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### RESIDENTS OF KALININGRAD MAY NOW GET ON THE FAST AND MORE PROFESSIONAL EMERGENCY

**The ambulance substation at 85A Narvskaya Str. changed itself lately beyond recognition. The old building was expanded and renovated and new ambulance cars were purchased. During reconstruction phase medical staff of substation was busy involved in teamwork with colleagues from Poland - ambulance men and doctors from Provincial Integrated Hospital in Elblag - providing cross-border cooperation in the field of medical first-aid. All these investments were possible through the support of the European Union.**

For many years the building of the biggest ambulance substation of Leningradskiy district sheltered 10 ambulance crews (about 50 peoples) in the premises which were constructed back in 1946 and since then saw only slight "facelifts". In 2013 the administration of the City Ambulance Station started reconstruction process.

The floor space was increased from 250 up to 500 sq. m through erecting two more levels. Walls, roof and facade were reconstructed using benefits of modern engineering. Building was equipped with necessary sanitary facilities, kitchen and resting spaces. Rooms were furnished with purpose-designed furniture and equipment. The Ambulance Station have now special outpatient room, access ramp for disabled people and medical lift. This initiative allowed the increase of the personnel of the station up to 70 people, who have comfortable working conditions.

Within the project 4 new ambulance cars equipped with specialized apparatuses were also purchased by the Kaliningrad Ambulance administration as well as constant cross-border experience exchange was provided. Joint trainings and seminars were organized for Russian and Polish crews. The topics of this seminar included for example providing a medical support during public events and sequence of primary healthcare delivery in road traffic accidents. New substation will continue to host such international educational events.

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This massive renovation and international cooperation became possible when the project “Development of modern ambulance station” received the grant within the **Lithuania-Poland-Russia European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013** of more than 2.47 million EUR. It was acknowledged as future and socially oriented.

The Programme aims at promoting economic and social development on both sides of the border between EU countries (Lithuania and Poland) and Russia, addressing common challenges and problems, promoting people to people co-operation.

Within this European 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.

“The most important is to change the quality of this service, ambulance should arrive quicker, in time, to the people who need it, and that is why we reconstructed substation together with our European partners. Equipment is most advanced and cars are most modern and they give a chance to save human life in extreme situation.” – said Nikolay Tsukanov, the Governor of the Kaliningrad region during opening ceremony at the station.

The renovated facilities, new equipment and increased station capacity improved the ambulance service for Kaliningrad residents and tourists making it timely, professional and effective.

The total budget of the project is 2 752 023.86 while EU co-financing to the project is 2 476 821,47 EUR.

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