

## ANNOUNCEMENT NOTE FOR THE 1<sup>st</sup> CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### 1. Introduction

The Interreg V-A Latvia-Lithuania 2014-2020 Programme (hereinafter – Programme) is pleased to inform you that the first call for proposals of the 2014-2020 programming period is now open to all four Programme priorities and their specific objectives. For a detailed description of contents of Programme specific objectives, including information on possible actions, beneficiaries and target groups and detailed conditions for the first call applicants can be found in the “**Applicant pack first call**”, which constitute an integral part of this call announcement and are available for download from the Programme website [www.latlit.eu](http://www.latlit.eu).

### 2. Programme area

The Programme area includes the following regions of Latvia and Lithuania:

**Latvia:** Kurzeme, Zemgale, Latgale

**Lithuania:** Klaipėda, Telšiai, Šiauliai, Panevėžys, Utena, Kaunas



### 3. Who can apply?

- 1) Public authorities (national, regional, and local authorities)
- 2) Public equivalent bodies, meaning any legal body governed by public or private law:
  - Established for the specific purpose of meeting the needs for the general interest and not having an industrial or commercial character
  - Having legal personality, and
    - Either financed for the most part by the state, by regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed under public law
    - Or subject to management supervision by those bodies
    - Or having an administrative, managerial, or supervisory board where more than half of the members are appointed by the state, regional local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law
- 3) NGOs

### 4. Objectives and priorities

The overall objective of the Programme is to contribute to the sustainable and cohesive socio-economic development of the Programme regions by helping to make them more competitive and attractive for living, working and visiting. The Programme will pursue its overall objective through the financial support granted to cross border cooperation projects contributing to its specific objectives.

The first call for proposals is open to the following Programme priorities:



1. SUSTAINABLE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT THROUGH COOPERATION



2. SUPPORT TO LABOUR MOBILITY AND EMPLOYMENT



3. SOCIAL INCLUSION AS A PRECONDITION TO TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT



4. IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIVING THROUGH EFFICIENT PUBLIC SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION

### **5. Budget available**

The total Programme co-financing from the European Regional Development Fund (hereinafter – ERDF) amounts to EUR 51.6 million and will be allocated to projects contributing to the Programme objectives.

Upon completion of the assessment, the submitted applications will be ranked separately according to Programme priorities and scores. The final allocation for the projects financed during the first call for proposals is a subject to further decisions of the Programme Monitoring Committee and Managing Authority.

### **6. Co-financing rate**

Project partners have to provide own contribution to receive Programme co-financing. Under the Programme, the eligible project activities are co-financed by the ERDF at a rate of 85%.

### **7. Project duration**

The project implementation shall not be longer than 24 months.

### **8. Selection and approval of projects**

According to the provisional calendar planned for the first call, the approval of the projects is foreseen in December 2016. Applicants are invited to establish as starting date for their projects: January-February 2017.

The earliest date when the project activities can start and the expenditure can incur is the next day after the project is approved by the Monitoring Committee.

### **9. Time schedule and submission**

The first call for proposals will be open from **29 April 2016 until to 5 August 2016 at 12:00 (EET)** and will follow a single step procedure, i.e. full information on the scope, objectives, activities, budget, partnership and supporting documents should be submitted by the indicated deadline.

Project applications must be submitted in English language and only through the web-based electronic monitoring system (eMS).

Lead partner of the project should be registered in the eMS system to be able to create and submit valid application form. The system will be open from 29 April 2016.

### **10. Additional information and support**

Requests for information can be addressed to the Joint Secretariat: [latlit@varam.gov.lv](mailto:latlit@varam.gov.lv), +371 66016736.

Informative seminars and individual consultations will be organised to potential applicants in May - July 2016.

For more information about the Programme events, please see: [www.latlit.eu](http://www.latlit.eu) .