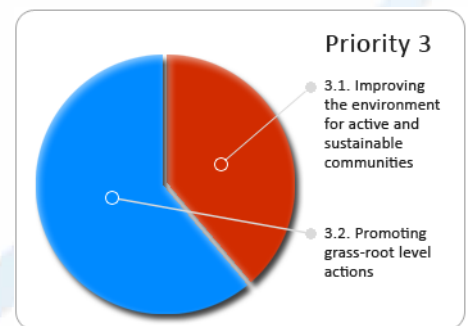
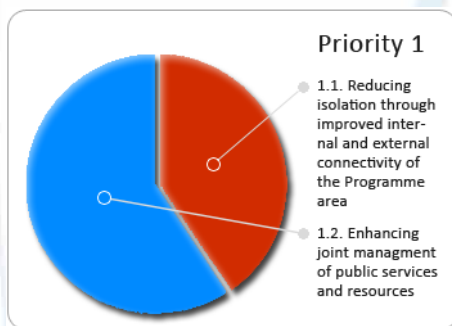
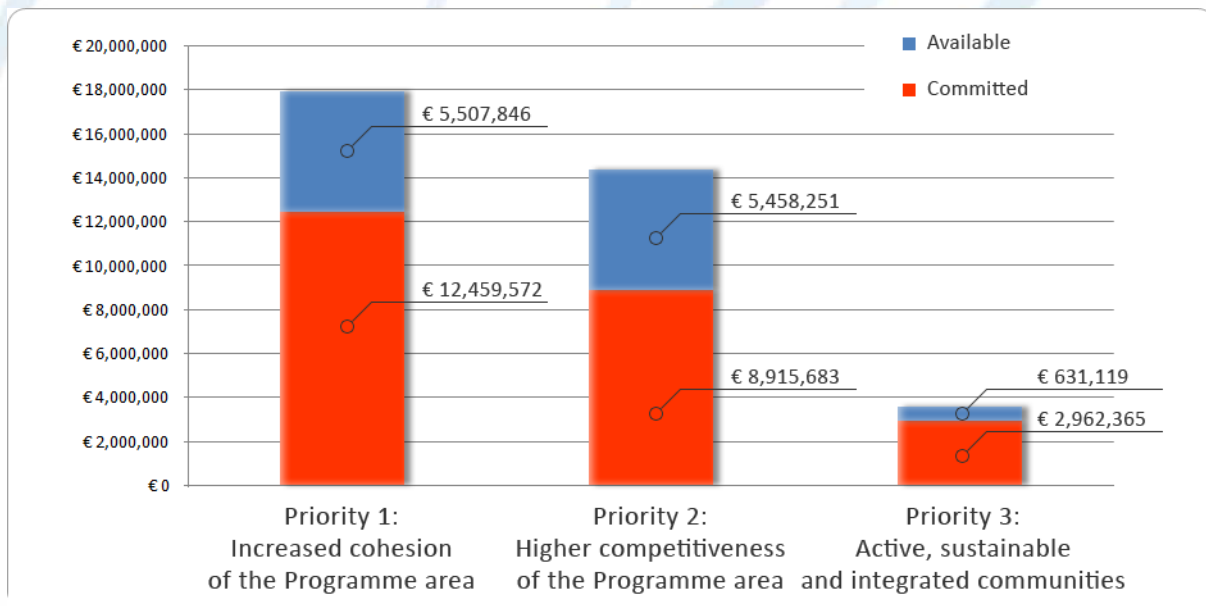


During the last Monitoring Committee meeting on 28-29 June 2010 in Pärnu, **the Programme committed approximately 4.5 million euro for nine new cross-border cooperation projects** in the fields of information and communication technologies, mechatronics, health care services, media education for school students, as well as various sports connecting people on a local level. The biggest amounts are awarded under Programme's Priority 1 – for projects improving public services and connectivity in our region (~3.5 million euro).

All the new projects are described in the next pages. The charts below show the available and committed funding for projects in our Programme after these last financing decisions. Full financial overview is available under [www.estlat.eu/programme/financing](http://www.estlat.eu/programme/financing).



