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1. Introduction

The joint implementation of INTERREG IIIA programme in Southern Finland and Estonia continued in full speed in 2006. In other words the programme implementation was carried out by the joint projects in both countries based on concluded agreements and management adjustments. During the Programme period 2000-2006 the Programme implementation has faced several changes when developing from Interreg/Phare co-operation to Interreg IIIA programme implemented on both sides of the border. The implementation has therefore most of the time been learning-by-doing in many ways, but the programme implementing bodies – as well as the project partners – in both countries have approached this process with a positive attitude.

A modification took place in the programme financial framework during 2006 due to the EU Commissions guidelines on closure of assistance from the Structural Funds. The Monitoring Committee amended the programme ERDF allocations in the end of the year (decision of written procedure 15.12.2006). The amendment was two-fold: on one hand, the relationship between the EU assistance and corresponding national co-funding needed adjustment according to the realisation of joint South Finland – Estonia projects. This amendment did not affect the ERDF allocation in the programme, but concerned only the national co-financing share in Priorities and Measures – programme total financing figures did not change either. On the other hand, also the allocations between Measures required adjustment, and this amendment was justified by the feedback from the calls for proposals: within the Priority 2. Employment and Competitiveness, the allocation for projects in Measure 2.2 Operative environment of Enterprises turned out to be unrealistic, and the funds were allocated to project generation in expertise and know-how and development of tourism sector (Measures 2.1 and 2.3).

Request for amendment of financial table attached to the Commission decision on INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia was submitted in to the Commission on 21.12.2006. Also the MC decision incl. change within the priority 2 was distributed for the information was submitted to the Commission in December 2006. All financial tables are presented in this annual report according to these amended figures.

Further more, in order to make the closure of assistance flexible for the projects and administration the time table of closure was prepared and a meeting with the writer of the final implementation report was held.

By the end of the year the Secretary General ended her work at the Regional Council of Southwest Finland and new arrangements were made in the Secretariat in the beginning of 2007.

INTERREG Monitoring Committee approved the report in its meeting (29.5.2007).

2. Notice from the programming period

The Interreg IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia programme of 2000-2006 was aimed to support the evolvement of this cross-border area from an external border of the EU to a border between two EU Member States. As such the programme endorsed learning processes and joint programme management in the fields of networks, employment and competitiveness and environmental questions.

The programme can be said to have functioned well. This applies both to the learning processes and the content-wise targets: the financial resources, the projects and the Monitoring Committee and Steering Committee worked towards the same objectives. The programme financing commitment rate is 91%. In total 144 projects have utilized 92% of the ERDF allocation and the outpayment is in total 10,4 m€ (ERDF).

The programme supported existing networks but also emphasized innovations and new partnerships. This entailed a slight contradiction. Existing and functioning partnership was particularly emphasized when the joint programme started; applying for funding was a relatively heavy process. One problem with existing networks, however, is their perceived stagnation. The networks are not always able to renew their work (content or methods) and even when there are practical and good results, the networks find it difficult to communicate these to the wider audience. Thus the benefits of the networks could often be improved. This question should in the future be dealt with at the project planning stage.

The programme was aimed at a broad range of partners: the public and the private sector and non-governmental organisations or the third sector. During the joint implementation period some problems were, however, raised. Due to co-financing rules and definitions of eligibility the Estonian private sector and certain non-governmental organisations have, in the end, a limited possibility to participate in the programme. As for the third sector, the heavy procedures and slow moving of money poses challenges. The Lead Partner faces a considerable financial and management burden, and must be prepared for this.

During the programming period, certain fields clearly communicated that they would like to use infrastructure investments in order to reach even better results. The fields where investments could be of particular gain are communications, including transport and IT-related projects, and the environment.

In Finland large scale structural changes in society are on going during 2006 targeting municipalities and their social service system. These structural changes are fundamental, joining municipalities to larger entities and causing changes in the total health, welfare and elderly care and vocational training. This causes low rate of applicants from municipalities but again increasing amount of project applications from the social sector.

These issues have been raised in the planning of the programme 2007-2013 and have been incorporated into the new co-operation scheme where possible and relevant. The previous co-operation has created a number of qualitative networks that are and will be capable of solving common problems.

In February-April 2006 Finland, Sweden, Estonia and Latvia (incl. the Government of Åland) started to negotiate and later agreed on a joint mandate for the preparation of the Central Baltic Interreg IVA programme. This mandate letter indicated what the upcoming Central Baltic Programme should look like and how the process of programming would be organized and would proceed. The programme was planned to have three sub-programmes: the Thematic sub-programme, Southern Finland – Estonia sub-programme and Archipelago and Islands sub-programme.

3. Progress in the Implementation of Priorities and Measures

3.1 Joint Project Proposals, Steering Committee Decisions and Funding Commitments

<u>Joint Calls for Proposals (2004-2006)</u>	
Calls for proposals:	five deadlines: 29.10.2004, 15.3.2005, 15.9.2005, 13.2.2006 and 1.9.2006
No. of applications:	total 102 funding applications: 81 by Lead Partner in Finland and 21 by Lead Partner in Estonia
Funds applied for:	app. 22 M€ (ERDF), total costs 40 M€
Funds granted for projects:	40 projects app. 9 M€ (ERDF), total costs 15 M€
Project average size:	total costs 380,925 € (between 80,000 € – 992,000 €)
SC decisions in INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia:	
Steering Committee:	6 members from Finland (Regional Councils and regional representations of the State co-financing authorities) and 6 members from Estonia (Ministries and Association of Local Administrations)
Proposals for the SC:	After submission the project proposals are prepared for the SC meetings in a uniform manner and the Technical Secretariat (TS) co-ordinates this process. TS is responsible for receiving the applications and checking the documentation. Project proposals are evaluated in parallel in both countries: TS arranges preparation/co-ordination meetings together with the State co-financing authorities in Finland and the Ministry of the Interior arranges meetings together with other Ministries in Estonia. Through this evaluation process comes also the position on State co-financing for projects in Finland and on the Ministry of the Interior' support in Estonia. TS participates in project preparation and evaluation meetings in both countries, compiles the information from both countries, checks the requirements for INTERREG funding and, prepares the proposals for SC with a uniform project proposal template.

The aim of the INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia programme was to commit all ERDF funding for projects by 31.12.2006. In January 2006 there was some 2.4 M€ ERDF co-financing available i.e. 12.3% of all programme financing. The aim was to commit all available ERDF co-financing by the project proposal already submitted in for the deadline in September 2005. This turned out to be unrealistic.

In the beginning of 2006, the INTERREG programme had eight proposals under preparation – these were the projects that the Steering Committee left for further development in its meeting in December 2005. Only five of the eight applicants submitted in an amended project proposal by the deadline in February. Out of the four projects approved by the SC in March, one project was cancelled by the Lead Partner before project activity started.

At the same time the Steering Committee had decided to open a call for project ideas. Ideas were invited both for new activities to be co-financed during 2006-2007 and for activities and themes that the project applicants considered important in the perspective of the forthcoming Structural Funds period 2007-2013. This feedback from the potential applicants was utilised in arranging a targeted call for proposals in 2006. The call for ideas resulted to 103 project ideas for a large variety of activities and co-operation themes. The Steering Committee selected the themes for a targeted call in its meeting in March. Information days were arranged in May and applicants were invited to arrange project preparation meetings prior to the deadline in September 2006. Project preparation support was available both for the February deadline and for the September deadline.

The targeted call deadline of 1.9.2006 resulted to 18 project proposals. The Steering Committee handled these projects in November: eight projects were approved for financing and four projects were left for further development by a deadline of 8.1.2007. After these project decisions and the proposals for further development, there is still some 1.1 M€ of ERDF co-financing available for new activities in 2007.

Table 1. Joint project proposals (deadlines in 2004-2006) and SC decision-making.

	Proposals	Steering committee decisions:		
		Approval	Rejection	Total
Deadline 29.10.2004: SC 08.03.2005 (11.04.2005)	21	11	3	14
Deadline 15.03.2005: SC 15.06.2005	23	10	5	15
Deadline 15.09.2005: SC 15.12.2005	35	9	15	24
Deadline 13.2.2006: SC 29.03.2006**	5	4	1	5
Deadline 1.09.2006: SC 14.11.2006 Applications in preparation (deadline 8.1.2007)***	18 (4)	8	6	14
TOTAL*	102	42	30	72

*Difference between the number of project proposals submitted and the number of SC project decisions is due to cancellation of project proposals during preparation.

**deadline in February 2006 was for altogether eight project proposals that the SC left for further development in its meeting 15.12.2005. Five amended project proposals were submitted in by the deadline in February 2006.

***four projects were requested further clarifications and amendments to be made: one project was approved on the condition that the applicant clarifies the project proposal in a manner that it satisfies the sector experts and, three projects were left for further development by the deadline of 8.1.2007 (SC will handle these matters in written procedure in January 2007).

By the end of 2006 the decisions of the Steering Committee allocated in total ERDF 16.9 M€ thus 91.9 % of programme funding for the projects¹. A total of 14.7 M€ of national co-financing both from Finland and Estonia was channelled to projects from State resources as well as municipalities and other public sources. There is also private financing allocated to the projects mainly in Finland and, by the end of 2006 this amounts to some 2.5 M€ of project financing in total (see Table 2).

¹NOTE: this figure already excludes the ERDF that has been returned for reallocation from the concluded projects (71 projects: ERDF some 0.7 M€) and the projects that the applicant has cancelled after the SC approval (five projects: ERDF some 0.6 M€).

Table 2. Commitment of funds for the INTERREG projects by Measures 31.12.2006.

