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Secretariat of the Council of the
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*Financial and narrative reports
of the project No CBSSPSF/SC052016/1*

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Financial report and Narrative report for the project Joint Approach to Tackle Organized Cross-border Crime in the Baltic Sea Region (JATOC) started on 1 August 2016 and ended on 31 July 2017 financed by the Project Support Facility of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS).

Additionally please find attached also the deliverable of JATOC project - brochure "Final Report".

The State Police of Latvia highly evaluates the successful cooperation with the CBSS Secretariat particularly we would like to underline the prosperous cooperation with Mr Jacek Paszkowski and Ms Jekaterina Popova during the implementation of the project.

- Enclosed:
1. Narrative report
 2. Financial report
 3. Invoices, timesheets and other documents
 4. Brochure (10 copies)

Faithfully Yours,

Acting Chief

A.Grišins

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The Council of the Baltic Sea States Project Support Facility

FINAL REPORT

Reporting period: from 2016.08.01 to 2017.07.31

PROJECT TITLE: Joint Approach to Tackle Organized Cross-border Crime in the Baltic Sea Region (JATOC).

GRANT CONTRACT N°: CBSSPSF/SC052016/1

PRIORITY AREA: Safe & Secure Region

ATTENTION:

- ▶ The final report consists of two parts:
 - Part I: technical implementation report (narrative section), and
 - Part II: financial statements
 - final financial statement of eligible costs actually incurred, following the structure of the estimated budget
 - full summary statement of receipts and expenditure of the action (list of invoices/receipts)

The Lead Partner must fill out both parts. Failure to accomplish the reporting obligations entitles the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat to demand full reimbursement of sums already paid

- ▶ Final reports must be sent by post bearing the original signature of the legal representative of the partner
- ▶ Handwritten final reports and/or sent by fax will not be accepted

Part I. Technical implementation report

A. Lead Partner

1. Name of the Lead Partner

State Police of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia

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3. Legal representative (person authorised to enter into legally binding commitment on behalf of the Lead Partner)

Family name (Ms/Mr)	Grišins	First name	Andrejs
Position/function	Acting Chief of the State Police		

4. Person in charge of the project (person to contact for questions on this report)

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5. Profile of the Lead partner

Legal status	☐ Private	☒ Public		
Type	☒ Non-profit	☐ NGO	☐ Public body at regional or local level	☐ other (please specify)
Activity level	☐ Local	☐ Regional	☒ National	☐ European/International

6. Signature of the legal representative

I, the undersigned hereby certify that all information and financial data contained in this final report are full, real, accurately recorded and eligible in accordance with the grant agreement.

The partner allows the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat to make available and use all data provided in this report for the purposes of managing and evaluating the Baltic Sea Strategy.

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Lead Partner

Name, stamp (if available): the State Police of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia

Legal representative

Name in capital letters: ANDREJS GRIŠINS

Place: Riga

Date: 28.09.2017.

Signature

B. Project identification and summary

1. Title of the project

Please insert the project title as indicated in your agreement:

Joint Approach to Tackle Organized Cross-border Crime in the Baltic Sea Region (JATOC)

2. Duration of the project

Please indicate the total duration of the project from preparation to evaluation and also the venue(s) where the project activities were carried out.

Start date of the project:
(date of first costs incurred)

2016.08.01

End date of the project:
(date of last costs incurred)

2017.07.31

Total
duration
(in months)

Venue(s):

The State Police of Latvia submitted the project to the Secretariat of CBSS for the evaluation on 6 May 2016 (letter No 20/13183) and received answer that project will be granted on 4 July 2016.

The project started on 1 August 2016 and the first payments was done only after this date.

The project was implemented by the State Police of Latvia at the facilities of the Lead partner – Čiekurkalna 1.linija 1 K-4, Riga as well as the organisational meetings were held there. Other meeting/activities foreseen in the project application were held in:

- ✓ In Lithuania, Vilnius (1st experts meeting),
- ✓ In Estonia, Tallinn (2nd experts meeting),
- ✓ In Jurmala, Latvia (3rd experts meeting),
- ✓ In Jurmala, Latvia (experts meeting for development of Final report (brochure)),
- ✓ In the Hague, the Netherlands (study visit to Europol).

