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## TOURINFONET NETWORKS ENCOURAGES TOURISTS TO VISIT KALININGRAD AND SEASIDE RESORTS

Project "TourInfoNet" is implemented in Kaliningrad region jointly by tourist information centers located along the coastline of the Baltic Sea including Russian, Polish and Lithuanian institutions. This initiative, which is co-financed by the European Union, is aimed at further development of the Tour Info Centers in the area and to enhance cross-border system for collection, exchange and dissemination of information and promotion of joint tourism.

Before the project was launched in February 2013 local populations and guests of the crossborder region had very poor tourist information access. Since that time much was done to remedy this infamous situation.

In the frame of the project several information tours were provided for representatives of tourist industry and mass media presenting both renowned and new tourist attractions and accommodation places. Tours had wide media coverage – several newspaper articles and TV newsreels were done in three partner countries. The Event Calendar and Project Region Map were published and disseminated among Information Centers as well.

In the summer of 2013 transportable information stands were installed on the streets of Kaliningrad in most popular tourist downtown areas – near Kaliningrad Zoo, Museum of World Ocean and Amber Museum, on Pobedy Square. Each big cultural event has its stand. Later resort towns of Svetlogorsk and Zelenogradsk acquired their infostands too.

The so called "kiosks" are voluntarily serviced by students specifically trained for this purpose. They possess necessary history knowledge, know useful tourist locations and foreign languages to equally communicate with Russian and external tourists.

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They distribute free information leaflets, event data-sheets and maps of the region. 40 of such specialists were already trained for the season of 2014 by theory and in fields.

The total budget of the project is 352 585,50 EUR where EU co-financing to the project is 317 326,95 EUR.

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Within the Programme 60 joint projects from Lithuanian, Polish and Russian border regions are being implemented, which are mostly from the fields of infrastructure, environment, health, culture, tourism, sport and education.

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