	No. of proj.	Project Funding							Programme Financing	
		ERDF	State	Local	Other public	Eligible exp. total	Private funding	Funding total	ERDF 2001-06	Commitments 31.12.2006
1.1 Networks of Local and Regional Administration	29	2 846 661	1 248 630	1 281 460	346 035	5 722 786	105 370	5 828 156	3 131 919	90 %
1.2 Social interaction and contacts at the Local and regional Levels	19	1 813 443	1 006 901	538 759	180 756	3 539 859	302 491	3 842 350	2 034 067	
Priority 1 Interaction and networks	48	4 660 104	2 255 531	1 820 219	526 791	9 262 645	407 861	9 670 506	5 165 986	
2.1 Expertise and know-how	21	2 594 876	1 590 364	544 381	186 524	4 916 145	395 651	5 311 796	2 801 048	87 %
2.2 Operative environment of Enterprises	19	1 178 897	658 159	102 197	144 901	2 084 154	234 556	2 318 710	1 181 392	
2.3 Tourism	13	1 506 892	683 647	472 671	147 350	2 810 560	421 840	3 232 400	1 981 455	
2.4. Transport, Communications and Development of Interlinked Services	9	1 242 955	443 070	270 898	201 917	2 158 840	105 333	2 264 173	1 541 392	
Priority 2 Employment and Competitiveness	62	6 523 620	3 375 240	1 390 147	680 692	11 969 699	1 157 380	13 127 079	7 505 287	
3.1 Co-operation in environmental Protection and Monitoring	11	2 433 377	993 554	627 587	315 101	4 369 619	218 888	4 588 507	2 417 437	100 %
3.2 Co-operation in Improving the Environment	18	2 844 583	1 243 050	721 850	310 176	5 119 659	546 555	5 666 214	2 977 437	
Priority 3 Common environment	29	5 277 960	2 236 604	1 349 437	625 277	9 489 278	765 443	10 254 721	5 394 874	
Priority 4 Special Support... (2002)	4	355 238	269 020	146 769		771 027	117 871	888 898	355 238	(closed)
TOTAL ALL PRIORITIES	143	16 816 922	8 136 395	4 706 572	1 832 760	31 492 649	2 448 555	33 941 204	18 421 385	91 %

*The Steering Committee has approved a total of 148 projects to be funded from the programme; five projects have been cancelled and the data about them is not included in the statistics above, and one project has been carried out in two parts both in Measures 4.1 and 1.1. One of the projects approved in SC 14.11.2006 is excluded in the statistics above as the commitment (official decision) by did not actualise by 31.12.2006.

3.2 Projects by Region, incl. Adjoining Regions under 20% Rule

There are three regions under the so-called 20% rule as adjoining regions to the programme region: Päijät-Häme and Kanta-Häme in Finland and Southern Estonia. Adjoining regions are involved in twelve joint projects, and the ERDF allocation to these regions is estimated on the basis of project plans as 1.0 M€. This represents some 12.2% of all ERDF allocation for the 40 joint projects. Summing up these figures with the situation in the end of the year 2004, the ERDF allocation for adjoining regions in Finland and in Estonia totals to 2.8 M€. This represents some 16.5% of all ERDF co-financing for approved projects in the INTERREG IIIA programme.

Table 3. Adjoining regions and the 20% rule in INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia (€ by 31.12.2006*, incl. Special Support COM 437)

	ERDF	Finland	Estonia
Programme financing total (ERDF)	19 962 778	14 795 370	5 167 408
Project financing total (ERDF excl. TA)	18 412 385	13 667 370	4 754 015
20% max.	3 684 277	2 733 474	950 803
Approved SFCZ projects (24/92) with adjoining regions in Finland		1 549 948	
Approved complementing call projects (6/12) with adjoining regions in Estonia			190 035
Joint projects (12/40)		458 144	592 832
Total (42/144 projects in total)	2 790 959	2 008 092	782 867

*FIMOS 12.12.06 incl. realised figures of those projects already closed in the monitoring system.

In the joint projects INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia there are no partners from third countries involved in the activities. Activities together with the third parties are realised with other means, e.g. a project on simulation model for risk management for hazards at sea is realised as Finnish-Estonian co-operation in INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia programme and, parallel to this, as Finnish-Russian co-operation in INTERREG IIIA NPI Southeast Finland – Russia programme. If not as direct links, but other networks are also perceivable e.g. in tourism sector and training sector projects.

3.3 Projects by Priority and with Regard to Horizontal Objectives

Approved projects by Priority 31.12.2006	
Priority 1:	48 projects utilising 90% of ERDF allocation
Priority 2:	62 projects utilising 87% of ERDF allocation
Priority 3:	30 projects utilising 100% of ERDF allocation
Priority 4:	4 projects (this Priority is closed)
Total:	144 projects utilising 92% of ERDF allocation

As of 31.12.2006, the new joint projects approved in 2004, 2005 and 2006 have contributed that the funds in Priority 3 (Environment) have been committed in full. Priorities 1 (Interaction and Networks) and 2 (Employment and Competitiveness) were also gradually reaching the full commitment level but there was still some work to be done. Priority 1 (Interaction and Networks) got better start in the beginning of the programme 2001-2004, then tempting fewer new project activities during 2004-2005 but succeeded better again during 2006. Three of the six projects approved in 2006 had been left for further development in the SC meeting in December 2005

while the rest were a result of the search for new ideas in the spring 2006 which led to the targeted call for proposals the following autumn: development of elderly care, development of cooperation between educational organisations and development in themes relating to environment. In Priority 2 the search for new themes resulted to only 2 approved joint projects: development of adult education programmes in Helsinki and Tallinn universities and cooperation model for Finnish and Estonian companies in the field of carpentry and furnishing products. One project was left for further handling in SC meeting in January 2007 with the recommendation to change the lead partner. Regardless of the number of tourism related ideas received in the spring 2006 only one tourism related project actually reached the SC agenda in the autumn 2006, however resulting in a rejection. In Priority 3 three new projects were approved; these were related to environmental risk management or developing risk-based policymaking.

The Monitoring Committee amended the programme ERDF allocations by Measures within the Priority 2 Employment and competitiveness (decision of written procedure 15.12.2006). The amendment was due to the fact that the business sector co-operation envisaged in the Measure 2.2 did not realise as expected and the applications and themes proposed in the search for new ideas were in the Measures 2.1 Expertise and know-how and 2.3 Tourism.

Horizontal objectives – joint projects (40):

information society projects	4 projects (ERDF 0.8 M€)
equal opportunities project	0 project
environmentally-positive projects	16 projects (ERDF 4.3 M€)

The objectives set in the programme for environmentally positive projects were reached already by the end of 2005. As of the end of 2006, out of 40 approved joint projects there are 16 environmentally friendly projects. Twelve of these are funded in Priority 3, one in Priority 2 (Measure 2.4) and three in Priority 1. During the whole programme period 2001-2006 there have been altogether 42 environmentally positive projects.

When summing up the figures from the beginning of joint programme implementation (2004/5), a total of four projects are initiated under the themes of information society, representing some 0,8 M€ ERDF co-financing granted for joint projects; one in Measure 1.1.: regionally unified method for the observation and screening of cognitive disorders and everyday operation/performance in elderly care using the support of IT-systems, one in Measure 2.1.: ICT training cooperation in providing the ICT assemblers with necessary qualifications and certificates in Finland and Estonia, and two in Measure 2.4.: first one aiming to form an international university education program in network based communication and second developing a database for follow-up of energy and water consumption in municipal buildings.

Gender-related issues are handled in two joint projects funded from Measure 1.1, both dealing with elderly issues (one of these also classified under the theme of information society projects). Previously funded SFCZ and complementing call projects contributed to other aspects of equal opportunities i.e. to inclusion of risk groups into society and, for example the themes of immigration, youth issues and drug-prevention are approached in the INTERREG projects, but during the whole programme period there have been none concentrating in actual equal opportunities between the genders.

4. INTERREG Projects: Monitoring Indicators

The aim of the co-operation programme INTERREG IIIA is to ensure that cross-border regional co-operation supports balanced regional development by establishing viable contacts at different levels and within sectors of activities, which creates the prerequisites for employment and competitiveness and protects and improves the common environment.

4.1 General Indicators, Key Indicators and Impact on Employment

Out of the 12 (one cancelled) new joint projects approved for financing by the SC in 2006 five were approved in the spring and for the other seven it is too early to give analysis as they are in the very beginning of their work. Many of the new projects can be located under the same themes as the other 30 joint projects approved in 2005.

New projects were added into the cluster of marine risk management projects in the Gulf of Finland; prevention of the environmental accidents, continuation of successfully started cooperation to improve oil combating preparedness on the coasts and protection of aquatic communities by risk-based policymaking. The previously funded training projects concentrated on themes combining vocational training with the demand from working life, SME creation, businesses across the border as well as on the education sector as a wider entity. In this group two new projects were added, both dealing closely with adult education. One concentrates on cooperation between adult training institutions examining the present cooperation in order to clarify the purposes and practice of adult training and to improve quality and the other has a more concrete aim to form an international university education program in network based communication between Helsinki and Tallinn universities, geared towards adult education programs. The earlier themes of museums and handicrafts, wooden boat tradition etc. were joined with projects concentrating in documentation, data gathering or networking in the field of history and tradition, but also environmental awareness is promoted by developing the school students' personal contacts with the countryside heritage, cultural environment and nature. To somewhat surprise the cluster of tourism promotion did not produce any new applications regardless of the tourism-related ideas received in the call for new themes in the spring. The two ideas being in development stage did not result to an application due to difficulties finding own-financing. In addition to the more common themes totally new ones could be seen also in developing new ways of offering public services including promoting IT use in elderly care. The elderly care was seen as an important field to develop in later stages of the programme.

Programme key indicators include indicators illustrating the type and evolvement of CBC activities in this co-operation region: level of co-operation (though, all new projects are *joint* projects with activities in both countries), CBC contacts (activities based either on new or existing contacts and, actual cross-border structures) and specific target groups incl. participation of private enterprises.

The fact that in the INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia programme the ERDF co-financing is allocated for public expenditure only, has affected possibilities of e.g. the third sector organisations (NGO) and private firms to directly participate in joint projects. However, both are mentioned in the target groups of several joint projects.

Twenty two Lead Partners of the forty one joint projects are representatives of education, research and development units. Nine Lead Partners are local administration and/or units of municipalities; six NGOs and; three State/regional administration units. The same figures are illustrative for categorisation of Partners on the other side of the border in these projects. There is one Finnish Lead Partner resembling the type of a private enterprise.

In general terms, all joint projects base in a way or another on existing contacts between the project partners - on existing contacts made in earlier projects or on contacts made outside project activities.

The role of cross-border projects in job-creation and creation of new firms has been discussed throughout the programme period in mid-term evaluation update report and, the text is not repeated here for the joint projects. Activities that are expected to contribute to new jobs, sustained jobs and/or new firms are visible in joint projects connected with themes of businesses and business networks, subcontracting, vocational education and working life, but also in tourism and environmental sector.

