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BEN summer school “Cross-border cooperation to support environment and sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region”

Time: 20 (Monday) – 25 (Saturday) August 2007

Place: Rehe Hotel, Võru Street 235, Tartu, tel. +372 7 307 287, www.rehehotell.ee

Preliminary programme

20 August, Monday

Arrivals

- 17.30 Pick up at the hotel Rehe for the boat trip
- 18.00 – A boat trip on the Emajõgi River by an ancient Emajõgi barge, see more at <http://www.lodi.ee/>.
- 19.30 Dinner at a restaurant Atlantis** (Narva mnt. 2)

21 August, Tuesday

10.00 – 13.30 Session 1.1. Cross-border cooperation policies and structures in Europe and its neighbouring countries

- 10.00 – 10.50 Introduction into the summer school goals and content.
Short presentations by the summer school participants
- 10.50 – 11.10 EU policies for cross-border cooperation (CBC) on the EU external borders: regional development and cohesion; environment, neighbourhood, etc. – *Gulnara Roll, Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation and University of Tartu*
- 11.10 – 11.40 Russian Policies for Cross-Border Cooperation in the Northern Dimension Area– *Dmitry Lanko, Professor of the Department for International Relations of SPb State University, Russia*
- 11.40 – 12.10 Coffee break**
- 12.10 – 12.30 Baltic Euroregional Network (BEN) project: what has been done and what is the way ahead - *Šarūnas Radvilavičius, BEN Project Manager, Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania*



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12.30 – 12.50 Baltic Euroregional Network - East (BEN-East) as an example of project networking – *Pavel Petrov, Nordic Council of Ministers Office in St. Petersburg, Russia; BEN-East Coordinator*

12.50 – 13.10 Cross-border cooperation between Belarus, Poland and Lithuania – *Leonid Orlov, Representative of the National Coordination Unit of TACIS Programme in Belarus*

13.10 – 13.30 Questions and comments

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 Establishment of thematic working groups (e.g., environment, tourism, research and education) and instructions in the plenary for the work of thematic working groups (15 min) and start of work of the thematic working groups

Discussion in the thematic groups of the following questions:

- What are the CBC policies' priorities on the internal and external borders?
- What are the differences and similarities of CBC structures in different border areas of Europe, including those on external and internal borders?
- What should be done to support more effective implementation of CBC policies in the EU and its neighbouring countries? – Generation of ideas for possible joint actions and projects.

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.00 Session 1.2. Financial management of CBC projects – budget, reporting, experiences with project audits

17.00 – 17.30 Experiences of administration and financial management of INTERREG projects - *Lea Vedder, Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation Director*

17.30 – 18.00 Questions and discussion

19.00 Dinner at the Rehe Hotel





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22 August, Wednesday

09.00 – 11.30 Session 2.1. Funding sources of CBC

09.00 – 09.40 EU Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) structural period 2007 – 2013. Baltic Sea and Estonian – Russian cooperation – *Margarita Jefimova, Chief Specialist, European Territorial Cooperation Bureau, Estonian Ministry of Interior*

09.40 – 10.10 Estonian – Latvian cooperation programme structural period 2007 – 2013 – *Peeter Unt, Head of Estonian – Latvian Cooperation Programme Secretariat in Tartu*

10.10 – 10.40 Good practices, examples and management specifics of EU INTERREG projects - *Sille Talvet, Gravitas OÜ, Tartu, Estonia*

10.40 – 11.10 Coffee break

11.10 – 12.00 Session 2.1. Funding sources of CBC - continues

11.10 – 11.40 Nordic Council of Ministers funding for CBC projects – *Carita Pettersson, Nordic Council of Ministers, Tallinn office*

11.40 – 12.00 Questions and comments

12.00 – 12.45 Lunch

12.45. – **Departure to a field trip to the Estonian – Russian border**

14.00 – 15.00 A meeting and a discussion with border guards at Koidula kordon

15.15 – 16.00 Arrival by bus to the Setu Open Air museum, excursion

16.00 – 17.00 Presentations and discussion on cross-border intermunicipal projects

16.00 – 16.20 Presentation by Värskä municipality on CBC experiences

16.20 – 16.40 Presentation by Ain Jõesalu, Executive Director of Pskov – Livonia Euregio on the Euroregio activities and experiences of managing cross-border cooperation projects that involve border municipalities

16.40 – 17.00 Questions and discussion

17.00 - **Reception and dinner at the Setu Tea House
Return to the hotel after dinner**



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23 August, Thursday

10.00 – 11.30 Session 3.1. Experiences in promoting regional sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region

10.00 – 10.30 CBC structures in Europe. The nature and role in CBC of Euroregions
Merle Krigul, Katri – Liis Lepik, Helsinki – Tallinn Euregio

10.30 – 10.50 Experiences of CBC cooperation in Vyborg –
Olga Kareva, Vyborg region administration

10.50 – 11.30 Questions and discussion

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 Session 3.1. continues

12.00 – 12.20 Cross-border cooperation challenges in Estonia/Russia – the case of the water transport on the Lake Peipsi/Chudskoe –
Eero Mikenberg, Forum Baltica, Estonia

12.20 – 12.40 Issues of CBC in Russia – environment, sustainable development, environmental education –
Olga Vassilenko, Chudskoe Project, Pskov, Russia

12.40 – 13.30 Questions and discussion or work in working groups

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - A trip to Emajõgi-Suursoo nature protection area

- Information on the Emajõgi Suursoo Nature Education Centre – a film, 12 minutes
- Lecture on nature tourism organization –
Mart Reimann, Reimann Retked OÜ and Tallinn University
- A short hiking trip in the Emajõgi-Suursoo nature protection area (nature trail 2,5 km)

Picnic dinner at the Emajõgi-Suursoo Nature Centre. Return to the hotel.



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24 August, Friday

Day IV. Environmental protection and transboundary resources management in the Eastern Baltics

10.00 – 11.30 Work in thematic working groups on project ideas

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 Stakeholder participation in environmental decision-making simulation game “Let’s make a big port” - *Villu Lukk, Peipsi CTC; Martin Mäesalu, Tartu Students Debate Society*

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 Work in thematic working groups on project ideas
Presentations of the projects

18.00 – Farewell party

25 August, Saturday

Departures



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