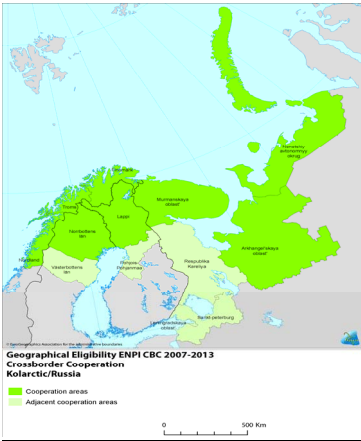


Cross Border Cooperation Programmes 2007-2013

1. Kolarctic / Russia



Budget: € 28,241 million from EC

Eligible regions: Lappi (FI), Norrbotten (SE), Finnmark, Troms, Nordland (NO), Murmansk, Archangelsk, Nenets (RU). Adjacent areas are Northern Ostrobothnia in Finland, Västerbotten in Sweden and Republic of Karelia, Leningrad Oblast and St Petersburg in Russia.

Managing Authority: Regional Council of Lapland, Finland

The strategic objective of the Programme is to reduce the periphery of the countries' border regions and its related problems as well as to promote multilateral cross-border co-operation. The Programme aims to help the regions in the Programme area to develop their cross-border economic, social and environmental potential, which shall be achieved by supporting innovative cross-border activities, accessibility and the sustainable development of natural resources, communities and cultural heritage.

Priorities:

Economic and social development: to develop SME and business co-operation; to promote trade; to develop sustainable transport, logistics and communication systems; to implement educational and research activities; to ensure the quality of public and private services; to use innovations and new technology; to enhance the use of renewable sources of energy and active energy saving; to develop energy co-operation; to support the development of traditional ways of living; to develop labour markets and to support entrepreneurship; to exchange best practices in rural development, municipal services and special planning

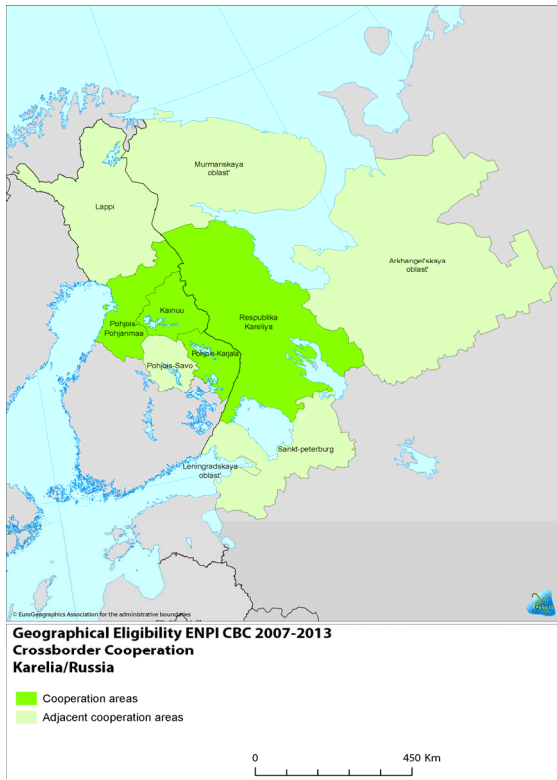
Common challenges: border-crossing and the environment: to support health and social welfare; to improve security; to prevent accidents and environmental risks (incl. emergency preparedness, radiation safety, marine pollution risks); to improve border crossing efficiency (incl. small scale infrastructure, harmonisation of border crossing procedures and increase of transparency); education and research

People-to-people co-operation and identity building: to organize common cultural and sports events and bring together people from the programme area; to publish information of common interest in the media; to increase co-operation and communication; to promote cultural diversity and increase the co-operation between cultural institutions

State of play:

Programme expected to be submitted by 30 June 2008. Commission decision expected in September -October 2008.

2. Karelia/Russia



Budget: € 23,203 million from EC

Eligible regions: Kainuu, Northern Ostrobothnia, North Karelia (FI), Republic of Karelia (RU).

