

# Examples of projects we have supported in Estonia

Sida's Baltic Sea Unit has been financing joint venture projects in Estonia since 2006. A number of these projects are described very briefly below. Please contact us if you would like more information about activities and joint ventures that may qualify for grants.

## **Folk high school network**

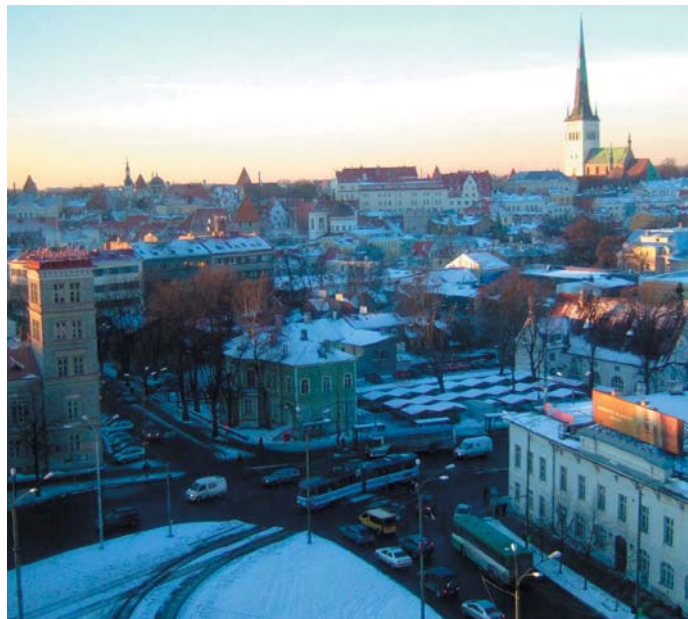
The Baltic Sea Unit supported the establishment of a network for non-government education organizations, mostly folk high schools and adult education associations. The network is called "Baltic Network for Adult Learning". The project grant was spent on the organization of workshops and seminars during the establishment of the network. The project was initiated by Vaddö Folk High School in Sweden.

## **Corruption as a growth-restraining factor**

"Sthlm Jämt" is a regional platform for long-term and strategic activities to promote equality of opportunity in Stockholm County. The Baltic Sea Unit is supporting a project initiated by the unit to address cross-border crime. The aim is to increase awareness of "corruption as a growth-restraining factor", among local, regional and national decision-makers in the Baltic Region. Sthlm Jämt organizes workshops, analysis work and seminars for the project.

## **Development of public transport**

In association with partners in Estonia, Stockholm's Royal Institute of Technology conducted a joint venture project to plan the



The Baltic Sea Unit has supported improvements of the public transport systems in Estonia. Photo: Linda Jansdotter

public transport system in Estonia, including the improvement of the tickets and fares system. The project, financed by the Baltic Sea Unit, comprised workshops, a political seminar to establish the project on the agenda of politicians, a study trip to Stockholm and a small-scale case study. In addition, a major application to the EU regarding development of the public transport system was prepared.

## **Knowledge sharing in wool crafts**

The Gotland Handicraft Association has initiated a project to establish a network based on knotting and other woollen textile techniques. Through joint workshops, study trips and courses, women from Gotland and Estonia have been able to share knowledge in design,

marketing and new techniques and materials. The Baltic Sea Unit financed the project and coached the Handicraft Association in applying for project financing from the EU (via the Leader+ Programme) in order to continue this work.

### Grants to young researchers

SMHI (the Swedish Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology) organized “The 5th Study BALTEX Conference” on Ösel in Estonia. One topic addressed at the meeting was “Better understanding of energy and water cycle processes in the Baltic Sea run-off land area”. The Baltic Sea Unit provided grants to 10 young researchers to enable them to take part in the conference, enabling them to continue to take part in ongoing research collaborations in the Baltic Region.

### Seatrack Web - oil-spill analysis software

Seatrack Web is a user-friendly software-based system which predicts and shows the spread of oils and chemicals in the water after an oil spill. Seatrack was developed by SMHI (the Swedish Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology) and the system is used in all the countries around Baltic Sea. The Baltic Sea Unit has provided support for two software development seminars. The purpose of the first meeting was to continue the development of a circulation model used in the Seatrack system to forecast currents in the Baltic Sea.

Grants were paid to participants from their Baltic states and Russia to enable them to attend. The second meeting financed by the Baltic Sea Unit was held to provide an opportunity to introduce improvements to the software and to give more Baltic countries

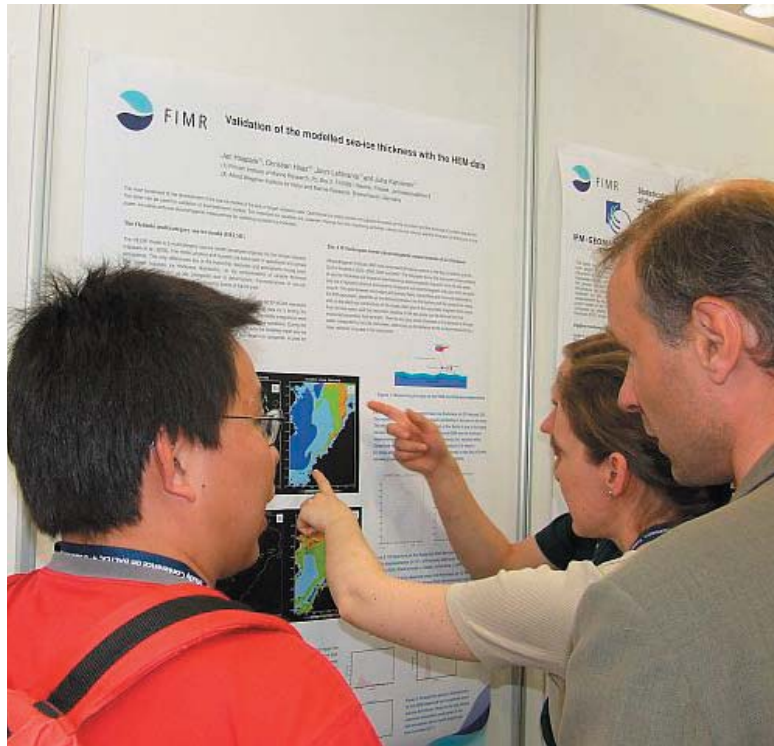
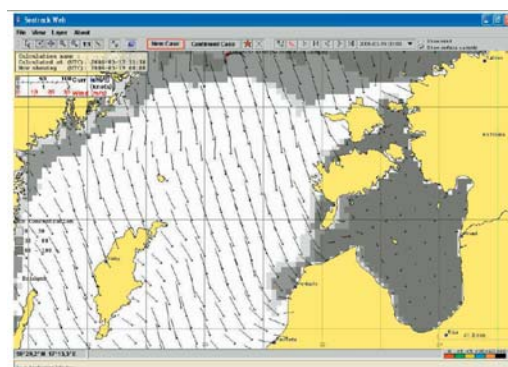


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the opportunity to participate in its development. Real data from an oil tanker accident that took place off the coast of Estonia in 2006 was used to test and evaluate the programme. More information on Seatrack Web can be found at <http://produkter.smhi.se/seatrack>

### Fighting crime through co-operation

The work group for co-operation to help children at risk, part of the Council of Baltic Sea States (CBSS), focuses on issues relating to children at risk and human trafficking. The group has appointed national representatives to act as national coordinators in this programme. The Baltic Sea Unit supported the fourth meeting of national representatives, arranged to discuss how this regional cooperation should be maintained and improved. They also wanted to bring together organizations that combat human trafficking, and to highlight the current issue of children who are exploited for criminal purposes.



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