3. Partners' Geographical coverage

Organisation name	Legal status & Type	Country	Number of participants	Country of residence
State Police	Public, non-profit organisation	Republic of Latvia	17	Latvia
State Border Guard of the Ministry of Interior	Public, non-profit organisation	Republic of Latvia	4	Latvia
Ministry of Interior	Public, non-	Republic of	2	Latvia

	profit organisation	Latvia		
Customs Police Department of the State Revenue Service	Public, non-profit organisation	Republic of Latvia	2	Latvia
Estonian Police and Border Guard Board	Public, non-profit organisation	Republic of Estonia	5	Estonia
National Police Board of Finland	Public, non-profit organisation	Finland	2	Finland
Finnish Border Guard	Public, non-profit organisation	Finland	3	Finland
State Border Guard Service at the Ministry of the Interior	Public, non-profit organisation	Republic of Lithuania	5	Lithuania

4. Summary of the project

Please, give a brief summary of your project (approximately 200 words). Please note that this paragraph may be used for publication. Therefore be accurate and include the venue(s), the type of project, the theme, the objective(s), the results achieved, the duration, the countries involved, the number of participants, the implemented activities, the methods applied and the amount of the PSF grant. The summary should be written in English. Please be concise and clear.

JATOC project was funded by the Project Support Facility (PSF) of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and launched on the 1st of August 2016 and was in action until the 31st of July 2017. Total funding 55 000 EUR, out of it 49 500 (90%) funded by the CBSS PSF and 5500 (10%) by the State Police of Latvia. The JATOC project has been implemented by the State Police of the Republic of Latvia (LV) together with seven project partners from:

Estonia (EE), Finland (FI) and Lithuania (LT), and namely:

- ✓ Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Latvia;
- ✓ State Border Guard of the Republic of Latvia;
- ✓ Customs Police Department of the State Revenue Service of the Republic of Latvia;
- ✓ Police and Border Guard Board of the Republic of Estonia;
- ✓ National Police Board of the Republic of Finland;
- ✓ Border Guard of the Republic of Finland;
- ✓ Border Guard Service of the Republic of Lithuania.

Representatives from the CBSS Secretariat, Baltic Sea Region (BSR) Border Control and Cooperation (BSRBCC), Europol (European Union (EU) Law Enforcement Agency) and Frontex (European Border and Coast Guard Agency), experts invited from national police and customs of Lithuania and Estonian tax Administration also participated and provided their valuable input.

The JATOC project was the continuation of another PSF-funded project "Baltic Law Enforcement Analysis Cooperation" (BALANCE project) (implemented from April 2014 to December 2015).

The Baltic Sea Region has become one of the most dynamic regions in Europe pooling significant economical and political potential. This dynamism could be characterised as a capability and flexibility to react on the new challenges and to develop new initiatives. This in its turn lays down the essential basis for the long term sustainability in every area, including internal security.

The Baltic Sea Region comprises 11 Member States, 8 of them are the European Union Member States, covering approximately 40 % of the total EU area and ensuring the safety of approximately 30 % of EU population. Besides that Baltic Sea Region unifies 10 Schengen countries, and together with the Russian Federation it makes an open dialog with rest of the EU countries and more.

Thus the cooperation between the Member States of the Baltic Sea Region has always been a significant tool when speaking about the joint regional policy for safety. EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region invites for even more intensive cooperation between the Member States and encourages them to develop a regional cooperation model which would serve as an example for the whole EU.

In this line the JATOC Project main objective was to intensify the cooperation between the law enforcement to tackle cross border serious and organized criminality, where two important networks, Baltic Sea Task Force on Organized Crime (BSTF) and Baltic Sea Region Border Control Cooperation (BSRBCC) are key players.