The adjacent regions include the regions of Lapland and Northern Savo on the Finnish side and the City of St. Petersburg and the regions of Leningrad, Murmansk and Archangelsk on the Russian side.

Managing Authority: Council of Oulu Region, Finland

The strategic objective of the Programme is to increase well-being in the programme area through cross-border cooperation. To achieve this goal, the objective is to strengthen strategic guidance for programme implementation and to pursue concrete cross-border results and visible impacts on strategically important fields of activity.

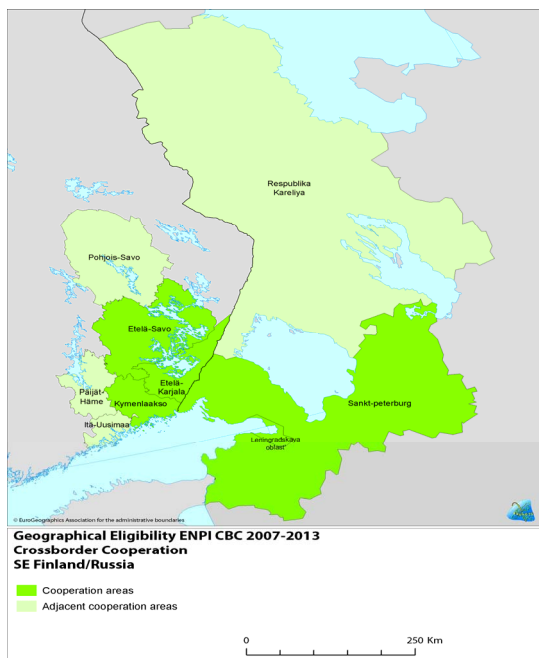
Priorities:

Economic development: to strengthen cross-border economic co-operation and increase cross-border business; to improve conditions for cross-border economic co-operation. The important cornerstones of economic cooperation in the programme area are: forestry, wood sector and tourism.

Quality of life: clean and pleasant environment; planning systems and service structures supporting cross border cooperation; culture, education and youth – building material for future cooperation; common challenges in health and well-being; civic organisations' co-operation.

State of play: Programme expected to be submitted by 30 June 2008. Commission decision expected in September -October 2008.

3. South East Finland/Russia



Budget: € 36,185 million from EC

Eligible regions: South Karelia, Kymenlaakso, South Savo (FI), Leningrad Oblast with St Petersburg (RU).

The adjacent regions include East Uusimaa (Itä-Uusimaa), Päijät-Häme, and North Savo (Pohjois-Savo), and the Republic of Karelia.

Managing Authority: Regional Council of South Karelia, Finland

The strategic objective of the programme is to promote the position of the programme area as an integrated economic zone and a centre for transportation and logistics in order to strengthen its competitiveness and attractiveness to investors, and to improve the state of the environment and the standard of living and welfare of its citizens. The programme will contribute to the transfer of competence and the flow of goods, passengers and information, as well as the diffusion of innovation over the border, and provide ground for common actions to improve the environment.

Priorities:

Economic development - to strengthen local and regional sustainable economic development in the programme area: SME and business development, incl. labour market development; trade and investment promotion; transport and logistics; research and education; innovations and technology; energy cooperation; tourism industry; rural development

Common challenges: border-crossing and the environment:

Efficient and secure borders – to develop transport links and improve the operations of the border crossing points; effective (facilitating bona fide cross-border traffic of persons and legitimate trade and transit) and secure border management (preventing illegal border-crossing and illegitimate trade and transit, and combating organised crime, trafficking, and contraband); strengthening of maritime search and rescue services; supporting activities that promote emergency preparedness and cooperation between local and regional authorities and organisations in order to minimize risks.