Congratulations to the approved projects! And we would like to thank all the applicants for their cross-border cooperation ideas and proposals submitted during winter.

Information about the further project submission in our Programme will be announced by the end of summer (no new application will be started until autumn). Please follow the news on our website [www.estlat.eu](http://www.estlat.eu).

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## Newly approved projects

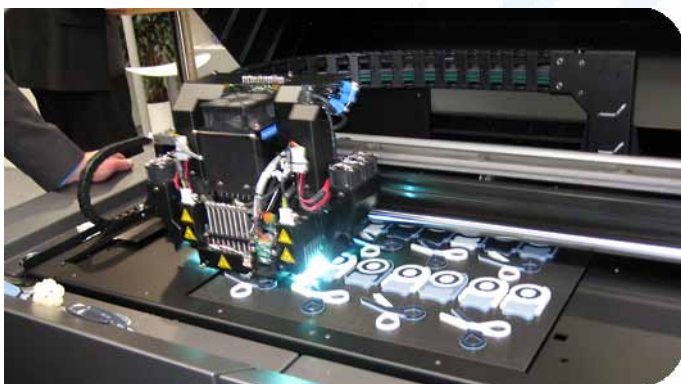


### **“GORWIND”**

Project aims at fostering more efficient use of the wind energy in future by providing decision makers and potential developers of wind parks in the Gulf of Riga with reliable marine wind information from high resolution remote sensing data. Research institutes of both countries carrying out the project also plan to complement the purely technical data and wind measurements with the information on wintering and habitat area for seals, migrating and breeding birds. Local people and authorities will be involved in the process of selection of suitable areas for wind parks, and their attitude towards the wind parks and renewable energy issues will be examined and considered in the decision making.

### **“ICT DCNet”**

Project connecting Tartu, Riga and Venspils information and communication technology (ICT) demonstration centres in a Demo Centre network similar to ones existing in Scandinavia. The participating centres will provide rotating exhibition of ICT hardware prototypes and software applications. Synchronizing of the study program module “Artificial intelligence” is also among the project objectives. In result of these activities, regional competitiveness and economic growth would be increased, while more university and also school students get important experience exchange and develop higher interest in the field of ICT mechanics.



### **“Skills Center”**

Project that plans to increase the local competitiveness in the industrial field of mechatronics.

This will be achieved by creating strong cross-border Skills Centre for analysis, knowledge transfer and consulting, raising the competence of entrepreneurs, staff and students of vocational & higher education institutions in the field of product development. Skills Centre will offer specialized trainings and provide the target industries with relevant know-how in different stages of the product development process. The project will be carried out in cooperation among Ogre Business Innovation Incubator, Ventspils University College and Tartu Science Park.

### **“MLEDU”**

The project aims at increasing school students’ media literacy and interest in local issues. This will be done through improvement of media study programmes in local schools in the regions of Tartu and Madona, also attracting the media professionals. Seminars, practical workshops, study visits to media organizations and students’ own creative activities will be carried out within the project, and school exchanges will help to improve the quality and attract higher interest of the Estonian and Latvian students in the media world.



### **“Est-O-Lat league”**

Given the considerable experience of both Estonian and Latvian orienteering federations and local orienteering clubs, a joint project has been developed to improve the orienteering as sport and hobby for the people of both countries. This will be achieved through series of activities like study days in 30 schools, training days for map developers, creating of new and high quality orienteering maps (covered area 110 km<sup>2</sup>) and organizing 20 orienteering league competitions with nearly 12 000 participants.



### **“FFF”**

A group of local non-profit organizations from Estonia and Latvia plan to organize joint football trainings and competitions for altogether approximately 1400 children from both countries. Using football as the main unifying theme, project also plans various complementing cultural and educational activities (including basic Estonian and Latvian language training) to develop closer ties between the Estonian and Latvian youth communities.

### **“MOTO”**

This project helps two local motocross clubs to offer educative and interesting challenges like amateur training camps and competitions to youngsters (aged 5-16). The activities are targeted also to the local children living near the motocross tracks, as well as at improving the already existing contacts between the motocross clubs in both countries. In addition, the project will ensure availability of easy and freely accessible, highly qualified and interactive study-materials of motocross. The project will be implemented by a local Motorcycle Club K&K in Estonia and Latvian Amateur Motocross Union.