The JATOC Project by accumulating knowledge and experience gained from the BALANCE Project and different other initiatives has reached all its aims in the full extent and is providing with the detailed insight for the future developments and tasks in such areas as joint criminal intelligence, operational capability, financial support and is outlining the collaboration between different formats and partners on the strategic and operational level.

Latvia as a current Chairing country of the BSTF (2017-2018) has started to launch the possibility for piloting in the creation of the joint regional Criminal Intelligence System and for the future development of the operational capability, thus also providing better regional approach and integrity with the EU Policy Cycle.

The JATOC Project team indeed presents its expectancy that the results of the JATOC Project and upcoming initiatives would serve as an example to encourage Member States of the Baltic Sea Region for further developments. There are still a lot of areas to be improved.

The JATOC Project team would like to express its sincere thankfulness to all who were involved in the Project activities and supported it, to all the Baltic Sea Region Member States, Europol, Frontex, and special gratitude is expressed to the CBSS.

During the implementation of the project none changes was done due to composition of partners or staff members.

Single change in the project was due to usage of saved funds as the Lead partner organised 2 experts' meetings for lower price as it was planned in the project application (saved 2978.98 EUR). The State Police sent letter to the Secretariat of CBSS on 6 April 2017 (20/9094) on usage of saved money for 2 additional activities (expert meeting on preparation for the Final report (brochure) and study visit to the Europol) and received answer on 20 April 2017 with accept regards organisation of these 2 additional activities.

As well as taking note that after 2 additional activities there were left some funds, the State Police asked to the Secretariat to spent saved money (additionally 323,38 EUR) for the Final report (initially planned 750,50 EUR for the Brochure, at the end paid 1073,88 EUR.)

Please, indicate and explain the reasons for eventual changes between your initial application and the activities finally implemented, e.g. composition of partner promoters and/or participants, duration of the Activity, Activity programme.

5. Activities planned

Activity(ies) addressed by the project.

Timetable as agreed in the Grant Agreement		Key activities conducted
Month	Activity according to the project	
August – September 2016	Preparatory work, including planning and administrative work (preparation of tasks for project partners and experts to reach the project aim, planning of the project's activities and exact timeline).	Prepared Partners' declarations for sending to the CBSS; prepared internal order for the staff involved in the project; setting tasks for the staff.
October 2016	Project experts' first (project opening) meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania	Prepared invitations, agenda, Minutes of the meeting, participant list. Documents for the discussions: draft Concept paper, draft Guidelines for joint operational activities.
January 2017	Project experts' second meeting in Tallinn, Estonia.	Prepared invitations, agenda, Minutes of the meeting, participant list. Documents for the discussions: draft Conceptual Model, draft Guidelines for joint operational activities, presentation on criminal intelligence models and discussions.
May 2017	Project experts' third meeting in Jurmala, Latvia	Prepared invitations, agenda, Minutes of the meeting, participant list, presentation on criminal intelligence models and discussions; confirmed Guidelines.
July 2017	Subcontracting the company for the printing the Final report (brochure)	Organised public procurement (by questioning 3 companies); prepared and signed Contract between the State Police and company; Brochure prepared.

C. Project implementation

The points below are intended to serve as a guide for your description of the activities undertaken with your partners within the framework of your project. Do not hesitate to mention any difficulties and problems you have encountered and other matters that you consider helpful for other groups or organisations, which would organise similar activities in the future.

Please enclose with this report the products developed during the project (video, photos, website, brochures, leaflets, posters, etc) and information on how these were disseminated.

If more space needed, please extend boxes

1. Description of activities

Please give a general description of the project. Indicate:

- the implemented activities,
- the working methods used (eg how was the action carried out, how has the project met the objectives of the budget heading, describe the transnational dimension of the project, if applicable etc),
- how the partners were involved in the project's design and implementation,
- your relationship with State and Regional authorities (how has this relationship affected the action?),
- expected results.

Please attach a table with the number of activities, dates, partner organisation involved, and role of the activity.

