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New round of applications open for Nordic-Baltic Mobility Programme for Public Administration

The Nordic Council of Ministers and Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have raised approximately 2.5 million Danish kroner for the budget of the Nordic-Baltic Mobility Programme for Public Administration for 2010, and the deadline for submission of the next round of applications is 30 March 2010.

The programme supports study visits, internships and network activities of officials and other public sector workers, thereby contributing to cooperation between the Nordic and Baltic countries at the level of ministries, regional and local governments. Support is issued to projects which involve partners from at least three Nordic and Baltic countries. The programme covers up to 70% of the travel and accommodation costs of projects.

The programme is designed to promote the exchange of knowledge at all levels of public administration in the shared interests of the Nordic and Baltic countries – Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden – thereby contributing to the development of the public sector in the region.

“The Mobility Programme for Public Administration is a very important and very useful means of developing and reinforcing cooperation between the Nordic and Baltic countries,” said Liena Muraškina, Adviser with the Communications Department of the State Chancellery in Latvia, who recently headed up a successful project between state agencies in Latvia, Norway and Iceland as part of the programme. “Exchange of experience and ideas is of vital importance to strengthen the public administration in the Baltic Sea region,” she added.

So far in 2009 the Nordic-Baltic Mobility Programme for Public Administration has issued support to the value of more than 1.4 million Danish kroner, distributed among 32 projects bringing together the Nordic and Baltic countries. The projects covered such diverse areas as education, maintenance of law and order, forensic studies, nature conservation, employment and agriculture.

The Management Body of the programme is the Nordic Council of Ministers’ Office in Estonia.

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