Commonly used terms referring to quantity-wise project results found in the monitoring reports on all fields are benchmarking, exchange of experiences and knowledge/know-how, seminars, training sessions, study trips and workshops. In the few business sector activities the measurements are based on contacts made between entrepreneurs. In general most the results have been measured by the number of participants in the above mentioned project activities or in some cases, published articles or other materials. Joint training sessions and seminars are very typical activities in cross-border projects. Themes for CBC training in the joint projects are e.g. health and sports sector in local administrations, vocational training together with direct work-life and business contacts, student entrepreneurship, business development, business incubators, tourism sector, real-estate sector and, preparedness for oil-hazards or other environmental accidents at sea. In the more concrete environmental projects with pilot work the started or finished work can be also used as measurement of results.

Looking at the quality-wise results the most common are spreading of information, succeeded publicity measures to general public, schools, state/municipality level actors etc. and improving the quality of educational cooperation, study methods and materials or environmentally friendly behaviour.

Table 4. Programme key indicators 31.12.2006 (data collected from project applications, funding decisions and project monitoring questionnaires / FIMOS monitoring system).

PROGRAMME KEY INDICATORS	2001	2003	2006	31.12.2006
Degree of co-operation (share of community funding MEURO):				
- joint projects (planning and implementation)	0.8	3.6	7.8	13.2
- co-ordinated projects	1.1	2.9	5.6	2.9
- other projects	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.8
<i>Community funding total (MEURO)</i>	<i>(2.1)</i>	<i>(6.9)</i>	<i>(14.1)</i>	<i>(16.9)</i>
Coverage of projects and contacts in relation to planned target groups, (no. of projects) principle project applicant:				
- NGOs (3rd sector);	3	13	30	31
- education, research and development units;	10	34	84	66
- private enterprises	4	13	33	5
<i>No. of projects total</i>	<i>(25)</i>	<i>(90)</i>	<i>(220)</i>	<i>(144)</i>
Intensity of contacts (no. of projects):				
- no. of projects with new cross-border contacts	9	32	77	41
- no. of projects extending the scope of co-operation on the basis of already existing contacts	15	52	128	102
- no. of actual cross-border structures	1	6	15	3
<i>No. of projects total</i>	<i>(25)</i>	<i>(90)</i>	<i>(220)</i>	<i>(144)</i>
Effect on employment:				
- number of new jobs (men/women)	*	150 (72/78)	200 (92/108)	94 (49/45)
- number of jobs maintained (men/women)	*	200 (95/105)	700 (335/365)	509 (246/263)
Number of participants in cross-border training courses, exchange programmes and other similar arrangements	*	340	1050	1515
<i>Persons having participated in training</i>				
Number of new enterprises	*	15	50	19
Number of companies that:				
- co-operate with funding from the programme (principle project applicants)	4	13	13	5
- benefited directly from funding from the programme (project participants)	*	38	100	1282
Activities promoting the programme region				
- tourism (number of common promotion operations)	*	5	12	**4
- product "labelling" for the programme region (no. of common operations, also other than tourism)	*	2	5	2
Community policies:				
- number of projects with primary emphasis on equal opportunities	3	14	33	1
- number of projects with primary emphasis on environmental issues	8	33	77	41
Number of environmental programmes prepared with activities supported by the programme (e.g. tourism sector, SMEs, agriculture and local/regional administration)	*	10	35	18

Concerning year 2001, objective level is based on funding decisions (*not reasonable to give an indicative figure on the level of funding decisions 2001)

**activities promoting the programme region as a whole was one project (King's Road) for the period of SFCZ INTERREG IIIA implementation (2001-2004). From 2004 onwards the figure has been added with joint projects promoting the programme area as a tourism region (Yachting promoting archipelago, KUTUR promoting spa and cultural sites and Fort tourism promoting fortress sites).

Key indicator objectives given as number of projects is based on an estimation of the number of projects accepted in the SFCZ INTERREG IIIA / INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia programme in each funding year (five projects have been cancelled but the data about them is included in the statistics above):

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total	31.12.2006
Projects:	25	30	35	42	43	45	220	148

4.2 Priorities and Measures – Specific Indicators

4.2.1 Priority 1: Interaction and Networks

The objective is to create and strengthen the co-operation contacts and networks on different levels and sectors of activity.

Long-term impact: ability to face present and future challenges in e.g. EU themes, increasing internationalisation, demands for information society and sustainable development

Indicators: increase in intensity of contacts (number/volume of projects with new or extended cross-border contacts and; actual cross-border structures); regional distribution of activities and; impact on employment and job creation, number of participants in training

Table 5. Implementation of the Priority 1 (31.12.2006)

	Total eligible cost (1=2+3)	ERDF (2)	National public (3=4+5)		Private (6)	Total (1+6)
			State (4)	Local (5)		
Priority 1	9 861 587	5 165 986	3 110 137	1 585 464	450 000	10 031 587
commitment 31.12.2006	9 262 645	4 660 104	2 255 531	2 347 010	407 861	9 670 506
Outpayment 31.12.2006	6 251 136	2 958 933	1 732 543	1 559 660	312 459	6 563 595

Commitment rate 90 % ERDF, Outpayments rate 57 % ERDF

Measure 1.1 Networks of Local and Regional Administration

(Total of 29 projects, total costs 5.8 M€ / ERDF 2.8 M€. Projects are divided into three groups according to programme phase: pre Estonian EU-membership, preparation-stage and Joint Programming stage)

Examples of activities/projects financed in Southern Finland (2001-2004):

- co-operation between Finnish and Estonian municipalities/regions, e.g. Local agenda Lahti–Pärnu; twinning Uusimaa–Eesti; strategic planning training Karjaa–Baltics; immigrant language training Kouvola–Ida-Viru; schools and student welfare Vantaa–Ida-Viru; town twinning in e.g. culture and sports Turku–Tartu/Kuresaare/Viljandi. Typical activities are: meetings, seminars, excursions; civil servant exchange; strategy planning and training; exchange of ideas, learning from each others' methods etc.

Examples of activities/projects financed in Estonia (2001-2003 and 2004):

- Cultural Bridge town twinning Tartu-Turku
- Co-operation Lääne-Viru, Ida-Viru, Jõgeva and Finnish partners (3+3)
- Ankkuri/Majakas youth sector project, Hämeenlinna–Rapla/Lääne
- HUUTA drug prevention Helsinki-Tallinn
- Saame kokku twinning of municipalities, parishes and NGOs (Tartu-Turku)

Joint projects (2004 –):

- public transport systems in Tallinn and Helsinki metropolitan areas
- health and exercising, Healthy Cities Network activities in municipalities
- sustainable fishery Southwest Finland / Väinämeri
- improvement of public services by making them more client-oriented and more efficient, services targeted especially for elderly people
- a regionally unified method for the observation and screening of cognitive disorders and everyday operation/performance
- cooperation between adult training institutions in Varsinais-Suomi and Läänemaa
- development of eco-support activities

Remarks: By the end of 2006 7 joint projects have been funded under the Measure 1.1. The number of local administrations involved as project partners (especially in Finland) has decreased in the joint projects compared with the situation in the beginning of the programme. Some projects have reported that the ongoing process of structural changes municipalities in Finland has taken energy away from project activities and participants in that sector. Throughout the whole programme period there has been a slight contradict between the joint project approach favouring long-term partnerships and on the other hand, the idea of tempting new, innovative activities and partnerships in the programme. However the projects approved in 2006 brought along some new ideas and actors, such as the city of Hämeenlinna and Region Åboland. Another positive fact was also that the demand for information society is tackled in the project handling elderly care. Still the notion applies that sometimes the concrete results and benefits from CBC networks and learning from each other are not communicated clearly enough for wider audience – even if the project target groups and participants themselves felt positive about the project. Crystallising of concrete activities, concrete results and involving the relevant partners in projects is one thing that was weighed in project info seminars during 2006.

Measure 1.2 Social Interaction and Contacts at the Local and Regional Levels

(Total of 19 projects, total costs 3,8 M€ / ERDF 1,8 M€. Projects are divided into three groups according to programme phase: pre Estonian EU-membership, preparation-stage and Joint Programming stage)

Examples of activities/projects financed in Southern Finland (2001-2004):

- Co-operation between NGOs in sector of culture (artist networks, choirs, theatres, art schools, music schools) and in social affairs (youth, children and family welfare, drug prevention, labour organisations)

Examples of activities/projects financed in Estonia (2001-2003 and 2004):

- Folk-Culture networks, Estonian National Folklore Council / Southwest Finland
- youth project Vihti-Tartu
- music schools co-operation,

Joint projects:

- wooden boat tradition in training institutions, museums etc.
- co-operation between regional museums in Southwest Finland and Estonia
- knowhow on traditional methods, restoration and protection of old buildings
- countryside and network of environmental education

Remarks: In Measure 1.2 financing has been approved for 4 joint projects with more similarity in themes than in Measure 1.1. Out of these projects 3 concentrate in documentation, data gathering or networking in the field of history and tradition, while in the fourth one environmental awareness is promoted by developing the school students' personal contacts with the countryside heritage, cultural environment and nature – thus hopefully bringing the impact of sustainable development in the future. By the end of 2006 altogether 78 participating NGOs on the Finnish side in 14 projects have been reported. The monitoring system does not give accurate numbers for the same figures in Estonia, but according to project feed back the third sector is getting more active in Estonia. However, in joint project approach, the definition for eligibility of partners and co-financing rules some NGOs on the Estonian side out from the co-operation programme 2004-2006. Even if there are new applications submitted in for the programme, evidence lacks that partners could handle the financial and project management burden of the Lead Partner approach. The size of joint projects has also increased to an unrealistic scale for small organisations. The needs and prerequisites for NGO's participation in CBC activities require analysing for the forthcoming 2007-2013 so that the activities could be supported with purposeful means.

4.2.2 Priority 2: Employment and Competitiveness

The objective is to strengthen the programme area as a market area and improve the preconditions for employment and competitiveness.

