Partner Search Forum

**Estonia-Russia CBC Programme 2014-2020**

Location: St Petersburg

**Date:** 7-8 September 2016

**Venue:** Center of Import Substitution and Localization
Pavilion № 4, Lenexpo Exhibition Complex,
103 Bolshoy prospect, Vasilievsky Ostrov, 199106, St. Petersburg, Russia
<http://importnet.ru/kontakti>

# **Objectives**

* To provide an opportunity for participants to find partners for projects
* To raise awareness of the Estonia-Russia programme and the opportunities and benefits cross-border cooperation brings
* To provide information, training and tips on the first steps for developing partnerships and preparing CBC project proposals

**Target Group**

* Potential applicants and partners from the eligible regions in Estonia and Russia
	+ National, regional and local public authorities;
	+ Associations that are formed by one or more national, regional or local authorities;
	+ Public equivalent bodies (any legal body that is governed by public or private legal requirements), which have been established for the specific purpose of meeting any needs that are in the general interest, and which do not have an industrial or commercial character, but which do have a legal personality, and are financed by national, regional, or local authorities;
	+ Other bodies that are governed by public legal acts, or which are subject to management supervision by those bodies, or which have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board more than half of whose members are appointed by national, regional, or local authorities, or by other bodies which are governed by public legal acts (such as, for example, municipal and national enterprises, trade unions, medical institutions, museums, etc);
	+ Associations that are formed by one or more bodies which are governed by public legal acts as defined under the third bullet point, above;
	+ NGOs and other non-profit-making bodies;
	+ Educational organisations (schools, preschool institutions, vocational schools, colleges, institutes, or universities);
	+ SMEs can be eligible for funding in projects for which the immediate objective is non-commercial. SMEs cannot act as the only partner from the participating country.

# **Timing**

The partner search forum will be held over two-half days prior to the launch of the call for proposals expected to be in the last quarter of 2016.

# **Training approach/ presenters**

* Participants are asked to pre-register and complete a project idea form to introduce themselves and to share their willingness to cooperate with potential project partners under the Est-Rus programme. The completed project idea forms are to be displayed on the walls of the Partner Search Forum venue. They include the contact details of the person representing the organization during the partner forum, facilitating direct contacts during the day.
* At the event, participants are able to network with others in the same field of interest via related programme thematic objectives. Participants can show their thematic objective of interest on their badges and may sit around tables according to the thematic objectives of the programme.
* The partner search forum is interactive and facilitated by two experts from the TESIM project team, with contributions by representatives of the Managing Authority, Joint Technical Secretariat and National/Regional Authorities.
* With the permission of the participants, the project ideas and participant lists are to be shared via the programme website, before the forum to facilitate the pre-identification of possible partners, and afterwards to continue the process.