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oblast , Finland and Estonia»**

**Estonian experiences and further
propects for cross-border
cooperation**

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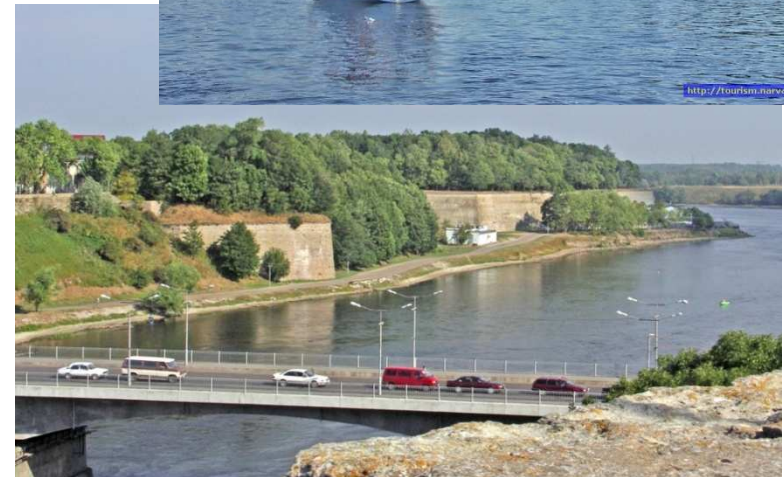
CO-OPERATION WITH RUSSIA DURING 2004-2007

- ◆ During 2004-2007, Estonia and Russia implemented cross-border projects under Estonia-Latvia-Russia INTERREG IIIA Priority “North”.
- ◆ 46 projects, 28 of these for co-operation with Russia
- ◆ **16 between Estonia and Russia**, 7 between Latvia and Russia, 5 trilateral projects.
- ◆ “Soft” activities to large-scale investments into e.g. wastewater treatment infrastructure (average size of project 200,000 – 300,000 EUR)
- ◆ Most of the projects were implemented between the municipalities who already had previous contacts from former co-operation.



CO-OPERATION WITH RUSSIA DURING 2004-2007

- ◆ **EstRus Fort Tour**
(Development of forts of Narva and Ivangorod as a joint tourism product, preservation of cultural heritage)
- ◆ **Narva River Water Routes**
(Development and integration of water tourism routes in Narva river into the network of small ports in the BS)
- ◆ **Narva&Ivangorod historical riverside**
(Integrated development of the historical preserve of riverside)





CO-OPERATION WITH RUSSIA DURING 2004-2007

- ◆ **EstRuCluster** *“Cluster development and B2B internationalization in Estonian – Russian border regions”*

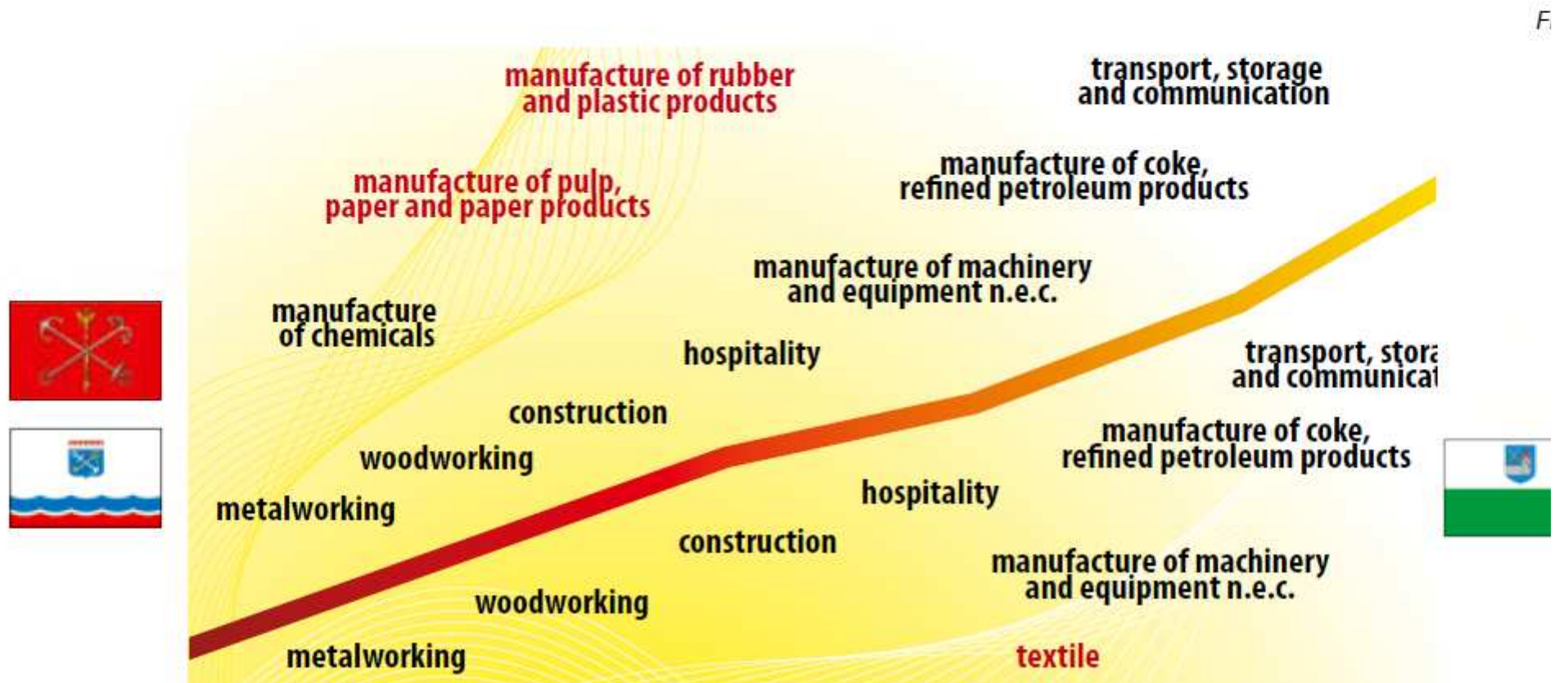
Development of new business opportunities, introduce cluster approach for local actors and SMEs, create B2B platform for selected clusters' SMEs for practical networking