Long-term impact: strengthening the Baltic Sea economic region (a balanced regional development, good employment conditions, competitiveness of the region)

Indicators: number (and volume) of projects where firms participate in cross-border co-operation; regional distribution of activities and; impact on employment and job creation, number of participants in training

Table 6. Implementation of the Priority 2 (31.12.2006)

	Total eligible cost (1=2+3)	ERDF (2)	National public (3=4+5)		Private (6)	Total (1+6)
			State (4)	Local (5)		
Priority 2	13 476 490	7 505 287	4 321 808	1 649 395	1 550 000	15 026 490
commitment 31.12.2006	11 969 699	6 523 620	3 375 240	2 070 839	1 157 380	13 127 079
Outpayment 31.12.2006	7 272 250	3 751 420	2 413 881	11 069 949	1 069 231	8 341 481

Commitment rate 87 % ERDF, Outpayments rate 50% ERDF

Measure 2.1 Expertise and Know-how

(Total of 21 projects, total costs 5.3 M€ / ERDF 2.6 M€. Projects are divided into three groups according to programme phase: pre Estonian EU-membership, preparation-stage and Joint Programming stage)

Examples of activities/projects financed in Southern Finland (2001-2004):

- co-operation between vocational training units: seminars, training, exchanging ideas and know-how; testing e-learning methods for media education and for training of trainers; vocational networks together with SMEs incl. contacts to Russia; science centres co-operation Vantaa-Tallinn-Tartu; utilising each others expertise e.g. in know-how of traditional building methods Saaremaa-Kotka/Hamina; data gathering and distribution on e.g. Northern Dimension expertise; co-operation of agricultural universities; Helsinki-Tallinn Science twin city e.g. brokerage events and joint resources for high-tech businesses; rheumatology expertise networks Päijät-Häme – Northern Estonia

Examples of activities/projects financed in Estonia (2001-2003 and 2004):

- 3+3 vocational education co-operation Lääne-Viru, Ida-Viru, Jõgeva & Finnish partners
- immigration policy and training Vantaa/Tallinn

Joint projects:

- co-operation of vocational education institutions and working life
- co-operation of education institutions and sub-contracting SMEs
- student entrepreneurship
- agricultural research and testing (cold cowsheds)
- new EU education policy in Finland and Estonia
- information professionals of polytechnic and university libraries Turku/Tallinn
- implementation of network based communication geared towards adult education programs in Helsinki and Tallinn universities

Remarks: for participation of the education and training sector this Measure has been very popular throughout the programme period 2001-2006. Some of the projects base on existing structures / contacts dating back to previous IIA programme, e.g. 3+3 and several other vocational education twinning. However, the same conclusions can be made as in implementation report of 2005: Some activities show only modest attempt to develop the activities from excursions and joint meetings/seminars towards investigating possibilities for actual joint activities or e.g. utilisation of joint resources. Sometimes also the more or less

same activity could have been financed from EU programmes for education and training, if only there were other international partners involved in the activities. Some projects do report results of actual new cross-border structures but in most cases the term 'structures' has been interpreted somewhat loosely. Another characteristic notable in this Measure is that Universities' own-financing in Finland, coming from state budget, can not be used as co-financing in EU-projects. Therefore the percentage of aid coming from Finnish national state co-financers is higher than average. Strengths of this sector are that there are many good project writers and experienced co-ordinators. Usually the organisations are also big enough that the Lead Partner's financial burden can be handled.

Measure 2.2 Operative Environment of Enterprises

(Total of 19 projects, total costs 2.3 M€ / ERDF 1.1 M€. Projects are divided into three groups according to programme phase: pre Estonian EU-membership, preparation-stage and Joint Programming stage)

Examples of activities/projects financed in Southern Finland (2001-2004):

- Business incubators Lahti-Narva and Helsinki-Tallinn; surveys on business environment and possibilities (several on East Estonia both from Kymenlaakso and SW Finland); co-operation of SME organisations (Uusimaa-Estonia; SW Finland - Estonia; metal sector firms; wooden products sector firms; tourism etc.). Typical activities B-to-B meetings, excursions, trade fairs and training for SMEs, surveys and feasibility studies

Examples of activities/projects financed in Estonia (2001-2003 and 2004):

- several Phare projects in SME networking: Business Opportunities Development III (Tartu city administration); IT business incubators Tallinn-Helsinki (Tallinn Technical University); INNOCLUS I-II for Metal-Machine-Apparatus cluster (Tallinn City Enterprise Board); Women Skills, Women Entrepreneurs (SME Network System NGO); wooden product sector businesses FIN EST Wood Network (Järva county government)
- Pärnu County Design & Interior Network co-operation Lahti-Pärnu

Joint projects (2004 –):

- business networks in co-operation of business development agencies Uusimaa/Ida-Viru
- co-operation of business incubators Helsinki-Tallinn
- creating a cooperation model for Finnish and Estonian designer companies of carpentry and furnishing products for joined design and developed.

Remarks for the business sector activities: problems of finding suitable national co-financing schemes for participation of the private sector in CBC projects were apparent already in the previous IIA programme and, now in 2004-2006 the enterprises are not eligible INTERREG project partners in Estonia. CBC financing programme is not a tool for SMEs, unless it is specifically designed as a tool for financing private enterprises. Although some of the projects repeat same structure and activities from one project to another, there seems to be large interest in the activities. Project practitioners see very optimistic about the long-term importance of these events and contacts, especially for the sector of small and medium-sized enterprises. Enthusiasm to broaden the activities in the future is clearly seen. The newly approved project in 2006 brought welcomed concrete activities in to this Measure.

Measure 2.3 Tourism

(Total of 13 projects, total costs 3.2 M€ / ERDF 1.5 M€. Projects are divided into three groups according to programme phase: pre Estonian EU-membership, preparation-stage and Joint Programming stage)

Examples of activities/projects financed in Southern Finland (2001-2004):

- Tourism development, new products and promotion of existing services and products (SPA cities Naantali-West Estonia; cultural themes Mäntsälä/Pornainen-Lahemaa; common history Porkkala-Paldisk or pre-historical sites Mynämäki, Mietoinen and Paikuse; Baltic Sea coastal traditions; environmental programmes in tourism sector.

Typical activities: training and networking of tourism services providers; joint brochures; testing new products/services; trade fairs; media visibility etc.

Examples of activities/projects financed in Estonia (2001-2003 and 2004):

- Järva/Harju Manor House Tourism and King's Road in Southern Finland
- Virtual Experience tourism promotion via means on internet (e.g Saaremaa)

Joint projects (2004 –):

- yachting tourism in the archipelago
- spa and culture tourism
- developing tourism companies by design of tourism
- tourism in the themes of fortresses Kotka-Hamina and East part of Ida-Viru

Remarks for the business sector activities: For previous INTERREG IIA programme the tourism projects were evaluated very concrete and providing potential for especially rural and coastal livelihood. In the last report for 2001-2005 it was reported that this Measure had not been very attractive for new project applicants. The same applies by the end of 2006; no new project applications were received in this Measure. Many of the projects on-going have had to apply for continuation, which can be interpreted as problems keeping up with the planned time tables.

Measure 2.4 Transport, Communications and Development of Interlinked Services

(Total of 9 projects, total costs 2.3 M€ / ERDF 1.2 M€. Projects are divided into three groups according to programme phase: pre Estonian EU-membership, preparation-stage and Joint Programming stage).

Examples of activities/projects financed in Southern Finland (2001-2004):

- Themes of maritime administration: maritime vessel traffic, risk management and simulation models for hazards in the Gulf of Finland and co-operation of voluntary lifeboat organisations. Themes of information society: survey on possibilities of joint resources in telemedicine Helsinki-Tallinn and surrounding regions; wireless services in the tourism sector.

Joint projects (2004 –):

- web-based database for follow-up of energy and water consumption
- marine risk management network in the Gulf of Finland (project with linkage to another INTERREG IIIA project in South-East Finland / Russia)
- marine safety in the coast of Southern Finland and Pärnu
- ICT training co-operation and qualifications/certificates in Uusimaa, Southwest Finland and Estonia

Remarks for the transports and communication sector activities: Maritime transport is natural, concrete and almost inevitable theme for co-operation in this cross-border area. It has been more difficult to define common themes for the information society projects, especially bearing in mind a realistic financial scale of activities. In order to continue with the theme "information society" in CBC activities, the targets and possible activities should be defined more in detail. For forthcoming 2007-2013 co-operation, also the possibilities and scale of investments in infrastructure could be investigated; in 2001-2006 these were excluded from financed activities.

4.2.3 Priority 3: Common Environment

The objective of this priority is to protect and improve upon the common environment: to secure the ecological bases of the programme area and to preserve its valuable cultural environment.

Long-term impact will be securing a sound living and operating environment.

Indicators: number of environment and nature protection projects and projects supporting the realisation of the Natura network; regional distribution of activities and; impact on employment and job creation, number of participants in training.

Table 7. Implementation of the Priority 3 (31.12.2006)

	Total eligible cost (1=2+3)	ERDF (2)	National public (3=4+5)		Private (6)	Total (1+6)
			State (4)	Local (5)		
Priority 3	9 624 874	5 394 874	3 148 626	1 081 374	1 200 000	10 824 874
commitment 31.12.2006	9 489 278	5 277 960	2 236 604	1 974 714	765 443	10 254 721
Outpayment 31.12.2006	4 877 317	2 561 168	1 336 539	979 610	528 560	5 405 877

Commitment rate 98 % ERDF (One project approved in SC 14.11.2006 is excluded in the statistics above as the commitment (official decision) by did not actualise by 31.12.2006.

Outpayments rate 47 % ERDF

Measure 3.1 Co-operation in Environmental Protection and Monitoring

(Total of 12 projects, total costs 4.5 M€ / ERDF 2.4 M€. Projects are divided into three groups according to programme phase: pre Estonian EU-membership, preparation-stage and Joint Programming stage).

Examples of activities/projects financed in Southern Finland (2001-2004):

- raising the environmental awareness (target groups e.g. school children, boat travellers in harbours of Helsinki and Tallinn and local inhabitants); developing methods and plans for nature protection areas Lahti-Hämeenlinna and Baltic counterparts; developing tourism in nature protection areas Archipelago and West Estonia. Typical activities: information materials, internet pages, exhibitions for public, training sessions, studies and surveys etc.