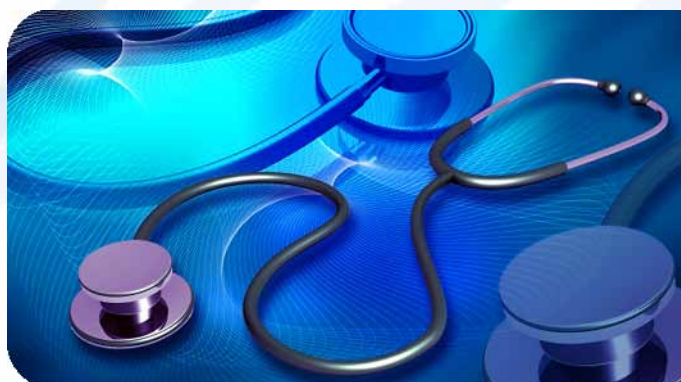


### **“Young Sailors”**

Project promoting and facilitating training and competitive activities of young yachtsmen from Riga, Saaremaa and Pärnu. Cooperation between young sailors, their parents and coaches in both countries will take place thanks to joint training camps, regattas, seminars and public sailing events. Project will be carried out through cooperation of Laser Class Association (LCA) and Latvian Sailing Federation (LSF) in Latvia, Saaremaa Association of Marine Sport (SMS) and Pärnu Yacht Club (PYC) in Estonia.

### **“DELMA”**

Project to increase cohesion in the management of public services and resources in the health care sector. The project will be carried out in cooperation among the University of Tartu and Pauls Stradiņš Clinical University Hospital, as well as 4 local hospitals operating 6 facilities on both sides of the border. Among other activities related to closer cooperation and experience exchange, the hospitals will work on developments in the area of regenerative medicine. The long term goal is to generate tissues for transplant operations and cells for biopharmaceutical products.



\* All projects are pending final approval upon fulfilling a set of conditions. To see the list of all projects approved under the Estonia – Latvia programme, please visit [www.estlat.eu/supported-projects](http://www.estlat.eu/supported-projects)

## In the running projects

### Coming project activities:



#### **Project „Young sailors” – 7.08:**

Youth regata in Kuressaare, Estonia



#### **Project “SDF” – 14.08:**

Song and Dance Festival for disabled people in Smiltene, Latvia



#### **Project “Tolerance” – 14-19.08:**

Joint Estonian - Latvian summer camp in Estonia for families raising both children with and without special needs



#### **Project “Back to Nature” – 17.-19.08:**

Teacher training on environmental education in Ādaži, Latvia  
September: Teacher training on environmental education in Ķemeri and Engure, Latvia  
September: Opening of exposition about bogs in Ķemeri, Latvia



#### **Project “Beach Hopping” – 20.08:**

Closing event in Kabli beach, Estonia



#### **Project “FireSafe” – 20-21.08:**

Conference on work of the voluntary firemen, current challenges and solutions in Ainaži, Latvia



#### **Project “BayLink” – End of summer:**

Launching the newly developed yacht harbour in Mērsrags, Latvia



#### **Project “ViSoEst by Bike” – 07.-08.09:**

Experience exchange trip for Vidzeme tourism entrepreneurs to Southern Estonia



#### **Project „Cultural Heritage” – Early October:**

Four informative events for the land owners in former districts of Valka, Valmiera, Alūksne and Limbaži, Latvia



#### **Project „Cultural Heritage” – Mid-November:**

Informative event / roundtable discussion for the local government leaders



#### **Project “SIB Net” – November:**

1st stage of the cross-border business idea competition (in Latvia and Estonia)

### Newly issued project materials:



#### **Fairy tale book about wetlands (“Back to Nature”)**



#### **Simple guide books on Gauja river valley, wetlands and swamp forests (“Back to Nature”)**

Project calendar is available also on [www.estlat.eu/supported-projects/project-calendar](http://www.estlat.eu/supported-projects/project-calendar). All running projects are kindly asked to share the information about their coming events, as we are regularly updating the calendar!

