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Seagull is a project for the Euroregion Baltic (ERB) with the main purpose of developing and anchoring a long-term strategy and a joint transnational development programme (JTDP) for the region. It will form the basis for future investments in the environment and infrastructure, etc. and will thereby contribute to social, economic and environmentally sustainable development throughout the region.

On April 5-8 a study tour was carried through in south-east Sweden for a delegation of five persons from the Kurzeme Region in Latvia as a part of the implementation of the Seagull-Latvia project (Phare-funded). The study tour was mainly concentrated on knowledge transfer on issues related to WP3 (Innovative Centres – WP 2 of the Seagull Latvia project). The programme contained visits to the Local Development Centres in Västervik and Oskarshamn Municipalities, The Telecom City in Karlskrona, the Soft Center in Ronneby, and the Regional Council in Kalmar County, the Kalmar Science Park and the Baltic Business School in Kalmar. The detailed programme could be found on www.eurobalt.org – later also a Study Visit Report.

Two new studies have started within the Interreg part of the project:

A study of women's values and choice of place for settlement – a method to increase attractiveness in the region and its rural areas. For further information, please contact Ms Annika Carlson, annika.carlson@id-vaxjo.com, tel: +46 470 77 85 51.

A pre-study on Maritime/Cruise Ship Tourism in the South Baltic Sea Region. For further information, please contact Mr Per Åke Nilsson, per-ake.nilsson@mh.se, tel: +46 63 16 53 75.

Other activities carried out since previous Seagull News:

WP 2: A Swedish working group meeting was held on March 12, combined with a meeting with the Board of the Lyckeby River Water Management Association. A regional workshop about the Water Framework Directive (WFD) was held in Kaliningrad on March 23. About 20 Russian participants got for the first time more detailed information about the WFD. A fruitful international expert meeting was held in Kaliningrad March 24-25, with participation from all ERB regions involved in WP2. The meeting was combined with a study visit in Baltijsk about water and waste water issues.

The 5th WP 3 seminar and exhibition about Innovative centres and SMEs as vehicles in regional development was carried through in Kaliningrad on March 16. The event, that gathered about 70 persons, was a mutual arrangement between the Interreg Seagull and Seagull Russian Component projects.

WP 4: Two seminars on the Leader Method and methods for rural development have been carried out in Kurzeme Planning Region: in Strazde, Talsi district and Virga Liepaja District (March 9 and 10). Several important issues were discussed and about 60 persons participated. An international working group meeting was held in Nicava, Kurzeme Planning Region, April 8. A Swedish working group meeting/study visit and promotion activity was carried out in Eriksberg, Blekinge County on March 19. An international working group meeting was held in Cherniakhovsk, Kaliningrad Region, April 14, and a seminar on Rural Development/Leader method in Ozersk, Kaliningrad Region, April 15.

Planned activities during the coming month:

Information about the project implementation status to the ERB Council in Elblag May 4.

WP2: Swedish working group meeting, May 6

WP4: Swedish working group meeting, April 28.

WP5: Seminars about the Seagull project with NGO representatives in Kaliningrad April 27, Elblag May 5 and Gdansk May 6.