The main objective of the JATOC project was to deliver recommendations provided by the BALANCE project and in order to reach the main objective, JATOC was concentrated to following directions:

- ✓ to support national analysis cooperation;
- ✓ to encourage continuing joint cross-border operational activities;
- ✓ to support effective use of information exchange systems and principles;
- ✓ to start discussion on the Baltic Sea Region Analysis Action Plan.

In implementing these recommendations, the JATOC project was also aimed at:

- ✓ Finding the ways to seek synergies and cross-cutting issues of the Baltic Sea Task Force on Organized Crime (BSTF) and the Border Control Cooperation;
- ✓ Seeking synergies also with the European Union (EU) Policy Cycle on serious international and organized crime.

Within the project following activities were carried out and results achieved:

1. **ACTIVITY:** To set up the Conceptual model of creating joint regional analysis.

The activity was carried out by organising 3 experts' meetings 18-19 October 2016; 24-25 January 2017; 10-12 May 2017) in different countries (in project partner countries: Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia) with all the project partners as well as for the meeting held in Lithuania - additionally Police Department and Lithuanian Customs Authority representatives were invited (they are not partners in JATOC) and at the meeting in Estonia – Estonian Tax Administration was invited in order to distribute the information on JATOC activities and results. In all meeting the Europol participated, the FRONTEX also was invited to all meeting but due to lack of capacity attended only 1 meeting (in Estonia). As well as CBSS representative was invited and participated. For all the meeting there is available agenda, Minutes and participant list with the signatures on the participation.

Used methods: questioning within the JATOC; holding discussions among experts; proposing two options for the Conceptual Model and for the joint regional analysis; seeking for common understanding/agreement.

RESULT: received Conceptual support on the need for the joint BSR criminal analysis at the BSR political level as this topic was discussed not only within 4 BSR Member States participated in the JATOC, but also from Europol, the CBSS Secretariat and all BSTF Member States (11 countries) as this topic was discussed at Operational and Planning meeting of BSTF and also at the Strategic meeting of BSTF held in Moscow, Russia on 24-25 November 2016. There was underlined the necessity for the joint BSR criminal analysis but stressed to avoid possible duplications with existing criminal intelligence products.



1st Experts Meeting
18-19 October, 2016
Vilnius, Lithuania

1. Description of activities



2nd Experts Meeting
24-25 January, 2017
Tallinn, Estonia



3rd Experts Meeting
10-12 May, 2017
Jurmala, Latvia

2. ACTIVITY: To elaborate the Guidelines for joint operational activities

The activity was carried out by organising 3 experts' meetings in different countries (in project partner countries) with all the project partners and the expert group (consisted of 3 partners) who offered the draft, which was discussed in 2 experts' meeting and approved during the 3rd experts' meeting in Jurmala, Latvia.

RESULT: Elaborated Guidelines, which consists of general document and two templates: 1) Request for joint operation and 2) Reply to the Request for joint operation. Guidelines will be used as a background document for further planning and implementation of Joint Actions (Joint operation). It is planned to use Guidelines in Pilot regime for activities to tackle Illegal immigration and other cross-border crime on BSRBCC cooperation platform. Guidelines are live document and it can be improved taking in consideration proposals of Parties participating to Joint Actions.

3. ACTIVITY: To identify possible funding sources for further joint operations.

The activity was carried out by checking and consulting different possible sources for funding by different donors, e.g. HORIZON 2020, Internal security Fund (ISF) and meeting with possible partners and CBSS representatives etc.

RESULT: identified areas the most lacking of resources; identified possible available funding sources; prepared and submitted new project proposal for the continuation of JATOC project under the ISF to be implemented by the Latvian State Police.

4. ACTIVITY: To share Best Practices of National Criminal Intelligence Systems.

The activity was carried out by discussing at the experts' meeting.

RESULT: JATOC project partner countries shared their national criminal intelligence model examples; different successful stories on this issue were discussed and the knowledge from provided examples would be significantly useful for future collaboration and setting up the joint BSR analysis system; model examples could benefit more coordinated and comprehensive planning and implementation of joint operational activities, thus providing valuable input to the EU Policy Cycle when representing regional

1. Description of activities

(BSR) intents and efforts.