Examples of activities/projects financed in Estonia (2001-2003 and 2004):

- building capacity for agri-environmental Measures, Centre for Ecological Engineering
- Creation of Alatskivi Nature Centre and training of teachers

Joint projects (2004 –):

- environmental project of 3 Finnish and 3 Estonian regions
- ecological values in planning activities in the case of oil hazards at the sea
- development of geological data for education and tourism
- inventory and protection of cultural heritage in forestry in Harjumaa, Raplamaa, Läänemaa and Uusimaa
- Protection of aquatic communities in the Gulf of Finland: risk-based policymaking

Measure 3.2 Co-operation on Improving the Environment

(Total of 18 projects, total costs 5.6 M€ / ERDF 2.8 M€. Projects are divided into three groups according to programme phase: pre Estonian EU-membership, preparation-stage and Joint Programming stage).

Examples of activities/projects financed in Southern Finland (2001-2004):

- developing water sewage plans and systems in municipalities; developing waste management in boat harbours; testing antinutrient techniques for agriculture in river basins Southwest Finland – West Estonia; surveys and testing soil improvement methods Lahti-Uusimaa and South Estonia; networking businesses in environment sector; consulting in environmental plans for SMEs; activities targeted for schools and local inhabitants; etc.

Examples of activities/projects financed in Estonia:

- water supply, restoration of surface waters and environmental education in Jõgeva, Ida-Viru, Lääne-Viru and Finnish partners (3+3)
- methods of improving contaminated soil: Estonian Agricultural University
- networking of the environmental sector businesses Estonia and Southern Finland
- theatre for youth in themes of environment (various schools in both countries)

Joint projects (2004 –):

- recycling of plastic waste
- co-operation of recycling centres
- strategy for utilisation of common reed in the coastal areas
- preparedness of voluntary organisations for oil hazards in the Gulf of Finland.
- Finnish-Estonian development and training project in real estate sector
- prevention of the environmental accidents

Remarks for the environment sector activities: Approximately one third of the whole programme financing is now allocated for environmentally positive activities (understood widely, thus, themes of sustainable development). These projects are financed also in other programme Measures than Priority 3. The two Measures within the Priority 3 are overlapping and the division of projects in one or another Measure is somewhat artificial. Some of the activities and partnerships continue from one project to another, and these CBC projects would benefit from analyses of work carried out so far before continuing with a new project. Projects in the environment sector are concrete, and also the realisation rate of planned activities has been high. Environment is also the sector, where activities on either side of the Gulf of Finland are finally found affecting the whole maritime environment as well as the state of environment in the Baltic Sea region in general. For future CBC activities defining a few but very concrete co-operation themes would help to target the resources for joint activities – this might also help focusing the activities into value added attainable from CBC in the environmental sector. What comes to the forthcoming 2007-2013 co-operation in the environmental sector, also the possibilities and scale of investments in infrastructure could be investigated; in 2001-2006 only some pilot-type activities including small investments have been financed.

5. Financial Implementation of the Assistance

Funding Commitments / Project funding ERDF 31.12.2006:

ERDF Funds 2001-2006 (incl. COM 437):	18,421,385 €
Projects approved by the SC:	(1) 16,938,150 €
Project funding granted by the Managing Authority:	(2) 16,816,922 €
Project funding paid out for projects:	(3) 9,271,521 €

N+2 Rule in 2006: Reference year for the Commission financial commitments: 2004

ERDF Funds 2001-2004	11,308,958 €
Payments on Account and payment claims to the Commission by 31.12.2006*	(4) 11,370,953 €

N+2 target in 2007 (reference year 2005) 4,178,695 €

*incl. advance payments (total 1,018,570 €) and the payment claim dated 21.12.2006

5.1 Payments from the Commission

By the end of December 2006, a total of 9,869,281.98 € of payment on account was obtained from the Commission. The N+2 target was reached in December and the sixth payment claim in 2006 was submitted in Commission in 22.12.2006. For exact figures and state-of-the-play by Measures see table 9.

Table 8. Payments from the Commission.

SFCZ INTERREG IIIA / INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia

Payment applications			Commission allocations		
No	Date	€	Date	€	Balance
Payment on Account			11.1.2002	987 000.00	
Payment on Account			27.11.2002	31 570.00	
1	20.12.2002	234 024.74	5.3.2003	226 700.36	7 324.38
2	4.4.2003	241 145.23	20.5.2003	237 079.03	4 066.20
3	19.6.2003	467 986.00	30.7.2003	467 986.00	0.00
4	27.10.2003	416 952.00	26.11.2003	416 952.47	0.00
5	23.1.2004	521 247.82	12.3.2004	521 247.82	0.00
6	28.6.2004	788 118.25	9.9.2004	788 118.25	0.00
7	29.10.2004	548 782.09	28.12.2004	548 782.09	0.00
8	21.12.2004	865 859.45	18.2.2005	865 859.45	
9	3.8.2005	724 417.94	23.9.2005	724 417.94	
10	10.10.2005	653 359.05	28.10.2005	653 359.05	
11	13.12.2005	948 024.31	30.1.2006	916 454.31	31 659.94
12	17.3.2006	604 430.93	24.4.2006	604 430.93	
13	12.6.2006	583 181.62	19.7.2006	583 181.62	
14	15.9.2006	694 605.92	27.10.2006	694 605.92	
15	27.11.2006	608 836.38	22.12.2006	601 536.74	7299.64
16	15.12.2006	402 946.93	19.1.2007		
17	22.12.2006	1 098 723.87	29.1.2007		
		10 402 732.94	9 869 281.98		

There is a separate bank account opened for the programme financing. The ERDF allocations from the Commission come to this bank account as well as the national co-financing allocations from the Finnish Ministry of Interior. The Ministry allocation is paid for the Regional Council as an advance payment normally 1-2 times a year - these payments follow the utilisation of the annual State budget allocations under the heading of Ministry of Interior budget line. The State budget allocations, in turn, are indicated programme-wise in Finland March each year for the following budget year.

Since the ERDF allocation and the Ministry allocation are on the same bank account, the out payments for the projects can continue even if the ERDF balance on the account was temporarily negative due to the time lag between the payment claim from the Regional Council and the actual payment from the Commission. The interest that has accumulated of ERDS funds and the interest that has accumulated of Ministry allocation are counted separately.

By 31.12.2006 there has accumulated an interest of 36 952 € for the ERDF funds, on this INTERREG programme bank account during 2001-2006. The interest earned on the ERDF and Ministry allocations has been assigned for projects that support the preparation of the new Central Baltic INTERREG IVA 2007-2013 programme.

There is a separate bank account for the Technical Assistance allocations (50/50 of ERDF / the Finnish and from 2004 onwards also the Estonian national co-financing shares). The interest for this bank account during 2001-2006 has been 10 119 € (whereof ERDF 4 450 €) and it is utilised for the Technical Assistance expenditure.

5.2 *Payments to Final Beneficiaries*

Outpayments for Projects by Priority 31.12.2006. Project outpayments in the end of 2006 amount to some 9.3 M€ ERDF (total eligible costs app. 18. M€). This equals to 50,5 % of all programme ERDF financing for the Structural Funds period 2000-2006. By the end of the year 2006 some 55,1 % of all ERDF co-financing committed to the was paid out to the project beneficiaries in Finland.

Priority 1: 42 projects amounting to 51 % of ERDF total allocation

Priority 2: 59 projects amounting to 50 % of ERDF total allocation

Priority 3: 28 projects amounting to 47 % of ERDF total allocation

Priority 4: 4 projects – the special support priority is closed

Total: 133 projects amounting to 49 % of ERDF total allocation

Table 9. on page 24 shows a summary of payments actually carried out by the Paying Authority by the end of 2006, and these figures include also the Technical Assistance Priority.

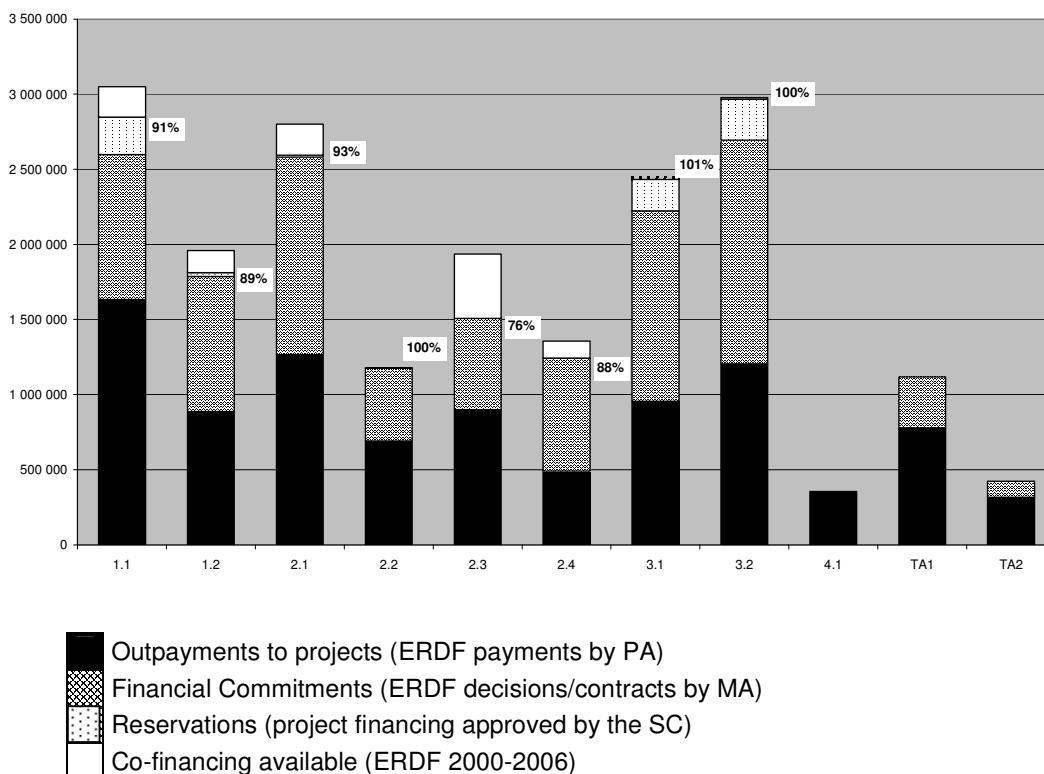


Figure 1. Programme ERDF financing by Measures (Fimos 18.12.2006).