Final Cluster Analysis

8.3. IDENTIFIED CROSS-BORDER CLUSTERS FROM KEY PERSONS' INTERVIEWS

Following cross-border clusters from existing sectors have been identified according to the key persons' opinions. results are summarised in the figure below.





CO-OPERATION WITH RUSSIA DURING 2004-2007

Interreg IIC/TACIS project “City Twins CoNet”

*Imatra-Svetogorsk; Haparanda–Tornio; Görlitz-Zgorzelec; Frankfurt
Oder–Slubice; Narva–Ivangorod*

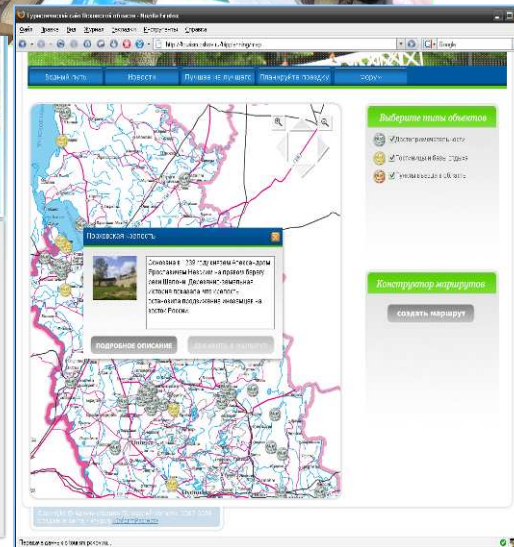
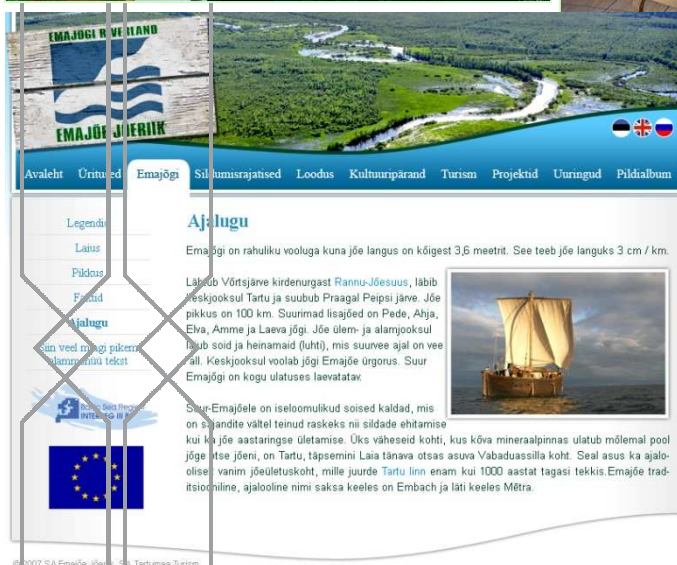
*Development of different forms of cooperation btw. twin-cities divided by
border, joint special planning and increasing the attractiveness of
investments.*