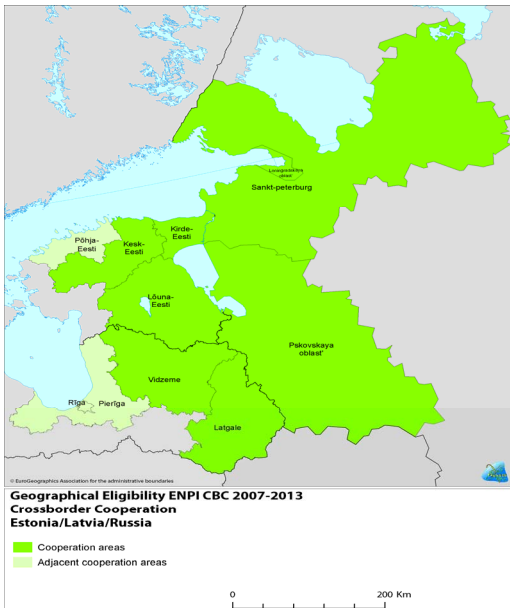
Environment and nature protection – sustainable waste management; improving the infrastructure for waste management and waste water treatment; protection of natural heritage

Social development and civic society – to strengthen the people-to-people and civic society contacts at regional and local levels in the educational, cultural and other similar fields, as well as to enhance cross-border contacts between civic society groups and NGOs in view of promoting local governance and mutual understanding

State of play:

The programme was submitted officially to the Commission on 17 June 2008. The Commission decision is expected in September – October 2008.

4. Estonia – Latvia - Russia



Budget: 47,775 M € from EC

Eligible regions: Latgale, Vidzeme; adjoining areas: Riga City and Pieriga (LV), Kirde-Eesti, Lõuna-Eesti, Kesk-Eesti;

Adjoining area: Põhja-Eesti (EE); Leningrad oblast, Pskov oblast, St.-Petersburg City (RU). The adjoining areas are Riga City and Pieriga (LV) and Põhja-Eesti (EE).

Managing Authority: Ministry of Regional Development and Local Governments, Latvia

The overarching strategic objective of the Programme is to promote joint development activities for the improvement of the region's competitiveness by utilising its potential and beneficial location on the crossroad between the EU and the Russian Federation. The specific objective is to make the wider border area an attractive place for all its inhabitants and businesses through activities aimed at improving the living standards and investment climate.

Priorities:

Socio-economic Development - strategic development of border region's competitiveness through support to business and labour market development, improvements in communication networks and exploring region's potential for tourism as well as maintaining efficient and safe borders.

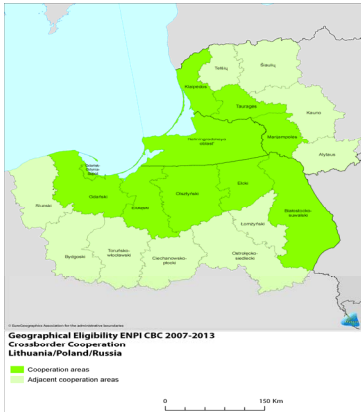
Common Challenges - addressing common problems and initiating and continuing joint actions in the areas of common interest on both sides of the border.

Promotion of People-to-People Cooperation - small scale activities for improved cohesion of the border region supporting wide range of activities to be performed by regional and local municipalities and various actors of the society, which have been identified as being of crucial importance to a more integrated region.

State of play:

Programme document finalised. Programme expected to be submitted to the Commission by 30 June 2008. Commission decision expected in September – October 2008.

5. Lithuania-Poland-Russia (Kaliningrad Programme)



Budget: 132.130 M € from EC

Eligible regions: Lithuania: Marjampolis, Taurages and Klaipėdos Apskritis; Poland: Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot, Gdanski, Elblaski, Olsztynski, Elcki, Bialostocko-Suwalski;

Russia: Kaliningrad Oblast

Adjoining regions: Lithuania: Altyaus, Kauno, Telsiu, Siauliu Apskritis; Poland: Slupski, Bydgoski, Torunsko-Wloclawski, Lomzanski, Ciechanowksi-plocki, Ostrolecko-siedlecki

Managing Authority: Ministry of Regional Development, Poland

Priorities: The Programme intends to develop a zone of shared stability, security and prosperity, involving a significant degree of economic social and political co-operation. The focus will be on joint projects/efforts involving local and regional authorities, SMEs associations, NGOs and the general public. The programme will contribute to building mutual trust and progressive regional economic integration in line with principles of subsidiarity and sustainability. Further, it should evolve into a cross-border region of mutual understanding between the neighbours working together to develop and maintain the most important developmental assets of the area, such as natural and cultural heritage and human capital (in particular entrepreneurship). In line with the analysis of the present situation the assistance shall remove obstacles to effective cross-border co-operation and provide favourable conditions for linking potentials over the national borders and to safeguard good social, cultural and natural environment for the residents, tourists and investors in the Programme area.