5. ACTIVITY: Development of the Final report (brochure) and preparation of a new project application.

The brochure was developed by the project expert's team via discussions and common meeting in Latvia, Jurmala, 12-14 June 2017. The company who designed and printed the brochure was chosen by using public procurement procedure (the most appropriate and the cheapest offer was chosen).

RESULT: the brochure with recommendations and identified future steps prepared and published in print and available in electronic format. This report will be a necessary practical tool for BSR law enforcement agencies, Frontex and Europol aimed on better understanding of producing inter-institutional criminal intelligence products, joint risk analysis products and conducting of joint operations.

6. ACTIVITY: Study visit to Europol.

3 participants of JATOC team visited Europol in order to inform about the goals reached in the frame of JATOC and discuss the possible implementation of the Conceptual Model of producing joint regional analysis to all the Baltic Sea Region Member States. Taking note that the State Police is going to find new financial sources for the implementation of the JATOC goals and results, there was an intention to attract financial means from the Internal Security Fund and approached the European Commission regards the possible to submit new project proposal and we expect to implement the new project together with Europol.

RESULT: JATOC experts and Europol agreed on need to continue cooperation with Europol in order to work out Situation Report for BSR according to the JATOC recommendations; usage of financial support of Europol, especially low-value grants, to support joint operational activities agreed between BSTF Member States; promotion of joint operational activities that will be based on Guidelines for joint operations worked out within the JATOC project; usage of BSTF cooperation platform to promote and fulfil the JATOC project recommendation and to strengthen cooperation with Europol and EMPACT activities.

The national partners for the JATOC project were selected taking note their roles and responsibilities regards the combatting cross-border crime therefore the Ministry of Interior, the State Border Guard and the State Revenue Service were invited and they accepted the partnership for the JATOC project. All the JATOC activities and results achieved during the implementation of the project was presented at the BSTF meetings under the Latvian Chairmanship: 21-22 February 2017; 11-12 May 2017 and 19-20 September 2017, were participated not only State Police but also State Border Guard and State Revenue Service top managers and got information on the JATOC project.

Timetable of Implemented Activities

Month	Activity according to the project	Partners involved	Role of the activity
August – September 2016	Preparatory work, including planning and administrative work (preparation of tasks for project partners and experts to reach the project aim, planning of the project's activities and exact timeline).	State Police, all partners	Prepared Partners' declarations for sending to the CBSS; prepared internal order for the staff involved in the project; setting tasks for the staff
October 2016	Project experts' first (project opening) meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania	State Police, all partners, Europol, CBSS Secretariat	Presented the JATOC project's objectives, activities, timetable and other project related issues; started initial discussions on the joint analysis to support further cross-border activities, the cross-border information exchange models and the joint model approach to organise cross-border operations
January 2017	Project experts' second meeting in Tallinn, Estonia.	State Police, all partners, Europol, Frontex, CBSS Secretariat	Done work concerning tasks defined in the previous meeting; discussed and set the next tasks to be

			completed
May 2017	Project experts' third meeting in Jurmala, Latvia	State Police, all partners, Europol	Presented and discussed the draft documents with the aim to finalise them (documents would cover all three workflows as well address issues related to the future funding and sustainability of the JATOC project's results
June 2017	Additional experts meeting for the preparation on the Final Report (brochure) and new project proposal	Prepared agenda and Minutes of the meeting, participant list, draft of the brochure and draft project application	The brochure with recommendations and identified future steps prepared and draft version of new project proposal developed
June 2017	Study visit to Europol	State Police and Europol	Informed Europol staff about the results reached in the frame of JATOC. Discussed possible solutions of implementation of the Conceptual Model and producing of joint regional analysis in future
July 2017	Subcontracting the company for the printing the Final report (brochure)	State Police	Organised public procurement (by questioning 3 companies); prepared and signed Contract between the State Police and company; Brochure prepared.

