



Project

Cross Border E-archive

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Manager of the Project "Cross Border E-archive" Indra Auzane in the kick-off seminar

The year 2012 has been very important in the progress of the Project "Cross Border E-archive". All the necessary agreements have been made to start the Project implementation, positive environment has been created and first steps taken to achieve the Project's specific and overall goals.

The Grant Contract and Model Partnership Agreement for the Implementation of the Project ELRI-167 "Cross Border E-archive" for the following two years have been signed in March.

Actions for development of a good background for future cross border cooperation took place in spring and summer 2012, including a number of cross border work group meetings and participation in international forums and ENPI CBC Programme events.

In October the first large scale conference of the Project took place in Riga (Latvia) gathering together all partners and archive experts involved in the implementation of the Project. This event was an opportunity for everybody involved to discuss the role of each partner, exchange ideas and develop a vision and strategy for the future activities.

The end of the year was dedicated to further improvements in the Project and implementation of its activities, moving towards the common goal – to preserve the historical and cultural heritage of the cross border area (which is accumulated in the archives of Estonia, Latvia and Russia), and to provide access to the archival materials and values selected and digitized in the result of the Project for the inhabitants of all three countries.



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KICK-OFF SEMINAR OF THE PROJECT “CROSS BORDER E-ARCHIVE” IN RIGA, LATVIA

On October 9 and 10 a two-day kick-off seminar of the project „Cross Border E-archive” took place in the EU House in Riga, Latvia. Event was hosted by the beneficiary of the project – state agency “Culture Information Systems” and was the first large scale meeting of all partners (Culture Information Systems (Latvia), “Ideju Forums” (Latvia), the National Archives of Latvia (Latvia), the National Archives of Estonia (Estonia) and St. Petersburg Information and Analytical Centre (Russia)) and archive experts involved in the implementation of the project.

The aim of the project is to preserve the historical and cultural heritage of Estonia, Latvia and Russia cross border area archives and to provide access to the heritage for the citizens of the area. Until 2014 universally accessible online platform (e-archive) will be developed with unlimited access to the archival information. Cross Border E-archive will bring together lost connections between historical facts on larger level and family history on individual level. The beneficiaries (3 million inhabitants of the Estonia, Latvia and Russia border area) and target groups (30 archive institutions in

Estonia, Latvia and Russia, 3 million inhabitants of cross border area, 30 000 researchers and students in cross border area) will have free access to the developed digital platform in the native and English languages.

The kick-off seminar of the project “Cross Border E-archive” was opened by the Director of the state agency “Culture Information Systems” Armands Magone. Following his welcoming speech project’s partners introduced to the project and their organisations. A vibrant discussion in the afternoon offered participants and archival experts from Estonia, Latvia and Russia opportunity to share with each other their thoughts on the contents of the archival collections that should be included in the e-archive.

On the second day of the seminar participants visited the Latvian State Historical Archives and the Latvian State Archive of Audio Visual Documents Latvian archives.

Seminar like this was a great opportunity for all partners to come together and will help to advance the project and work on further improvements.

Memorable moments from the Kick-off seminar of the project “Cross Border E-archive”:



PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL EVENT OF THE PROGRAMME IN NARVA, ESTONIA

Representatives of the State Agency “Culture Information Systems” Kristine Paberza and Project manager Indra Auzane participated in the Annual Event of the Programme in Narva (Estonia), on October 31. Annual Event of the Programme gathered about 160 participants from Estonia, Latvia and Russia in a brand new built Narva College of the University of Tartu building in Narva.



Honoured speakers as Siim Kiisler, Minister for Regional Affairs at the Estonian Ministry of Interior, Dace Grūberte, the Head of the Joint Managing Authority of the Programme and Alexander Tsybulskiy, the Head of Department for International Relations and Cross Border Cooperation of the Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation opened the Event with a friendly hand shake. Programme Implementation in Facts, Projects in Keywords, European Cooperation Day Local Actions by Projects and Programme – these were evidences of implementation of the Programme after almost a year of first signed Grant Contracts. During the Event Kristine Paberza introduced the audience to the project „Cross Border E-archive” implementation and represented Programme’s PRIORITY II.