Projects concluded by 31.12.2006 (cumulative):

No. of projects closed:	76 projects
Implementation rate ERDF, average:	87 %
(lowest – highest implementation rate):	(13-100%)
ERDF funds for reallocation (total):	692 577 €

There are 76 projects closed in the monitoring system and, another 15-20 projects are to be closed in the beginning of 2007. These projects are mainly Southern Finland Coastal Zone projects financed in the beginning of the programme period (74 projects in total) and first two complementing call projects. Realisation rate was on an average 87% of approved project financing and the remaining ERDF co-financing has been automatically released for the ERDF co-financing still available for new projects.

First joint projects will conclude in the beginning of 2007, however, a majority of the joint projects will continue until the end of 2007.

Table 9. Payments actually carried out by the Paying Authority by Priority and Measure up until 31.12.2006 (basing on payment claim dated 21.12.2006).

Outpayments categorized in Programme Priorities and Measures				
CIP INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia (SFCZ INTERREG IIIA)				
2006				
	Eligible costs total	Outpayment of eligible costs total	(%)	Fields of assistance*
Priority 1	9 436 289	5 522 845	%58,53	
Measure 1.1	6 278 199	3 506 469	55,85	21 (50%), 22 (50%)
Measure 1.2	3 158 090	2 016 376	63,85	21 (50%), 22 (50%)
Priority 2	13 701 497	7 234 689	52,80	
Measure 2.1	4 023 152	2 833 391	70,43	23 (100%)
Measure 2.2	2 807 190	1 331 978	47,45	163 (25%), 164 (25%), 167 (25%), 24 (25%)
Measure 2.3	4 063 967	1 880 692	46,28	172 (33%), 173 (33%), 174 (33%)
Measure 2.4	2 807 188	1 188 628	42,34	315 (25%), 316 (25%), 323 (25%), 324 (25%)
Priority 3	9 825 165	4 878 026	49,65	
Measure 3.1	4 912 583	2 253 485	45,87	353 (50%), 343 (50%)
Measure 3.2	4 912 582	2 624 541	53,43	341 (25%), 343 (25%), 344 (25%), 345 (25%)
Priority 4	771 028	771 028	closed	
Measure 4.1	771 028	771 028	closed	The activities implemented with the special support cover the same main fields of assistance as the other Measures.
Priority 5	3 082 786	2 239 814	72,66	
Measure 5.1	2 236 786	1 598 110	71,45	411 (100%)
Measure 5.2	846 000	641 704	75,85	412 (33%), 413 (33%), 415 (33%)
TOTAL	** 36 816 765	20 646 402	56,08	

*Note: the budgeted shares for each field of intervention at the Measure level are hypothetical rather than guiding figures. The programme monitoring system FIMOS 2000 allows a more detailed use of categorisation presented in the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 438/2001 Annex IV.

6. Ensuring the Quality and Effectiveness of Implementation

6.1 Financial Control

As it was pointed out in the report of the system control the Technical Assistance was to be sample checked. No irregularities were however discovered as a result of the second level control of the Technical Assistance. The ERDF rate of TA is high, in total 832.068 € during the period of 7.12.2000 – 28.2.2006, and therefore the percentage of the sample checks in the year 2006 increased to 11,3 %. The total percentage of expenditure checked by the end of 2006 is 8%.

The joint projects carried out in Finland and Estonia started 2004 and thereby the second level control had to be outsourced in Estonia. The call of tender in Estonia took place in autumn and it resulted in that Ernst & Young Baltica As was elected as the independent financial controller. The model for coordination of the second level control between PWC Julkistarkastus Oy, Ernst & Young Baltica As and the Regional Council of Southwest Finland was planned and agreed on in October 2006. The model is described in the “Description of management and control system”, which was sent to the Commission.

The verification of the delivery of products and services continued in an efficient way and the goal is that every project before the final payment will be verified on-the-spot at least once.

6.2 Information and Publicity Measures

Information and publicity in 2006

- calls for proposals deadlines: call for ideas and targeted call for proposals
- support for joint project approach: project preparation assistance
- negotiation and information day for the State co-financing authorities in Finland
- all programme materials available at www.interreg-finest.net
- CBC conference in Turku 18.-19.5.2006
- preparation of Central Baltic programme 2007-2013

Co-operation conference

The largest effort in the publicity in 2006 as well as, during the whole programme period 2001-2006, was the Southern Finland – Estonia INTERREG IIIA Conference held in Turku, Finland on 18.-19.5.2006.

The aim was to make the programme results visible as well as to invite new ideas for the preparation of the forthcoming EU Structural Funds period 2007-2013. As background material an information leaflet was published presenting projects in Finnish and in Estonian. The material was distributed throughout the Southern Finland and Estonia with an edition of 2500 copies. In addition the secretariat compiled of programme sum-up by regions and distributed the material to the regional councils in Finland (in Finnish) and Ministry of the Interior in Estonia (in Estonian) – further distribution of these materials was left for the recipients' own initiative and consideration. The Conference gathered INTERREG projects and organisations involved in the programme implementation in Southern Finland and Estonia: first day was open for all interested about INTERREG co-operation (300 participants) and the second day was targeted for project practitioners (200 participants).

Conference materials as well as e.g. results of the opinion poll and the theme group discussions were compiled for distribution through the programme internet page in Finnish and Estonian (and English). The aim was that all these materials, e.g. analyses of the programme results by Measures and Priorities, were of assistance for the preparation of the new programme.

All in all, the conference was a success. Projects presented in the information materials, and especially those presented in the poster exhibition during the conference days gained a good forum for sharing their results. Discussion was vivid and also new ideas and new co-operation contacts came up from the sessions. What did not succeed as expected, was the media publicity of the event. The set of the event with 300 participants, as well as the activities connected with the event – e.g. the input from the students presenting their point of view about this CBC region in the year 2025 – would have deserved more visibility than was the case. In the future activities, the good experience from the beginning of the programme period should be utilised more: it is the activities in projects, the results at local and regional level as well as the sound of those involved in projects that raise media's interest.

Calls for proposals

The call for proposals round in the beginning of 2006 was arranged in two steps: first a call for ideas was launched in the beginning of the year (deadline 17.3.2006). The announcement was distributed through web page and through the co-financing authorities as well as through the contacts of the already realised projects. The Steering Committee discussed the themes (29.3.2006), and pointed out some half a dozen themes in each of the three Priorities where new project proposals were invited in. The potential applicants whose idea was prioritised were invited for

information seminar in Helsinki 11.5.2006 (appr. 50 participants). The secretariat underlined the possibility for applicants to have a meeting with the secretariat before submitting in the application, however, not all applicants considered this opportunity very useful. Deadline for applications was 1.9.2006, and Steering Committee handled the project proposals in November. This rather time-consuming procedure resulted 103 ideas and 18 project proposals – eight projects were approved and four proposals were left for further development. The result is modest compared with the amplitude of ideas in the spring.

In its meeting in November 2006 the Steering Committee decided to open new call for proposals with the aim of committing the whole remaining ERDF financing by June 2007. Call for proposals was announced in main newspapers in Estonia (Eesti Päevaleht) and in Finland (Helsingin Sanomat) 25.-26.11. as well as at the web page and with direct e-mails to the potential applicants e.g. all those participated in the idea call. The applicant's information days were arranged 13.12. in Helsinki and 18.12. in Tallinn (altogether some 80 participants). All applicants are encouraged to have a project preparation meeting with the secretariat prior to the deadline of 12.2.2007.

Project preparation support

Project preparation support launched in 2005 continued in 2006 – the support is 50% (max.1000€) of expenditure on e.g. travels, meetings and interpretation before submitting in the project application. In 2005-2006 there were altogether 46 project preparation applications submitted in (42,281 €). Support was granted for 27 applicants (25,560 €), and 23 supports were applied for outpayment (15,850 €). The Monitoring Committee's total allocation for project preparation support was 50,000 € from the programme technical assistance. The amount that has not been utilised for this purpose has been released for TA2 budget 2006-2008, thus, e.g. for INTERREG conference and for preparation of the forthcoming CBC programme.

Project kick-off and advice

In 2006 the project kick-off meetings were arranged 8.2. in Tallinn and 9.2. in Helsinki. The target group were the nine projects approved in the programme in the end of 2005. The practical arrangement followed the practice so far, thus, seminars in Finland were held in Finnish and seminars in Estonia in Estonian. Materials in both language versions are available at the programme's web page. In addition to this, all projects were invited for a practical meeting on reporting and outpayment matters before the deadline for submitting in the first implementation report and payment application.

In the ERDF funding decisions a contact person has been named for each joint project – basically, this is the same person at the programme secretariat who has advised the applicant during project preparation. Each joint project has a steering group, and the contact person, as well as the contact person/supervisor of the national co-financing authority, is invited to participate in the project steering group meetings.

Web page www.interreg-finest.net

All application forms and other materials as well as reporting templates, decision and contract templates as well as payment claim forms are available at the web page in Finnish and Estonian. A shortened version is also available in the web page in Swedish and in English.

Programme state-of-the-play is updated in publicizing the SC meeting decisions together with updated list of projects and e.g. financial state-of-the-play.

Meetings with programme implementing authorities

In 2006 one training seminar was arranged for the co-financing authorities in Finland: some 20 participants took part in the half-day seminar 22.3. in Helsinki and discussed the payment procedures of joint projects. These events have been useful grass-roots level events, both for checking the situation and procedures as well as exchanging information and ideas how the practical questions in programme implementation can be handled.

Other meetings with the co-financing authorities are those related with the calls for proposals and assessment of project proposals: SC meetings and their preparation meetings (i.e. co-ordination meetings in Finland and expert meetings in Estonia).

Meetings between the Managing and Paying Authority Regional Council of Southwest Finland and the Ministry of the Interior are arranged on as-needed bases. A meeting on the programme closure was arranged in October between the Managing and Paying Authority and the Ministry of the Interior – this meeting was arranged together with other MA/PA regional councils and technical secretariats in Finland.

Contacts with other programme secretariats and MA/PA authorities have taken place in several national (i.e. in Finland) and international (e.g. Interact) seminars and meetings. In 2006 one meeting was also arranged between the first level control personnel of INTERREG IIIA technical secretariats in four programmes in Finland. All these contacts and the exchange of experience has turned out very useful in solving the day-to-day programme management questions at the secretariat.