1. Contributing to solving common problems and challenges

Measure 1.1. Sustainable use of environment

Indicative actions: Sustainable cross-border waste water and waste management solutions, air and water monitoring, establishment of cross-border systems for exchange of environmental data

Measure 1.2. Accessibility improvement

Indicative actions: Investments in border crossing points serving tourists and local population and improvement of existing border crossing points; Improvements of the local transport infrastructure in the border area and improving the external and internal accessibility of the Programme area.

2. Pursuing social, economic and spatial development

Measure 2.1. Tourism development

Indicative actions: Joint creation, preparation and implementation of feasibility studies on cross-border tourist products; Preparation and implementation of small-scale investments enhancing tourism infrastructure in the Programme area

Measure 2.2 Development of human potential by improvement of social conditions, governance and educational opportunities

Indicative actions: Development of practical solutions to improve the accessibility of educational centres and the availability of new forms of education covering problems of joint importance for the Programme area; Strengthening social and cultural integration of border territories,

Measure 2.3. Increasing competitiveness of SMEs and development of the labour market

Indicative actions: Strengthening of intermediary support structures for SMEs and networks for better liaising between small and medium sized enterprises in the Programme area,

Measure 2.4 Joint spatial and socio-economic planning

Indicative actions: Practical actions in support to joint planning and regional development.

3. Horizontal priority dedicated to people-to-people cooperation

State of play: Programme document is currently in the process finalisation and should be submitted to the Commission by 30 June. Commission decision expected in September – October 2008.

6. Baltic Sea Region (BSR)



Budget: ENPI component 22,608 M€ for Russia and Belarus in addition to more than 200 M€ from ERDF for the MS

Eligible regions:

Member States: *Denmark:* the whole country; *Estonia:* the whole country; *Finland:* the whole country; *Germany:* the States (Länder) of Berlin, Brandenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Schleswig-Holstein and Niedersachsen (only NUTS II area Regierungsbezirk Lüneburg); *Latvia:* the whole country; *Lithuania:* the whole country; *Poland:* the whole country; *Sweden:* the whole country.

In the Partner Countries, the eligible area includes: *Belarus:* the whole country; *Norway:* the whole country; *Russia:* St Petersburg and the surrounding Leningrad Oblast, Republic of Karelia, the Oblasts of Kaliningrad, Murmansk, Novgorod and Pskov; for projects addressing the Barents Region, also co-operation with Archangelsk Oblast, Komi Republic and Nenetsky Autonomous Okrug is envisaged.

Managing Authority: Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

Priorities of the programme:

- **Fostering of innovations across the BSR:** To advance innovation-based regional development of the BSR through the support of the innovation sources and their links to SMEs, facilitation of transnational transfer of technology and knowledge and strengthening the societal foundations for absorption of new knowledge

Areas of support: Providing support for innovation sources; Facilitating the technology transfer and diffusion of knowledge across the BSR; Strengthening the social capacity in generation and absorption of new knowledge

- **External and internal accessibility of the BSR:** To increase the area's external and internal accessibility through development of transnational solutions diminishing the functional barriers to diffusion of innovation and to traffic flows
Areas of support: Promotion of transport and ICT measures enhancing accessibility and sustainable socio-economic growth; Actions stimulating further integration within existing transnational development zones and creation of new ones (aimed to better exploit socio-economic potential of the adjacent territories)

- **Management of the Baltic Sea as a common resource:** To improve the management of the Baltic Sea resources in order to achieve its better environmental state

