

Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood Programme

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4TH JMSC MEETING IN GDANSK – DECISIONS

The 4th JMSC meeting took place in Gdansk, Poland, on the 15-16th of September, 2005. During the meeting, the first group of the projects submitted for co-funding before July 4th, 2005 were approved.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

22 projects were approved under certain conditions. Out of those, 9 projects with lead partners from Lithuania and 13 projects with lead partner from Poland. The list of the projects approved under conditions will be announced after approval of the minutes of the Meeting.

The members of the JMSC decided to limit the number of the projects approved so that not to exceed 60% of total budget of each measure in this stage. If all the projects approved meet the conditions set and decide to accept the grant, the following amount of the total co-financing from ERDF will have already been used:

PRIORITY 1

Measure 1.1 – 20,24%

Measure 1.2 – 17,08%

Measure 1.3 – 21,71%

Measure 1.4 – 55,66%

PRIORITY 2

Measure 2.1 – 3,1%

Measure 2.2 – 31,62%

PROGRAMME TOTAL – 24%



DECISIONS

- The members of the JMSC agreed that the INTERREG/TACIS call for proposals, where applicants from Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation will be able to participate with financial contribution could be launched on the 3rd of October, 2005. To be officially announced soon.
- The deadline for submission of the applications of this stage of the call remains December 1st, 5pm Lithuanian time.
- The applicants are now asked to provide 1 original and 3 (instead of previous 2) hard copies of the Application Forms.
- The next dates and locations of the JMSC meetings were set to: December 13-14, 2005 in Lithuania; March 14-15, 2006 in Kaliningrad; June 20-21, 2006 in Poland.

ACTIVITIES

On the 20-21 of September, 2005 the 13th Forum of the Union of Rural Gminas of Podlaskie Voievodeship was organised in Białystok. 40 heads of Gminas took part in the Forum. Mr Michał Karpiński, Regional Project Manager of the INTERREG Joint Technical Secretariat of the Neighbourhood Programme and Mr Giedrius Surplys, Information Officer of INTERREG JTS took part in the Forum after being invited to participate by Mr Witold Liszkowski, head of gmina Punszk and Mr Mirosław Lech, head of gmina Korycin.

Mr Michał Karpiński made a presentation about the Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood Programme.

If you are organising a similar event in your region or municipality, you are welcome to contact INTERREG JTS and ask to come and make presentation about the Neighbourhood Programme.



Mr Cezary Oldakowski, Director of the Regional Development Department of Director of Regional Policy and Structural Funds Department of the Marshal Office of the Podlaskie Voivodeship (on the left), also encouraged heads of Gminas to apply for funding of projects to the Neighbourhood Programme.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November

Lead Partner and Financial Partner Seminar, the location to be specified later.

Lead partners and financial partners of the projects approved will be instructed on project implementation, reporting, information and publicity measures, etc.

October-November

Informational seminars and individual consultations for applicants in Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region. Potential applicants will be informed about the Neighbourhood Programme, project ideas, ways of finding partners, filling in the Application Form, etc. JTS project managers, Polish Regional Contact Points and Kaliningrad authorities will take part in these activities.

November

Partner-search forum. Business fair type of forum, where participants will have chance of finding partners from Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation to implement projects together.

CHANGES ON WWW.INTERREG3A.ORG

- **LITHUANIAN, POLISH, ENGLISH VERSION; “Documents and logos” section:** the application form and the guidelines for filling it have been put into separate section. You will find this section right after you enter “Documents and logos”.
- **News from the 4th JMSC meeting introduced.**

OTHER INFORMATION

Looking for partners. Polish school is looking for partners in Lithuania. Please contact:
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