

ENPI CBC Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus Programme

Total allocation (2007-2013): 41.737 million EUR

Eligible regions:

Latvia: Latgale Region

Lithuania: Utenos, Vilniaus and Altyaus Apskritis (adjoining regions: Kaunas and Panevezys Counties – NUTS III)

Belarus: Hrodna and Vitebsk Oblasts (adjoining regions: Minsk and Mogilev Oblasts, Minsk City)

Managing Authority: The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, Regional Policy Department

The overall strategic goal of the Programme is to enhance the territorial cohesion of the Latvian, Lithuanian and Belarusian border region and secure economic and social welfare and cultural identity of its inhabitants. The ENPI CBC instrument for the Latvian-Lithuanian-Belarusian cross border region shall serve as a tool to facilitate the sustainable socio-economic development and cohesion of the border regions, and to secure an attractive living environment and welfare for its inhabitants. Cross border co-operation shall also be utilised to minimise the impact of national borders and contribute towards improved partnership and better cooperation of the three neighbouring countries.

Priorities of the programme:

1. Promoting sustainable economic and social development: By its Priority 1 this Programme seeks to encourage co-operation by connecting people, organisations of regions and sectors, for creating the opportunity to develop the region's strengths and help the achievement of the first Objective of the ENPI Strategy Paper.

2. Addressing common challenges: By its Priority 2 this Programme is aiming to improve environmental conditions, solve various issues in social, educational and health spheres and help the achievement of the second objective of ENPI Strategy Paper.