



Estonia-Russia  
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## Dear partner,

The Joint Technical Secretariat of the Estonia-Russia Cross Border Cooperation (CBC) Programme would like to invite you to participate in the Partner Search Forum which will be held on 7-8 September 2016 in the **Center of Import Substitution and Localization**, Pavilion № 4, Lenexpo Exhibition Complex, 103 Bolshoy prospect, Vasilievsky Ostrov, 199106, St. Petersburg, Russia, <http://importnet.ru/kontakti>. The event is organized in the framework of the Estonia – Russia CBC Programme 2014-2020.

The Estonia-Russia CBC Programme implicates 3 strategic objectives:

- A. Promotion of economic and social development in regions on both sides of the common borders;
- B. Addressing common challenges in environment, public health, safety and security;
- C. Promotion of better conditions and modalities for mobility of persons, goods and capital.

The strategic objectives are supported by actions that are included in 'Thematic Objectives' (TO), which will be in the focus of Partner Search Forum, namely:

- TO 1 Business and SME development;
- TO 6 Environmental protection, climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- TO 5 Support to local and regional good governance.

The Programme area where the projects have to be implemented includes Kirde-Eesti, Lõuna-Eesti, Kesk-Eesti regions in Estonia and St. Petersburg, Leningrad and Pskov regions in Russia. The Programme requires to have at least one partner from Estonia and at least one partner from the Russian Federation in order to carry out a joint project.

The Partner Search Forum will provide an opportunity for participants to find partners for future projects, to raise awareness of the Estonia-Russia CBC Programme and its potential possibilities and rules. During the Forum useful information tips and training will be ensured for effective preparation of CBC project proposals.

To ensure wider participation it is expected to have one representative per organization. It is expected that representatives of local and regional public authorities, national institutions, non-governmental organizations, educational, cultural and business institutions (including SMEs) will take part in the Partner Search Forum.

**More information about the Programme and registration can be found on the following:**

[http://www.estlatus.eu/eng/events/all\\_events/partner\\_search\\_forum\\_of\\_the\\_es](http://www.estlatus.eu/eng/events/all_events/partner_search_forum_of_the_es)

**The registration is open till 24 August, 2016.**

**Visa support** for participants from Estonia will be provided for those who register for the event by **15 August, 2016.**





**Logistics from Tartu (if needed also from Tallinn) and Pskov** to the venue and back will be organized.

Practicalities will be sent later on after your registration.

Draft agenda and description of the Forum is attached to this invitation mail.

Yours sincerely,  
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within ENI 2014-2020

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