CO-OPERATION WITH RUSSIA DURING 2004-2007

“Emajõgi- Peipsi- Velikaja Waterway as a Tourism Destination”



- ◆ Joint marketing
- ◆ Advertising package
- ◆ Thematic postcards about River Emajõgi
- ◆ Seminars on spatial development of waterway
- ◆ Website about the Peipsi- Velikaja waterway and Pskov region
- ◆ Virtual maps about Peipsi- Velikaja waterway



2007-2013 ESTONIA-LATVIA – RUSSIA ENPI CBC PROGRAMME

EU FUNDING: 47,77 M€

**Estonian additional
allocation for the projects
(national budget) 9,4 M€**

**Launch of the
programme?**



**Geographical Eligibility ENPI CBC 2007-2013
Crossborder Cooperation
Estonia/Latvia/Russia**

- Cooperation areas
- Adjacent cooperation areas

0 200 Km



ESTONIAN PRIORITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Transport, logistics and communication solutions

- ◆ Elimination the bottlenecks on Narva/Ivangorod border crossing points to revitalise trade and tourism.
- ◆ Improvement of road infrastructure near the border and increasing the through-pass capacity of the Luhamaa and Koidula border crossing points (e.g. investments to the parking lots etc.).
- ◆ Re-opening the international ferry traffic on the Lake Peipsi.
- ◆ Development of water tourism Narva River – Peipsi (Chudskoye) Lake.



ESTONIAN PRIORITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Regional entrepreneurship

Development of new business opportunities and region-specific entrepreneurship, SMEs networks, development of industrial parks and cross-border clusters; creation of SME`s counselling systems, development of tourism infrastructure etc).





ESTONIAN PRIORITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Preservation and exposition of cultural heritage, and traditional building and cultural traditions, cooperation between museums, educational institutions, NGOs, etc.



NATURE

Investments to water and sewerage systems, joint water management, environmental education, crisis management between rescue and/or environmental services₂



CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IDEAS FOR FUTURE

Development of water tourism Narva River and Peipsi (Chudskoye) Lake

Objective: Development of water tourism and network of small ports in the upper part of the Narva River and Lake Peipsi.

Activities: Development of investment projects; development of water tourism routes; investments into infrastructure of small ports etc.

Supposed project partners

- ◆ **Estonia:**

Narva and Alajõe Municipalities (Ida-Virumaa County)

Emajõgi Riverland (Tartu County)

Estonian Maritime Administration

- ◆ **Russia:**

Administration of Leningrad oblast

Administrations of Kingissepa ,Pskov and

Slantsy regions





CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IDEAS FOR FUTURE

Project „Tour around Peipsi”

Objectives: To increase the attractiveness of the Peipsi and Pihkva region as a tourism destination and to link Peipsi-Pihkva region logistically to St. Petersburg and Finland by land tourist route.

Geographical coverage of the project: Narva town, East-Viru-, Jõgeva, Tartu-, Põlva- and Võru Counties, Pechory , Pihkva, Kingissepa and Oudova districts.

Potential partners:

Estonia: Estonian Rural Tourism Association, the Union of Setomaa Municipalities, Municipality of Narva

Russia: Regional agency of direct investments (Pskov region), Administration of Pechory district, Administration of Leningrad Region.





CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IDEAS FOR FUTURE

- ◆ EstRuClustersDevelopment II (follow up project)
- ◆ Narva River Water Routes (*follow-up project*)
- ◆ EstRus Fort Tour (*follow-up project*)
- ◆ Narva and Ivangorod Historical Promenades
- ◆ Development of Business Incubators.
- ◆ Cooperation between the Estonian and Russian universities and enterprises (triple-helix)
- ◆ Project "e-Government" (follow up of "Egoprise" project financed from BSR programme last call).
- ◆ Cooperation btw. Tallinn and St. Petersburg for 2011 (Tallinn and Turku as a Cultural Capitals of EU, project "Bordering memories" btw. Tallinn, Turku, Helsinki and St Peterburg).



HOW THE PROGRAMME CAN SUPPORT THE PROJECT GENERATION?



Partner search forums to give the stakeholders opportunity to re-new the old contacts and make new partnerships.

Training and informative seminars as a tool for bringing potential partners on both sides of the external EU border to the same level of understanding.

Availability of good project managers—competent project managers are scarce. Trainings for for the project implementation.





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