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### EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY IN BIRŠTONAS AND NIDA

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Europe Cooperation Day, on the 4th of September, 2021 2014-2020 Lithuania-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme (hereinafter – the Programme) with other programmes of the Joint Technical Secretariat has organised the trekking tour in Birštonas. Almost 200 hikers participated in the event. The route had comfortable stops, where all hikers got snacks, tea, water and tourists' porridge. Every participant's effort was rewarded with eco-friendly presents.



As well, for the 4<sup>th</sup> time after 2 years pause the Programme celebrated the European Cooperation Day by organising the European cooperation run for children and youth, which took place on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of September in Nida, Lithuania. This run is a part of the traditional Nida Half Marathon event which is organised for the 21<sup>st</sup> time already. Organisers prepared 0,2 km, 0,5 km and 2 km distances. All the young runners received Programme and European Cooperation Day gifts and prize-winners – special prizes set up by the Programme. Photos of the event are available in the [Photo gallery](#) on the Programme website.

### MAIN NEWS:

- EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY IN BIRŠTONAS AND NIDA
- SEMINARS ON REPORTING FOR APPROVED PROJECTS OF THE 3RD CALL
- THE FIRST PROJECTS OF THE 1ST CALL SUCCESSFULLY FINISHED PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

### SEMINARS ON REPORTING FOR APPROVED PROJECTS OF THE 3RD CALL

The Joint Technical Secretariat of the Programme invites project beneficiaries of all selected projects of the 3rd Call for Proposals to seminars on reporting issues. The seminars will be held in national languages on the 14th of October for Russian beneficiaries and on the 19th of October for Lithuanian beneficiaries. During the events the main information related to the progress reports will be presented – filling in both narrative and financial parts of the progress report, preparation of the annexes to the financial report and Programme communication and visibility requirements for awarded projects.



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Public Institution Center of Recreation and Rehabilitation "Pušynas" of the Ministry of the Interior of The Republic of Lithuania, State budgetary Health Care Institution "Children's regional hospital of the Kaliningrad region" and Palanga Health Care Centre improved the availability and quality of psychosocial and mental health for children and adults. As a result of the project „Implementation of innovative psychosocial and physical rehabilitation methods for vulnerable groups in cross border area“, partners created new complex of psychosocial and physical rehabilitation for children and adults suffering from physical, mental and behavioral disorders. New services shall be provided in improved rooms, applied for psychosocial and physical rehabilitation.



Three project “Cultural heritage at border region – for tourism and cooperation” partners – Šakiai district municipality administration, Nemunas Euroregion Marijampolė bureau and Kaliningrad Regional Museum of History and Art renovated 2 cultural heritage buildings - Kiduliai manor-barn in Šakiai district and K. Donelaitis museum in Kaliningrad. Both buildings were adapted for tourist needs and organising cultural events.



„Kazlų Rūda's Social Support Center“ and "Comprehensive center of social services for the population in the Gusev urban district" improved the care services of elderly and their families. As a result of the project “Development of social services in Kazlų Rūda municipality and Gusev city district”, Kazlų Rūda's social support center has modernized kitchen, purchased a car and a lift for disabled people, while "Comprehensive center of social services for the population in the Gusev urban district" has purchased a number of rehabilitation equipment and tools.