2. Preparation

Please explain how you prepared the project within your own organisation and with your partners (meetings, activities, communication, etc.)

There was a meeting at the Ministry of the Interior in April 2016 with the CBSS and national representatives on the situation at the Baltic Sea Region and the information on the available funds from the PSF CBSS was received. The result of several meetings between the representatives of the BSRBCC and BSTF from Latvia and the communication with the CBSS leads to the common decision to set up the project "Joint Approach to Tackle Organized Cross-border Crime in the Baltic Sea Region" (JATOC). The responsible officials for the analysing the situation, trends and problem at the Baltic Sea Region established the Core group within the State Police. Before the submitting of the project application, the State Police organised the meeting with the Latvian stakeholders who deals with the combatting of organized cross border crimes within the Baltic Sea Region in order to discuss the goal and activities of the project idea as well as officials to be involved in the project. The Core group consisting of 5 persons from the Lead partner was established in order to prepare the application, as well as for contacting foreign partners, preparation of the invitation letters etc. Afterwards the application was considered at the Projects' Steering Committee at the Ministry of the Interior in order to get confirmation and support for the project idea, activities as well as to get the co-financing from the Latvian State budget.

The State Police of Latvia submitted the project to the Secretariat of CBSS for the evaluation on 6 May 2016 (letter No 20/13183) and received answer that project will be granted on 4 July 2016.

3. Financial aspects

Please describe how the budget was managed (please insert information about transfers of amounts to the co-partners including dates).

The project funds were managed only by the Lead partner - State Police of Latvia.

4. Involvement of the target groups

Please explain:

- how the target groups were selected,
- how they were involved in each stage of the project.

The target groups involved in the activities were described and foreseen in the project application and it was realised in project implementation according to the application: the project partners nominated the experts for the meetings according to the indications mentioned in the invitation letters depending on the meetings' agenda. Taking note that the activities started in the beginning of the project were continued and developed during all project, it was recommended that the same experts could take part also at the next meetings. The profile of the experts depended on the topics discussed at the meeting but mainly they were experts dealt with analysis, cross-border cooperation, combatting cross border crime and ensuring cooperation. In general target group was all the society around the Baltic Sea, where 11 states are located as they could benefit of the results of the JATOC project as well as the law enforcement authorities (police, border guard and customs) around the Baltic Sea as there is a lot of areas to be improved for better development of regional cooperation model.

5. Impact, multiplying effect and follow-up

Please explain:

- the direct and indirect impact on the target groups,
- the indicators you used for measuring the project's actual impact,
- who benefited from the project in addition to the participants directly involved (target groups, sectors, etc.),
- the multiplying effect and sustainable impact in a long term perspective ,
- the follow up of this project, if planned (e.g. new projects, continuous contact with the partners, etc.),
- synergies or links developed with other actions.

As regards the direct and indirect impact on the target groups, by implementing JATOC project, the Conceptual Model the joint regional analysis was produced which covered definite and specific crime areas and would help to acknowledge the crime picture in the BSR and the current trends and latest developments of criminality; as well priorities in the BSR were stated to tackle organized and serious crime and this analysis would serve as a basis for the future activities responding to the crime, including targeted operations, supported by police, customs and border guard authorities of the BSR.

As regards indicators used for measuring the project's actual impact - the state of play for the closer cooperation of BSTF and BSRBCC, exchange of information among the BSR Member States in producing inter-institutional criminal intelligence products such as risk and threat assessments; the common operation for police, border guards and customs officers which will be launched in October 2017 and could be beneficial for both formats and could serve as a platform for synergies; as well as the new project proposal for the continuation of JATOC results and goals.

For long time there was organised 2 different forums: BSTF and BSRBCC dealing with similar topics but from different perspective (from police and from border guard) but by implementing JATOC project both forums were harmonised as officials from police participated at the BSRBCC and vice versa, as well as there was information exchange and experience exchange improved between both formats. We hope that it will be continued not only during the Latvian Chairmanship under BSTF (2017-2018) but also later under other countries' Chairmanships.

