

**Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation
Neighbourhood Programme**

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INTERREG/TACIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS LAUNCHED

The Call for Proposals for the INTERREG IIIA/TACIS Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of Russian Federation Neighbourhood Programme has been launched on the 6th of October, 2005. The deadline for project submission is the 5th of December, 2005, 17:00 Lithuanian time. Information available on the web site www.interreg3a.org.

The objective of the Neighbourhood Programme is to utilise cross-border co-operation potential in order to facilitate the socio-economic development of the cross-border co-operation territory. The activities implemented under the following measures are supported:

1. Stimulating of economic and scientific/technological cooperation;
2. Improvements in physical and border security infrastructure to encourage development of the border area;
3. Environmental protection and growth of energy efficiency and promoting renewable energy sources;
4. Development of tourism and tourism infrastructure for development of cross border tourism and recreation as well as improvement of cultural heritage objects of cross border importance;
5. Support of local societies' initiatives;
6. Regional cultural identity and cultural heritage.

The eligible area of the Neighbourhood Programme covers the following territories:

- In Lithuania: Alytus, Marijampole, Taurage and Klaipeda regions.
- In Poland: Pomorskie, Warminsko-Mazurskie, Podlaskie voivodeships. The adjoining area is Slupski sub-region in Pomorskie voivodeship.
- In Russia: the entire Kaliningrad region.

Applicants can be public authorities from national, regional and local level, public equivalent bodies, such as research and training institutions, foundations, schools, universities, agencies, associations, as well as NGOs and other non-profit organisations. Normally, at least two partners from two countries have to be involved in the project as partners.

The Neighbourhood Programme is co-financed from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), EU Tacis programme and project partners.

The ERDF budget available to EU partners amounts to 36.531.143 EUR. **The Tacis funding approved for the year 2004 amounts to 1.500.000 EUR. Up to 10% out of this allocation can be used for financing microprojects, i.e. projects from 10.000 EUR to 50.000 EUR.**

The maximum ERDF co-financing rate for EU partners cannot exceed 75% of the total eligible project costs. **The Tacis co-financing rate can vary from 75% to 95% of the total eligible project costs depending on project size.** Expected project size is from 5.000 to 1.000.000 EUR.

Information about the INTERREG IIIA/TACIS call, the application form and other relevant documents are available on the web site www.interreg3a.org.

ACTIVITIES

The brochures and posters informing about the Neighbourhood Programme have been published in Lithuanian and Polish.

The brochures provide detailed information about the Programme.

The posters invite potential applicants, especially potential applicants for the Priority 2.

The informational material is distributed in Lithuania and Poland. You can get it in INTERREG Joint Technical Secretariat or Polish Regional Contact Points.

LITWA - POLSKA - OBWÓD KALININGRADZKI FEDERACJI ROSYJSKIEJ

PROGRAM SĄSIEDZTWA

NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAMME

REGION OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION
LITHUANIA, POLAND AND KALININGRAD REGION

T E S T

- 1 Które litewskie okręgi i polskie województwa graniczą z krajami sąsiednimi: Litwą, Polską i Federacją Rosyjską (Obwodem Kaliningradzkim)?
- 2 Które półwyspy Morza Bałtyckiego lub jego zatok łączą Litwę, Polskę i Obwód Kaliningradzki Federacji Rosyjskiej?
- 3 Które miasto jest stolicą Litwy?
- 4 Które miasto jest stolicą Polski?

Odpowiedzi:
1. Okręgi Klaipėda, Tauragė, Ołita i Mariampol, województwa podlaskie, warmińsko-mazurskie i pomorskie
2. Mierzeja Kuroniska i Mierzeja Wiłana
3. Wilno
4. Warszawa

Jeżeli udzielił Państwo prawidłowych odpowiedzi przynajmniej na dwa pytania, są Państwo doskonałymi sąsiadami!
Czy wiecie Państwo, że **UNIA EUROPEJSKA PRZEZNACZA PIENIĄDZE DLA DOBRYCH SĄSIADÓW?**

Program Sąsiedztwa Litwa - Polska - Obwód Kaliningradzki Federacji Rosyjskiej (tzwany dalej Programem) ma na celu wspieranie rozwoju współpracy regionów przygranicznych. Odpowiada on inicjatywie Wspólnotowej INTERREG IIIA i jest współfinansowany ze środków Europejskiego Funduszu Rozwoju Regionalnego (EFRR) i FACSIS. Wniosek można składać w trybie ciągłym. Program będzie trwał do 31 grudnia 2008 r.

Program Sąsiedztwa Litwa - Polska - Obwód Kaliningradzki Federacji Rosyjskiej ma na celu: wdrożenie następujących Priorytetów i Działania:

Priorytet 1: Rozwój konkurencyjności i produktywności w regionie poprzez rozwój infrastruktury transgranicznej, wzmocnienie bezpieczeństwa na granicy oraz współpracę gospodarczą i naukowo-technologiczną.

Działania:

- 1.1. Stymulowanie współpracy gospodarczej i naukowo-technologicznej;
- 1.2. Modernizacja infrastruktury transgranicznej oraz infrastruktury bezpieczeństwa granicy w celu stymulowania rozwoju obszaru przygranicznego;
- 1.3. Ochrona środowiska, wzrost rezerwu energii i promowanie odnawialnych źródeł energii;
- 1.4. Rozwój turystyki i infrastruktury turystycznej w celu rozwoju turystyki i rekreacji transgranicznej oraz modernizacja obiektów dziedzictwa kulturowego o znaczeniu transgranicznym.

Priorytet 2: Współpraca pomiędzy lokalnymi społecznościami, wzmocnienie integracji społeczno-kulturalnej oraz poprawa warunków rynku pracy.

Działania:

- 2.1. Wsparcie inicjatyw społeczności lokalnych;
- 2.2. Zachowanie regionalnej tożsamości kulturowej i dziedzictwa kulturowego.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 10 Consultations to potential applicants in Słupsk by Pomorskie RcP
- 12 Consultations to potential applicants in Chojnyce by Pomorskie RcP
- 19 Informational seminar and individual consultations in Kaliningrad**
- 20 Informational seminar and individual consultations in Gdansk**
- 21 Informational seminar and individual consultations in Olsztyn**
- 24 Informational seminar in Tauragė
- 25 Informational seminar in Varėna
- 27 Informational seminar in Marijampolė
- 28 Informational seminar in Klaipėda

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

- 2 Informational seminar and individual consultations in Bialystok**
- 3 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. Location to be specified later.



CHANGES ON WWW.INTERREG3A.ORG

- **News about the launch of the INTERREG/TACIS call introduced**
- **The application forms and guidelines for filling them in for both INTERREG and INTERREG/TACIS projects introduced in the “documents and logos” section.** Currently, they are available only in English. The translations to Lithuanian, Polish and Russian are being made now. They should be over by October 17.
- **The Programme Manual introduced in the “documents and logos” section.** Currently, it is available only in English. The translations to Lithuanian, Polish and Russian are being made now. They should be over by October 17.
- **The section “Presentations” introduced on Lithuanian and Polish version of the web site.** You can find useful presentations on the Neighbourhood programme that were given in various events, organised by INTERREG JTS in this section. It might serve as a source of information about the Programme, written in a popular way. However, we would like to draw your attention that some changes might have occurred in the Programme since the presentations were made. The final reference should be programme documents.



OTHER



Do not be late – the deadline for submitting projects at this stage is December 5, 17:00 Lithuanian time.

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