 September	Cross boarder JRTC	Formal Opening of the first step Laboratory of Klaipeda University of Cross boarder JRTC.	Klaipeda University, Lithuania	prof. A. Andziulis +370 6862 1147 llii.061.jrtc@gmail.com http://iik.ku.lt/jrtc
1-30 September		Klaipeda University organise the 1st training course. It includes LabVIEW Basics I theory and practices, where NI ELVIS II+ Basic will be used.		
2-3 September	Mid Baltic-Crafts	Discussion about 5 years development plan of established infrastructure - 10 Art and Craft centres.	Jelgava, Latvia	Anna Builo-Hojme anna.builo@zpr.gov.lv +371 6302 1250
10-17 September	STELLA	Clean up campaign of Kupiskis Lagoon (Kupiskis).	Kupiskis, Lithuania	Asta Visockiene asta.visockiene@kupiskis.lt +370 4593 5495 www.kupiskis.lt
17 September	Clay Tour	"19th century Utena peasant market" - theatrical interactive programme will present the living tradition of the old crafts in Leliūnai, 70 actors in the historical costumes will present the 19th century traditions.	Leliūnai, Utena district, Lithuania	Vida Navikienė vidanavikiene@gmail.com +370 6152 5181
27 September	Preschool Education	Seminar "National songs and games" for preschool educators (aim: to broaden knowledge about Latvian and Lithuanian national songs and games).	Kindergarten "Mārpuķīte", Rundāle Local Municipality, Latvia	Laura Ārente laura.arente@rundale.lv +371 2990 6233 Indra Konstantinova pii.marpukite@inbox.lv +371 6392 5257 www.rundale.lv
September	WATER JOY	International Rubikiai Sailing Regatta.	Anikščiai, Rubikiai, Lithuania	Iлона Jureviciene ilona.j@is.lt +370 6153 0539 +370 3815 8146
1 October	Touch Ball-Touch Life	Joint Sport Competitions Sun Cup in Latvia.	Jelgava or Dobele reg., Latvia	Kristaps Ceburs kristaps.ceburs@regbijs.lv +371 2878 9276 www.balticrugby.net
9 October		Joint Sport Competitions Sun Cup in Lithuania.	Joniški, Lithuania	K.Ceburs, Sigita Kukulskis sigisrugby@yahoo.com +370 6868 5759
28 October	Museum Access	Open days of "Ģedert Eliass historical and art museum of Jelgava" in the frame of "Kurzeme and Zemgale duke Jēkabs - 400" celebration. For all the participants entrance will be free of charge.	Jelgava, Latvia	Marija Kaupere +371 6302 3383 +371 2955 4212
October	ActiveTour LV-LT	Sport event - Bicycle Tour: about 70 participants will try in practice the new bicycle route in Lithuania – Latvia seaside and reconstructed bicycle route Palanga-Šventoji will be evaluated by professional bicyclists for the promotion of new bicycle tourism product purpose.	Palanga, Lithuania	Irena Šatkauskienė irena.satkauskienė@palanga.lt +370 4605 1225 www.palanga.lt

All public events of the projects can be found on the Programme's website www.latlit.eu

Latvia–Lithuania Programme Awards

In order to share good cooperation practice Latvia–Lithuania Programme announces awards. Do not miss a chance to share your experience and show works you are proud of.

✓ Best Lead partner

Candidates to this category should be suggested by Project partners. Also there should be a short explanation provided, why your lead partner should be considered as an example to others.

✓ Best project partner

Candidates to this category should be suggested by lead partners or project partners providing short explanation what your project partner did or does that makes him an example for others.

✓ PR action

The most interesting way to present your project to the public. Actions should be suggested by the lead partners of the project by providing description (what was the aim, what was done, what results were achieved) and evidence (photos, video, audio material).

✓ Project Picture

The nicest pictures of the projects showing projects character can be suggested by lead partner or project partners. Please, identify when the picture was taken, what it shows, what role it plays in the whole project context and author of the picture.

✓ Cooperation experience

In this category we would like to award best cooperation examples. We leave a lot of freedom for the funny or serious stories, achieved results. Please, share your experience, lessons learnt during cooperation with neighbours.

✓ Journalist / article / video about the project

Award in this category will be given to the journalist for the most interesting story (text, video, radio broadcast) that was published for free about the project. Candidates should be suggested by lead partners or project partners sending evidence (text, video, radio files).

✓ Good cooperation idea that was not yet financed by the Programme

In this category award will be given for the cooperation projects or ideas between Latvians and Lithuanians that were not yet supported by the Programme. It could be an initiative, project, exhibition that was done or is being done and had an impact for people living on both sides of the border. Nominees can be suggested by Latvian and Lithuanian institutions.



Awards ceremony

The commission consisting of representatives from Managing Authority, National Authorities and the Joint Technical Secretariat will make a final decision on finalists of nominees that will be suggested by project implementers. Awards ceremony will take place during the Annual event of the Latvia–Lithuania programme on 24 September in Dobeles.

How to apply?

Candidates to LATLIT Awards 2010 should be suggested to the Joint Technical Secretariat **till 10 September 2010** by sending email to info@latlit.eu and filling special form which is available on the website www.latlit.eu.

Quiz: Latvian and Lithuanian symbols

This time we devote this page to the Latvia and Lithuania symbols and offer you to check your knowledge. The first one who will fill correct numbers in the table on the bottom of this page and send it to the Joint Technical Secretariat by email info@latlit.eu will get a special price.

A Flag



B Coat of Arms



C National animal

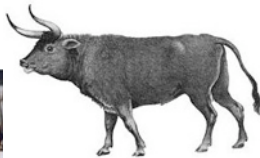
1. Two spotted Ladybird



2. Wolf



3. Aurochs



D National flower

1. Daisy



2. Rue



3. Briar



E National tree

1. Oak



2. Linden



3. Birch



F National costume

1



2



G National sport

1. Football



2. Basketball



3. Ice-hockey



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