As regards synergies or links: one of the important JATOC objectives was to seek synergies also with the European Union (EU) Policy Cycle on serious international and organized crime, and therefore Europol was involved in the project activities as well as study visit was organised to Europol. In order to discuss the possible implementation of the Conceptual Model of producing joint regional analysis to all the Baltic Sea Region Member States and Latvia as a current Chairing country of the BSTF has started to launch the possibility for piloting in the creation of the joint regional Criminal Intelligence System and for the future development of the operational capability, thus also providing better regional approach and integrity with the EU Policy Cycle.

As regards the follow up: the objective of the project was also to outline a sustainable mechanism for

5. Impact, multiplying effect and follow-up

project initiation, fund raising, and implementation of the lessons learnt and allocate necessary resources for joint actions in a transnational setting and it was done by identifying how both national, Nordic and EU-funds can be aligned for cooperation projects in this field, both in the short perspective but also in the long run and resulted to the continuation of the JATOC project results with the project proposal prepared and submitted for the financing under the Internal Security Fund by the State Police of Latvia.

6. Evaluation

Please give details regarding evaluation with the participants and with your partners, both during the project and after the project implementation (meetings, presentations, material etc.). – Successes and weaknesses, lessons learned.

At the end of each meeting there was a possibility to express the evaluation of the meeting, result achieved as well as before each meeting there was possibility to submit proposals for the agenda and corrections of the draft agenda as well as on the documents being under development. As it was mentioned in the project application, the contacts among experts involved from the partner organisation were active also between the meetings. The minutes of meetings were distributed to all partners for comments and additional remarks.

During the implementation of the project, the Leading partner has received only good remarks regards the logistics and organisation of the meetings.

The Leading partner counts the JATOC project as success story as all the activities were implemented, plans and results achieved as well established close cooperation between 2 formats BSTF and BSRBCC.

As regards lessons learnt: by the lead partner point of view it is worth to define ambitious goals and try to reach them with the active participation of involved partners and with support of the managers and policy makers.

7. Dissemination and exploitation of results (if applicable)

*Please give a detailed description of standard measures undertaken to disseminate and exploit the results of the project.
How was the action publicised and how the results have been disseminated*

According the conclusions of the JATOC experts, the Project results will increase the relevance of the BSR Member States to tackle organized and serious crime. As well as the lead partner tried to merge and synchronize activities of the BSRBCC and BSTF and find synergies with the EU Policy Cycle.

Results of the project will be useful for all BSR states and also for Europol and Frontex. The prepared Final Report (brochure) could be a practical tool for BSR law enforcement agencies, Frontex and Europol aimed on better understanding of producing inter-institutional criminal intelligence products, joint risk analysis products and conducting of joint operations.

As regards the identification of possible future funding sources: a new project proposal was developed on the JATOC basis and it is planned to finance it under the Internal Security Fund (project to be implemented by the Latvian State Police, the draft submitted to the Ministry of the Interior in August 2017 for the evaluation).

It is planned to start use the developed Guidelines for joint regional operation from October 2017 as there is approved to organise a common operation among BSTF Member States' authorities (police, customs, border guards) to be held from October 2017 to April 2018.

8. Visibility

Please describe:

- *how you ensured the visibility of the project,*
- *how your project provided clear promotional added value for the Baltic Sea Strategy.*

- ✓ The CBSS logo and indication that the activities are co-financed by the CBSS Project Support Facility funding was specifically mentioned on all relevant documents prepared during the project (reports, agendas, etc.) including presentations for the BSTF and BSRBCC, in all public relations and in all websites where information about the project were published.
- ✓ The summary of each activity was published at the project Lead partner website.
- ✓ General summary of the project was prepared by the Lead partner and sent to all partners to publish at their websites.
- ✓ There were specially designed and ordered banner with CBSS logo and project partners' logo, that was used during all meetings and is available at the Lead partner premises now.
- ✓ The Final report (brochure) with recommendations and identified future steps was prepared and published in print and in electronic format. This report is a practical tool for better understanding of producing inter-institutional criminal intelligence products, joint risk analysis products and conducting of joint operations mentioned in the Baltic Sea Strategy.