The close cooperation between all partners is crucial for a successful implementation of the Project and each and everyone’s contribution matters.

We thank everyone involved in this Project and wish a year full of success and new achievements!



PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS OF THE PROJECT

To promote the ENPI CBC Programme, the Project “Cross Border E-archive”, cross-border cooperation and its results various promotional items have been produced and Project’s own corporative identity designed at the end of 2012.

INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE OF THE PROJECT:



State Agency "Culture Information Systems"
State Agency "Culture Information Systems" operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Culture of Latvia. The objective of the Agency is to provide access to information resources and cultural heritage stored in archives, museums and libraries.

Non-governmental organisation "Ideju Forums"
Non-governmental organisation with a goal to promote the accessibility of cultural and historical heritage in the digital environment and to achieve the access to materials on the web for people of different communities, age, social status and level of development.

The National Archives of Latvia
The National Archives of Latvia operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Culture. The National Archives of Latvia includes: Latvian State Historical Archives, The State Archives of Latvia, Latvian State Archives of Audiovisual Documents, State Archives of Personnel Files and 11 regional state archives.

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Cross Border Cooperation Programme within the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument 2007-2013 financially supports joint cross border development activities for the improvement of the region's competitiveness by utilising its potential and beneficial location on the crossroads between the EU and Russian Federation. The Programme web-site is www.estlatrus.eu



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The National Archives of Estonia
The National Archives of Estonia is the centre of archival administration in Estonia. It is a government agency in the domain of Ministry of Education and Research, which includes Historical Archives, State Archives, Film Archives, Digital Archives and 4 regional departments. Development of research is covered by Research and Publishing Bureau, economic activities are the task of Administrative Bureau.

St. Petersburg Information and Analytical Centre
St. Petersburg State Unitary Enterprise "St. Petersburg Information and Analytical Centre" (SPB IAC) is an enterprise working in the field of informatization and providing information and analytical support of local authorities of the City of St. Petersburg. SPB IAC is a commercial organization taking part in the implementation of government contractual works.

About the Project
Cross Border E-archive is implemented within the Estonia-Latvia-Russia Cross Border Cooperation Programme within the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument 2007-2013.

Project Duration
01.04.2012 – 31.03.2014

Project Objective
Overall objective of the Project is to preserve the historical and cultural heritage of Estonia, Latvia and Russia cross border area archives and to provide access to the heritage for the citizens of the area. Specific objective of the Project is to create a digital environment for descriptions and data of archival materials in Estonia, Latvia and Russia border area archives; to develop universally accessible online platform (e-archive) with unlimited access to archival information. Cross Border E-archive will highlight significant information and materials related to Estonia, Latvia and Russia and will form new collections based on state archives with unlimited access to all interests. Cross Border E-archive will bring together lost connections between historical facts on larger level and family history on individual level.

Budget
The total budget of the Project 1 218 191,40 EUR is financed from the following sources:
1 096 372,26 EUR (co-financing ensured by the Programme – 90%)
121 819,14 EUR (co-financing from the beneficiary and Project partners – 10%)

Expected results
The final project beneficiaries (3 million inhabitants and 800 professionals of the Estonia, Latvia and Russia border area) and target groups (30 archive institutions in the Estonia, Latvia and Russia, 3 million inhabitants of cross border area, 30 000 researchers and students in cross border area) will have free access to the developed digital platform of archival information (e-archive) in native and English languages.

Beneficiary
State Agency "Culture Information Systems" (Latvia)

Partners
Ideju Forums (Latvia)
The National Archives of Latvia (Latvia)
The National Archives of Estonia (Estonia)
St. Petersburg Information and Analytical Centre (Russia)

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PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS – PENS AND BROCHURES WITH THE PROGRAMME AND THE PROJECT LOGO:



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