Areas of support: Water management with special attention to challenges caused by increasing economic activities and climate changes; Economic management of open sea areas and sustainable use of marine resources; Enhanced maritime safety; Integrated development of off-shore and coastal areas

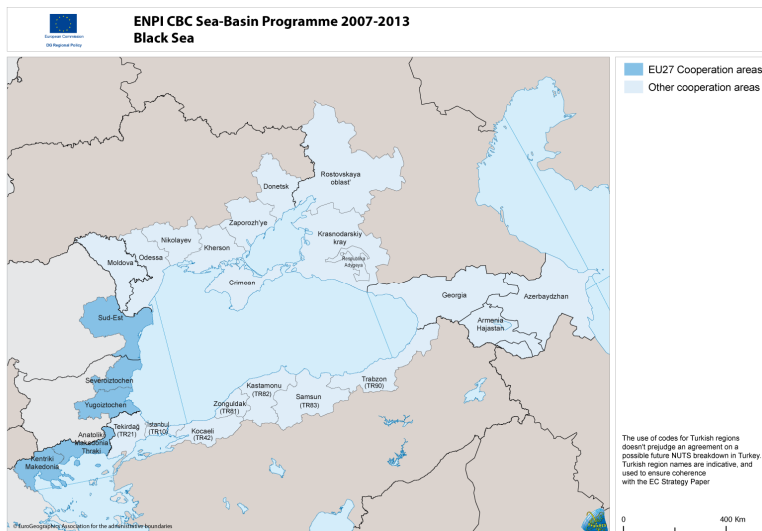
- **Promoting attractive and competitive cities and regions:** To ensure co-operation of metropolitan regions, cities and rural areas to share and make use of common potentials that will enhance the BSR identity and attractiveness for citizens and investors

Areas of support: Strengthening metropolitan regions, cities and urban areas as engines of economic development; Strategic support for integrated BSR development and socio-economic and territorial cohesion; Strengthening social conditions and impacts of regional and city development

State of play:

The BSR Programme document was the first of all CBC Programmes to be approved in December 2007. The first call for proposals has been launched with a suspensive clause for Russia and Belarus pending on the signature of the Financing Agreements by Russia and Belarus .

7. Black Sea Programme



Budget: 17,306 M €

Eligible regions:

Romania: Sud-Est; Bulgaria: Severoiztochen, Yugoiztochen; Greece: Kentriki Makedonia, Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki; Turkey: Istanbul, Tekirdağ, Kocaeli, Zonguldak, Kastamonu, Samsun, Trabzon; Russia: Rostov Oblast, Krasnodar Krai, Adygea Republic; Ukraine: Odessa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Sevastopol, Zaporosh'ye and Donetsk Oblasts, Crimea Republic, Sevastopol; the whole countries : Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan

Managing Authority: Ministry of Development, Public Works and Housing of Romania

The strategy of the ENPI-CBC Black Sea Basin programme is coherent with the EU **Black Sea Synergy regional initiative**. It will contribute to the Black Sea Synergy cooperation sectors with a clear focus on civil society and local level cross-border cooperation, aiming additionally to foster coherence with other national and trans-national programmes and strategies.

Priorities of the programme:

1. Cross border support to partnership for economic development based on combined resources

Measure 1.1: Strengthening accessibility and connectivity for new intra-regional information, communication, transport and trade links

Measure 1.2: Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

Measure 1.3: Creation of administrative capacity for the design and implementation of local development policies

2. Networking resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

Measure 2.1: Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

Measure 2.2 Promoting research, innovation and awareness in the field of conservation and environmental protection for protected natural areas

Measure 2.3: Promotion of cooperation initiatives aimed at innovation in technologies and management of solid waste and wastewater management systems

3. Cultural and educational initiatives for the establishment of a common cultural environment in the basin

Measure 3.1: Promoting cultural networking and educational exchange in the Black Sea Basin communities.

State of play:

The programme is expected to be submitted to the Commission by 30 June 2008 and the Commission decision will be taken in September/October.