6.3 Use of Technical Assistance

<p>INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia Technical Assistance 2001-2006:</p> <p>TA1 Programme Management, Implementation, Monitoring and Control: 2.237 M€</p> <p>TA2 Other Expenditures under Technical Assistance: 0.846 M€</p>
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The total budget of Technical Assistance in 2006 was 665,100 € and, this sum was increased in May 2006 with another 130,000 € in order to include the preparation of the Structural Funds programme 2007-2013 under the heading of Technical Assistance INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia. The sum added consists of funds available under the TA2 Other Expenditures under Technical Assistance (100,000 €) and the interest of ERDF funds (30,000 €). In addition to these, another 20,000 € from the TA allocation for programme reports and analyses was earmarked for the programme preparation, but this sum was included in the original use of plan 2006.

Main activities under the Technical Assistance in 2006 were programme management incl. personnel costs, running of the Technical Secretariat offices in Turku and Tallinn, Steering Committee (SC) , Monitoring Committee (MC) and other meetings, programme publicity and information measures, as well as programme preparation for 2007-2013.

The total cost of the activities covered with the Technical Assistance in 2006 was 669 032 €. And this represents some 84,1% of the total budget (795,100€).

The surplus – most of which is already budgeted e.g. for the Central Baltic programme preparation continuing in 2007 – will be utilised in 2007-2008.

Compared with the original Technical Assistance plan 2001-2006(2008), the Information and publicity heading under the TA2 (total allocation 530,000 €) became fully utilised by the end of 2006. The Monitoring Committee meeting 17.5.2006 noted the situation where the Technical Secretariat proposed an extra allocation of 28.500 € for programme publicity in 2007-2008. This allocation is within the total budget for TA2 Other Expenditures under Technical Assistance.

In 2007-2008 the Technical Secretariat of INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia will be run down gradually: the project preparation team in 2007 and the project payment team in 2008. These personnel needs will be budgeted within the existing TA resources.

Table 11. Use of Technical Assistance in 2006 (see also Appendix 4).

INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia Technical Assistance	Figures 2006 (realised)	Total 2001- 2006 (realised)	TA Budget 2001-2008	Util.rate %
5.1 Programme Management (5%)	441 940	1 651 992	2 236 786	74 %
Personnel (411)	341 934	1 279 313		
Other management expenditure (411) (incl. project monitoring, audits and system audits, programme management related meetings, arrangements and travel; accommodation/premises, rents, mail, phone/fax etc.)	100 006	372 679		
5.2 Other Technical Assistance (3%)	227 092	680 133	846 000	80 %
Information / publicity (415)	212 006	562 689		
Reports, analyses, assessment, evaluation etc. (413)				
External expertise (413)				
Programme mid-term and final evaluation (412)				
Acquisition and maintenance of computer-assisted systems (413)	15 086	117 444		
Technical Assistance Total	669 032	2 332 125	3 082 786	

6.4 Monitoring Committee and Steering Committee Meetings, and Questions Related to Management

There were three Steering Committee meetings in 2006 (29.3. in Espoo, 24.8. in Tallinn and 13.-14.11. in Helsinki). In addition to this one project matter was proposed for written procedure (21.6.2006). Working languages of the SC are Finnish and Estonian, all meeting materials are distributed in two languages and there is simultaneous interpretation in the meetings. Major Steering Committee decision matters in 2006 were the joint project decisions, as well as the project preparation timetables for each decision round (calls for proposals 2006-2007).

There was one Monitoring Committee meeting in 2006 (17.5. in Turku). The MC handled the state-of-the-play of the programme in May 2006, and in the end of the year the amendment of the programme financial allocations was handled in a written procedure. Working language of the MC is English.

6.5 *Compatibility with Community Policies*

Procurement rules, the equal opportunities and environmental impact are written into the programme, and they are taken into account in the various processes. Provisions have also been made within the Technical Assistance budget for utilising external expertise if necessary. E.g. the evaluation of environmental impact has been carried out as part of programme decision making: the applicant assesses the environmental impact using a separate EIA form that is appended to the INTERREG application form and, the environmental authorities are involved in national project preparation in Finland and in Estonia as well as they are members in the SC.

APPENDIX 1. INTERREG projects by cross-border cooperation classification

<u>Classification by co-operation</u>									
	Project proposals			Approved projects (objective)			Approved projects: realisation		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
2001	56	38	3	24	12				
2002	114	46	16	55	5	6	10	50	6
2003	139	59	20	72	10	9	24	42	6
2004	174	59	20	84	13	7	49	43	12
2005	232	59	20	114	13	7	79	43	12
2006	255	59	20	124	13	7	89	40	15
2007	*			*			*		
2008							*		

*from 2004 onwards all projects approved for financing in the INTERREG IIIA Southern-Finland – Estonia programme are joint projects

A = The project is implemented on both sides of the border (and has a link to a PHARE CBC or other internationally funded project in Estonia) – more details, see Annual report 2004/MTEu

B = Projects planned jointly as a result of cross-border co-operation, but implemented only on one side of the border.

C = Projects planned and implemented in Finland; however creating considerable cross-border impact.

APPENDIX 2. List of Joint Projects Approved by the Steering Committee by 31.12.2006

INTERREG IIIA SOUTHERN FINLAND – ESTONIA Joint Projects

1. INTERACTION AND NETWORKS

Measure 1.1 Networks of Local and Regional Administration

The aim is to widen the local and regional administration cross-border networks across the Gulf of Finland, and thus, develop linkages and co-operation structures that assist cross-border integration.

1. PILET Piireületav ühistranspordivõrgustik ja piletiüsteem (public transport systems in capital areas, 2005-2006): MTÜ Helsinki-Tallinn Euregio / YTV (Helsinki Metropolitan Area Council)
2. Terveysliikunnasta hyvinvointia yhteistyössä yli rajojen (cross-border co-operation in health and sports South-West Finland, Uusimaa, Itä-Uusimaa and Estonia, 2005-2007): University of Turku, Centre for Extension Studies / MTÜ Eesti Tervislike Linnade Võrgustik (Estonia Healthy Cities Network)
3. Vakka-Suomen ja Väinänmeren kestävä kalatalouden tavoitehjelmat (sustainable fishery, 2006-2007): University of Turku, Centre for Maritime Studies / Estonian Maritime Academy
4. Merta – Good Services, Good Experience (services for elderly people 2006-2007): city of Hämeenlinna / city of Tartu
5. eAgeingWell (development of data collection system for planning services for the elderly 2006-2007): Åbo Akademi, Institute for Advanced Management Systems Research / Eurohouse MTÜ
6. AiKo – Varsinais-Suomen ja Läänen maakuntien aikuiskoulutusorganisaatioiden yhteistyö (co-operation of adult education institutes in Southwest Finland and Lääne in Estonia 2007): University of Turku, Department of Education / Tallinn Univeristy, Haapsalu College
7. Ekotukitoiminnan kehittäminen (co-operation of environment centres of Helsinki and Tallinn 2007): City of Helsinki, Environment Centre / City of Tallinn, Environment Department

Measure 1.2 Social Interaction and Contacts at the Local and Regional Levels

The aim is to deepen the linkages between the Southern Finland Coastal Zone and Estonia, and to increase the third sector involvement in cross-border co-operation, especially in the operations of mutual interest.

8. Suomi-Virolaisten puuväenperinteen elvyttäminen II (reviving wooden boat tradition in SF and Estonia, 2005-2007) Ab Svenska Folkhögskolan, SFV Kuggomskolan / Aibolands museum, Haapsalu
9. HIT History in Town (co-operation between regional museums in Southwest Finland and Estonia, 2006-2007): Turku Provincial Museum / Tartu Linnamuuseum (City Museum)
10. Traditsiooniline ja väärtuslik vana maja (Traditional and Valuable Old Building: knowhow on traditional methods, restoration and protection of buildings 2006-2007): Estonian Heritage Society MTÜ Eesti Muinsuskaitse Selts / Föreningen för befrämjande av byggnadsvård rf
11. Maalle oppimaan - Maalle oppima (studying on the countryside: national network of environmental education in Finland and Estonia 2006-2007): MTT Agrifood Research Finland / Univeristy of Tartu

2. EMPLOYMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS

Measure 2.1 Expertise and Know-how

The aim is to increase the know-how and expertise in the programme area, to find new common strength areas and fields of expertise, as well as to support the balanced development of the labour market.

12. VetWork (vocational education and working life; learning-by-doing networks Kymenlaakso, Päijät-Häme, Itä-Uusimaa, Lääne-Virumaa and Ida-Virumaa, 2005-2007): Porvoo International Services / Narva Kutseõppekeskus
13. Ecostall (Functionality and ecological features of cold cowsheds in Southern Finland and Estonia, 2005-2007): Agrifood Research MTT Vihti / Eesti Põllumajandusülikool (Estonia Agricultural University)
14. EDUDEV (co-operation between education institutions and enterprises for improving the subcontracting and business co-operation Southern Finland and Estonia, 2006-2007): Edupoli/ Porvoo/ Tallinna Tehnikakõrgkool (Tallinn College of Engineering)
15. From SEM to SME (Student Entrepreneurship Model leading to Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises South-West Finland and Tallinn, 2005-2007): Turku Polytechnic / Tallinn University of Technology (Tallinna Tehnikaülikool)
16. Suomalainen ja virolainen koulutus ja EU:n uusi koulutuspolitiikka (new EU education policy in Finland and Estonia, 2006-2007): University of Turku/ University of Tallinn
17. CIP WorkLab (Connecting Information Professionals of polytechnic and university libraries Turku and Tallinn, 2006-2007): Turku Polytechnic /University of Tallinn
18. Web for communication and guidance (university co-operation 2007): University of Helsinki, Palmenia Centre for Continuing Education, Kotka / Tallinn Univeristy, Rakvere College

Measure 2.2 Operating Environment of Enterprises

The aim is to promote co-operation between enterprises in the Southern Finland Coastal Zone and Estonia and to encourage the establishment of firms in the programme area, as well as to improve the possibilities of firms to expand their markets and activities to a wider area. The business environment boosts entrepreneurship and engenders new cross-border enterprises and joint ventures.

