

5.5. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The main purpose of international cooperation is assisting the policy of the government of St. Petersburg in various joint activities with the foreign partners: town-partners and region-partners of St. Petersburg; international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, uniting cities and countries of the world (international organizations); public organizations, conducting international activity.

For fulfilling this purpose the work is conducted for the planning, development and realization of the international programs and projects in the framework of cooperation of St. Petersburg with foreign partners in various spheres. The Committee for Foreign Affairs coordinates international activity of the structural departments of executive authorities of St. Petersburg on the issues of cooperation with foreign partners and also assists municipalities, organizations and enterprises of the city to establish and to develop the cooperation with the partners from foreign cities and regions. The Committee also assists public organizations, which are involved in the international cooperation.

Numerous international organizations are represented in St. Petersburg. There are offices representing foreign cities, the chambers of industry and commerce, international funds and alliances and UN affiliated organizations in St. Petersburg.

There are diplomatic representatives of more than 50 foreign states in St. Petersburg.

In 2006 the summit of the heads of states of "Big Eight" countries was held in St. Petersburg for the first time on Russian territory.

St. Petersburg is planning to open European center for regional cooperation.

Since 1998 St. Petersburg is a member of the international organizations of Baltic Sea Region, the organization "Euro-cities" and "International association of congresses and conferences".

5.5.1. Participation of St. Petersburg in the Baltic Sea Region Neighborhood Program in 2004-2006

The purpose of the Program is increasing the degree of the spatial integration and competitiveness in the Baltic Sea region by means of intensification of the regional, economic and social interaction and development. In the framework of the Program the projects, which are realized in following spheres are supported:

- The development of the joint strategies and realization of various activities for macro-regions;
- Assisting sustainable spatial development of the specifics sectors;
- Sustainable and integrated development of coastal zones, island and other specific territories;
- Assisting balanced development of the polycentric structures of settlements;
- Creating stable system of communications for improving spatial integration;
- Improving the management of cultural and natural legacy, unique landscapes and natural resources;
- Trans-national activities for creating the institutions and developing the potential of organizations

Following countries and regions are participating in the Program:

- Denmark, Sweden, Finland
- Germany (North-West)
- Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia
- Poland, Norway
- Belarus: Minsk, Grodno, Brest, Vitebsk provinces (oblasts)
- Russia: St. Petersburg, Murmansk, Leningrad, Pskov, Novgorod, Kaliningrad, and Arkhangelsk regions (oblasts) and Nenetsky autonomous region.

In the framework of the 8th and 9th call of proposals of the Baltic Sea Region Neighborhood Program 11 projects with participation of St. Petersburg were approved:

The title of the project	The partner from St. Petersburg	The leading partner	The budget in euros
Intermodality and Interoperability in the Baltic Sea Region - InterBaltic	North-Western Russia Logistics Development and Information Centre (ILOT)	Klaipeda science and Technology Park (KSTP) (Lithuania)	3,129,653
A.S.A.P. - Efficient Administrative Structures as a Prerequisite for Successful Economic and Social Development of Rural Areas in Demographic Transition	Economic Development Committee of the Leningrad region, Institute of Improvement of Professional Skills and Retraining, St. Petersburg Organisation Ecology and Business, Farmers Union of Leningrad Region and St. Petersburg, IPO Association for Assistance of Field Experiments and Investigation, Education Institute Academy of Management and Agribusiness NC of Russian Federation	Ludwigslust county (Germany)	1,776,888
Developing Regions through Spatial Planning and Logistics & ICT Competence (LogOn Baltic)	Saint Petersburg Government Committee of Transport-Transit Policy, North Western Russia Logistics Development and Information Center ILOT, Non profit training and research center of adult education 'Protey'	Turku School of Economics and Business Administration (Finland)	2,316,700
Safe and Reliable Transport Chains of Dangerous Goods in the Baltic Sea Region (DaGoB)	Saint-Petersburg Government Committee of Transport-Transit Policy, North-western Russia Logistics Development and Information Center - ILOT, Non profit training and research center of adult education 'Protey'	Turku School of Economics and Business Administration (Finland)	1,815,090
East-West Window	St. Petersburg Administration, Russian Economic Developers Association (ASSET)	Ministry of Regional Development and Local Government (Latvia)	570,104
Baltic Euroregional Network-EAST (BEN-EAST)	Centre of Russian-European Interregional and Crossborder Cooperation	Nordic Council of Ministers Information Office in Saint-Petersburg	508,693
Promoting Regional Innovation System in St. Petersburg through Transnational Cooperation - SPb InnoReg	Administration of Saint-Petersburg, St. Petersburg Foundation for SME Development	Baltic Institute of Finland (Finland)	680,501
Integrated management system for Russian cities - MATRUSCHKA	EKAT-St.Petersburg	City of Turku, Union of the Baltic Cities, Commission on Environment Secretariat (Finland)	886,780
Safe and Reliable Transport of Dangerous Goods in the Russian-EU Logistics Chain (DaGoRus)	St. Petersburg Government Committee of Transport and Transit Policy, North Western Russia Logistics Development	VTT, the Technical Research Centre of Finland (Finland)	564,000

	Centre, ILOT, Protey, non-profit training and research center pf adult education		
EastWind - Establishing Wind energy use in the Russian Federation (EastWind)	Non-profit educational centre 'Society.Information.Legislation'	City of Rostock (Germany)	285,000
Business Support for Sustainable Development-Business Matryoshka	Committee on Development of Small and Medium Sized Business and Consumer Market, Russian Economic Developers Association	Foundation Riga Region Development Agency (Latvia)	347,000