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The State Police of Latvia in cooperation with seven partners: The Ministry of the Interior of Latvia, the Latvian State Border Guard, the Customs Police Department of the State Revenue Service of Latvia, the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board, the Finnish National Police Board, the Finnish Border Guard, the Lithuanian Border Guard Service implements common project Joint Approach to Tackle Organized Cross-border Crime in the Baltic Sea Region (JATOC) to be co-financed by the Project Support Facility (PSF) of the Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS).



Useful Links

State Police

State Fire and Rescue Service

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The project JATOC will be implemented in 12 months (since 1 August 2016 until 31 July 2017). Total funding for the project is 55 000 EUR and 90% will be ensured by the PSF and 10% by the State Police of Latvia.

The objective of the project is to ensure the implementation of the activities related to the Latvian Presidency at the Baltic Sea TASK FORCE on Organised Crime (BSTF).

In the frame of the project, there are planned following activities:

1. Project partners' meetings (2) in order to discuss the work done, exchange of views, set next tasks: in Lithuania, Vilnius (18-19.10.2016.), in Estonia, Tallinn (24-25.01.2017.) and final meeting in Latvia, Jūrmala (06-11.05.2017).
2. Elaboration of the guidelines for common police, customs and border guards operations.
3. Preparation of Conceptual Model of creating strategic intelligence product or joint regional analysis.
4. Preparation of the Final report (brochure) containing the information on project activities and conclusions as well as identification possible funding resources to implement the project JATOC conclusions after the ending the project.

In the frame of the project there will be discussed option/possibility to organise common police - customs - border guards operation.

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9. Achievements

According to what you described above, please summarise what you achieved with this project in relation with e.g.

- the general objectives of the Baltic Sea Strategy
- the objectives, priorities and geographic scope covered by your project
- the objectives of the project.

JATOC project met several strategic and topical issues, defined by:

- The European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) (<http://www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu/about>) Policy Area (PA) Secure – Protection from land-based emergencies, accidents and cross-border crime to combat organized and serious crime;
- The CBSS long-term priority "Safe and Secure Region" (<http://www.cbss.org/safe-secure-region/>) with the goal to enhance societal security and safety in the BSR and to ensure that people of the BSR are protected from and resilient to violence, accidents and emergencies and safeguarded against harm caused by criminal exploitation;
- The conclusions of the BSRBCC Heads Conference, 23-25 November 2015, Lithuania (reflected in the minutes of the BSRBCC Conference);
- BSTF Regional Strategy 2015-2016;
- EU Council Customs Cooperation Working Party 8th Action Plan (doc. 13749/15);
- Council Conclusions on the creation and implementation of an EU policy cycle for organised and serious international crime (doc. 15358/10 COSI 69 ENFOPOL 298 CRIMORG 185 ENFOCUSTOM 94);
- Preliminary evaluation of the Joint Action Days 2015 and Strategic discussion on the planning of the Joint Action Days 2016 (doc. 13131/15 JAI 770 COSI 128) with the proposal on future to organize smaller and more targeted, regionally-focused and intelligence-led actions.

Enclosed:

- Annex 1: Letters to the project partner organisations;
- Annex 2: Letter to Europol;
- Annex 3: 1st Experts Meeting (agenda, participants' signature list, minutes);
- Annex 4: 2nd Experts Meeting (agenda, participants' signature list, minutes);
- Annex 5: 3rd Experts Meeting (agenda, participants' signature list, minutes);
- Annex 6: Additional Experts Meeting (agenda, participants' signature list, minutes);
- Annex 7: Letter to Europol for Study visit;
- Annex 8: Study visit to Europol (agenda, minutes);
- Annex 9: Conceptual Model;
- Annex 10: Guidelines for joint operational activities;
- Annex 11: Concept Paper;
- Annex 12: Final Report (brochure).