19. FinEst Business Network (business development, business advice and business networks Uusimaa and Ida-Viru, 2005-2007): Lohjan Yrityspalvelukeskus Oy (Business Development Agency) / Ida-Virumaa Ettevõtluskeskus
20. Cross-border small business environment (business incubators Helsinki-Tallinn and other regions, 2005-2007): Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration, Small Business Centre / Tallinn Technology Park Development Foundation
 - *Model for TTD – Training, Testing and Developing Centre (co-operation in mechatronics and electronics) Project cancelled. Lead partner Salpaus Further Education / Lahti Vocational Institute and partner across the border Tartu Science Park SA Tartu Teaduspark.*
21. Estonian and Finnish Design Challenge (competitiveness in wood and furniture industry 2007): Baltic Design and Interior Network NGO / Pärnu Business and Development Centre

Measure 2.3 Tourism

The aim is to develop an array of high-quality and multilingual tourism services on both sides of the Gulf of Finland. The development of tourism and related jobs in the rural, coastal and archipelago areas takes into consideration the capacity of nature in these sensitive areas.

22. Yachting in Archipelago (SW Finland and Estonia for target groups in St. Petersburg, Sweden and Germany, 2005-2007): Turku Touring / Läänemaa Arenduskeskus
23. KUTUR (spa-, culture- and tourism project promoting North Estonia and South Finland, 2005-2006): Pärnu town / Regional Council of Itä-Uusimaa
24. DIT – Design in Tourism (Building Credible Service and developing tourism companies by connecting their business to social, historical and cultural environment in Pääjät-Häme and Estonia, 2006-2007): Lahti Polytechnic / Tartu University
25. Fort tourism (building up an attractive tourism in the themes of fortresses Kotka-Hamina and East part of Ida-Viru, 2006-2007): Kotka Hamina Region of Finland Ltd, / Vaivara vv

Measure 2.4 Transport, Communications and Development of Interlinked Services

The aim is to ensure that the transport and communication links between the Southern Finland Coastal Zone and Estonia promote a holistic development of the programme area: traffic is safe and border-crossings smooth; information technology links support the emergence of the information society.

26. e4 Portaali (web-database for follow-up of energy and water consumption in municipal buildings Southern Finland Estonia, 2005-2007): technical research centre VTT Building and Transport / Tallinn University of Technology TTÜ
27. Summeri II (simulation models for training hazards in the Gulf of Finland, incl. networks with Russia, 2005-2007): Kotka Polytechnic, Maritime Studies / Eesti Mereakadeemia
 - *Etelä-Suomen rannikon ja Pärnun välisen meriväylän turvallisuuden parantaminen (improving safety in the marine route between the coast of Southern Finland and Pärnu) Project cancelled. Lead partner Finnish Maritime Administration and partner across the border Estonian Maritime Administration.*
28. ICT Cert (ICT training co-operation and qualifications in Uusimaa, Southwest Finland and Estonia, 2005-2007): Adulta Oy vocational training centre Järvenpää/ Estonian Infotechnology Fund (Eesti Infotehnoloogia Sihtasutus)

3. COMMON ENVIRONMENT**Measure 3.1 Co-operation in Environmental Protection and Monitoring**

The aim is to affect the state of the environment in the Gulf of Finland and the future of the common environment. Safeguarding the valuable natural and cultural environment of the programme area creates the basis for achieving the other long-term objectives of the joint programme.

29. 3+3 Yhteinen ympäristö (common environment project on e.g. sustainable recreation use of nature areas Itä-Uusimaa, Kymenlaakso, Pääjät-Häme, Ida-Virumaa, Lääne-Virumaa, Jõgevamaa, 2005-2007): Regional Council of Itä-Uusimaa / Jõgevamaa ovl
30. OILECO – Luonnontaloudellisten arvojen merkitys öljyvahinkojen torjunnassa ja haittojen minimoinnissa Suomenlahdella (ecological values in planning activities and minimizing the effects of sea hazards for the coastal areas, 2005-2007): Helsinki University Palmenia, Kotka / University of Tartu, Maritime systems
31. Geoturismi arendamine Eestis ja Soomes: õppides tundma maa minevikku (geological data for education and tourism in Southern Finland and Estonia, 2005-2007): MTÜ GEOGuide Baltoscandia, Tallinn / University of Turku, Department of Geology
32. Metsandusliku pärandikultuuri kaitse ja rakendamine (inventory and protection of cultural heritage in forestry in Harjumaa, Raplammaa, Läänemaa and Uusimaa, 2005-2007): Estonia State Forest Management Centre / Forestry Development Centre Tapio
33. EVAGULF - Suomenlahden vesiluonnon suojelu: riskipohjainen päätöksenteko (protection of Gulf of Finland 2006-2007): University of Helsinki, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Kotka / Estonian Marine Institute, University of Tartu

Measure 3.2 Co-operation in Improving the Environment

The aim is to ensure the citizens and enterprises in the programme area a clean, healthy and pleasant environment for living and operating. Cross-border co-operation increases environmental know-how and creates growth potential for the enterprises in this field.

34. RePlast FinEst -kehittämishanke – Muovin(+SER) uusiokäyttö (developing the recycling of plastic waste in Sfinland and EST, 2005-2007); Helsinki University Palmenia Lahti / TTÜ, MATTECH Center (Materialitööstustehnoloogiate Siirdekeskus)
35. Uusi Elämä - Uus Elu (Waste prevention, consumer education and recycling in Uusimaa, SW Finland, Tallinna, Harjumaa, Tartu and Ida-Virumaa, 2005-2007): Pääkaupunkiseudun Kierrätyskeskus Oy (Recycling Centre) / MTÜ Taaskasutus
36. Ruovikkostrategia Suomessa ja Virossa (strategy for utilisation of reed in Southern Finland and Estonia coastal areas, 2005-2007): South-West Finland Environment Centre / Tallinn University of Technology
37. Ölitörje-alase valmisoleku suurendamine Soome lahe ääres (voluntary organisations and preparedness for oil hazards in the Gulf of Finland, 2005-2006): SA Eestimaa Looduse Fond / WWF Finland
38. Kiinteistöalan suomalais-virolainen kehitys- ja koulutushanke (Finnish-Estonian development and training project in real estate sector, 2005-2007): Real Estate Training Fund Kiinteistöalan koulutussäätiö / TTÜ, Ehitustootluse instituut
39. Ölitörje-alase valmisoleku suurendamine Soome lahe ääres II (preparedness for oil hazards in the Gulf of Finland 2007): ELF Estonian Fund for Nature / WWF Finland
40. Ympäristöonnettomuudet ja niihin varautuminen (preparedness for environmental hazards 2006-2007): University of Helsinki, Palmenia Centre for Continuing Education / Estonian Meteorological and Hydrological Institute

NOTE: a more detailed list of projects incl. SFCZ projects (2001-2004) and the complementing call projects (2004) is available at www.interreg-finest.net

APPENDIX 3. Statement of Expenditure by Priority and Measure 2006 :

Statement of Expenditure by Priority and Measure								
Commission index number:		2000 CB 16 0 PC 011						
Name:		C(2004) 4260 INTERREG IIIA Southern Finland – Estonia [C(2005)5791 / 22.12.2006]						
Date:								
Priority/Measure	Total actually paid and certified eligible expenditure (euro)							
	2006				Total			
	Public		Private	Expenditure	Public		Private	Expenditure
	Community	Other public			Community	Other public		
Priority 1								
Measure 1.1	657 271.97	681 896.80		1 339 168.77	1 680 677.33	1 825 791.27	3 506 468.60	
Measure 1.2	286 683.98	231 722.96		518 406.94	944 180.52	1 072 195.10	2 016 375.62	
Priority 2								
Measure 2.1	507 037.53	466 890.25		973 927.78	1 407 470.15	1 425 920.79	2 833 390.94	
Measure 2.2	284 830.35	189 524.40		474 354.75	722 107.50	609 870.80	1 331 978.30	
Measure 2.3	279 202.43	215 290.63		494 493.06	940 715.34	939 976.38	1 880 691.72	
Measure 2.4	360 744.64	250 766.15		611 510.79	659 784.26	528 843.34	1 188 627.60	
Priority 3								
Measure 3.1	629 785.06	483 042.09		1 112 827.15	1 169 644.37	1 083 840.51	2 253 484.88	
Measure 3.2	642 276.29	506 157.52		1 148 433.81	1 391 528.17	1 233 012.91	2 624 541.08	
Priority 4								
Measure 4.1				0.00	355 238.18	415 789.92	771 028.10	
Priority 5								
Technical Assistance 5.1	215 864.64	215 864.69		431 729.33	799 054.74	799 054.85	1 598 109.59	
Technical Assistance 5.2	129 028.76	129 028.78		258 057.54	320 851.86	320 851.94	641 703.80	
Total								
ERDF Total	3 992 725.65	3 370 184.27	0.00	7 362 909.92	10 391 252.42	10 255 147.81	20 646 400.23	

APPENDIX 4. Technical Assistance (TA) expenditure in 2001-2005

	realised 2006	budgeted 2006		total 2001-06	TA budget 2001-08	2001-06 %
TA1 Programme Management	441 940	474 600		1 651 992	2 236 786	74 %
Personnel	341 934	350 000		1 279 313		
Other programme management related	100 006	124 600		372 679		
Audits, monitoring	43 269	28 000		71 000		
Meetings, travels (incl. e.g. interpretation, external expertise)	24 641	29 500		123 462		
Supplies, rents, mail, tele...	32 096	37 100		178 217		
TA1 Interest		30 000			30 000	
TA2 Other Technical Assistance	227 092	320 500		680 133	846 000	80 %
Information and publicity	212 006	272 000		562 689		
Official announcements	2 092	10 000		68 291		
Information/training events	-13 651	10 000		119 841		
Seminars for interest groups	72 517	85 000		87 806		
Materials, publications, media contacts, other external exp.	38 063	42 000		125 622		
Translation/language checks	5 519	10 000		45 279		
Monitoring		0				
Project preparation support	7 466	15 000		15 850		
Programme preparation	100 000	100 000		100 000		
Other than info/publicity-related	15 086	48 500		117 444		
Reports, analyses (external)	5 962	30 000		15 240		
External expertise (e.g. EIA)	110	10 000		17 373		
Mid-term and final evaluations		0		32 787		
Computer-assisted systems (e.g. fimos, extranet)	9 014	8 500		52 044		
Technical Assistance in Total	669 032	795 100		2 332 125	3 082 786	76 %