## Looking back at the Est-Lat partner day

Latvian and Estonian partners of different projects came together for the first bigger partner event - Est-Lat partner day, which was held on 11 June in Veclaicene. This was an opportunity for the project people to meet each other, learn about the activities taking place in other projects, as well as discuss all the common implementation issues together with JTS and first-level control representatives of the Programme.

Partners of all our projects were kindly asked to share their thoughts about most relevant or problematic implementation issues, and this gave a solid base for the discussions of the day. Though there were quite many issues compiled and not all could be discussed in sufficient detail, the event in general proved to be very useful and necessary – it was also admitted by the participants. The thorough discussions brought up various important issues faced by projects, which were then discussed together with FLC and JTS.

The day not only helped to clarify and share various common problems, but also brought about several concrete steps to improve implementation of the projects.

It was agreed what kind of deviations from the initial plans are allowed in projects, specifying when and how those should be confirmed or justified. The agreements were made regarding more frequent project related meetings between the partners, specified cases for travel outside the Programme area in Estonia and Latvia, level of flexibility for changes in the number of planned purchases, as well as a couple of technical solutions – printing of the progress reports on both sides and possibility for Estonian partners to sign them digitally. These notes have also been sent to the partners electronically.

Another big issue raised during the partner day was the thresholds for price comparisons and procurement procedures, which currently differ greatly in both countries, making the implementation process significantly more complicated for Estonian partners. It was agreed that JTS will consult other Estonian institutions, which are dealing with the EU funding, in order to see what solutions could be found.

**Thanks to the Veclaicene Cultural House for their great hospitality, as well as to all participants, especially those who actively shared their thoughts before, during and after the event!**

*Please see also the partner day pictures on our web gallery [www.estlat.eu/gallery](http://www.estlat.eu/gallery).*



The Programme will definitely organize similar events also in future, as this partner day proved to be very helpful to keep a closer contact with projects, provide necessary support and facilitate experience exchange among the projects.

There will also be regular partner seminars and specialized procurement seminars organized for the newly approved and running projects this autumn (precise information will be sent to partners electronically later).

## Other news and developments

- **Timeframe and criteria for next project submission** will be announced in late August or early September, after Programme's strategic meeting. Available thematic fields, conditions, as well as some project application procedures might change. Please keep visiting our website later this summer.
- **Contact forum for the potential applicants** of the Estonia – Latvia Programme will take place on 8 October 2010 in Pärnu, Estonia. More information will follow later, and online registration will be open during September.
- There will also be **informative events and seminars** organized in September in both countries – please follow the announcements on our website!
- Partner seminars **for newly approved projects** will be organized in early autumn, and previously approved projects will also be welcome to attend. In addition, special procurement seminars will be provided for the running projects. Precise information on all these partner events will be announced by the end of the summer.
- The **Publicity Guidelines** for the running projects have been slightly changed.

## Did you know...

A joint Estonian - Latvian cycling route *Tour de LatEst* has now been officially launched with a marathon attended by altogether more than 100 people!



## In other cooperation programmes...

**Estonia - Latvia - Russia Programme:**  
[www.estlatrus.eu](http://www.estlatrus.eu)

First call for proposals is opening soon. Please follow the information on the website!

**Central Baltic INTERREG IV A Programme:**  
[www.centralbaltic.eu](http://www.centralbaltic.eu)

Showcase Conference on 29 September 2010 in Riga. Please read more and register on Programme's website!

**Latvia - Lithuania Programme:**  
[www.latlit.eu](http://www.latlit.eu)

Annual Event: Latvia - Lithuania Forum on 24 September 2010 in Dobele. Please read more on Programme's website!

**Baltic Sea Region Programme:**  
<http://eu.baltic.net>

- Project Idea Café at the BSSSC Annual Conference, 13-14 October 2010 in Tallinn, Estonia

- "The power of the Baltic Sea macro-region", the Baltic Sea Region Programme Conference, 30 November - 1 December 2010 in Jyväskylä, Finland

*Links to other European Territorial Cooperation programmes operating in the Baltic Sea region are available under <http://www.estlat.eu/links>*