



## Experts are working back-to-back to increase the capacity of environmental protection in the Gulf of Finland.

“Estonia – Russia Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020”\*

The ADRIENNE project is lasting three years - until March 2022, with a total budget of € 551,006, 90% (EUR 495 905) is funded by the EU Estonia-Russia CBC program and 10% by the project partners.

In the ADRIENNE project we assess how alternative human uses either alone or combined with other pressures may affect diversity, ecosystem functioning and services in the Gulf of Finland. The goal of the project is to increase the capacity of environmental protection to maintain biodiversity and ecosystem performance in the Gulf of Finland under multiple human uses and climate change pressure. We will combine novel spatial modelling products of species, habitats and fishery-related ecosystem services with evidence-based assessment of synergistic effects of human uses on the biota and vice versa. The project helps to find new ways to mitigate risks of intensified human uses and climate change. Moreover, by ensuring an effective transboundary engagement of key stakeholders through all our activities, the project fosters multidisciplinary co-operation and communication in Russia, Estonia and Finland concerning issues related to the protection of marine nature and human activities in the Gulf of Finland region.

Estonian Maritime Institute of the University of Tartu is the leading partner of the project. Other project partners are the Ministry of the Environment, Republic of Estonia; St Petersburg Science Centre, Russian Academy of Sciences. Associated project partners are Finnish Environmental Centre (SYKE), Kotka Marine Research Centre, St Petersburg Natural Resources, Environmental Protection and the Ecology Committee and the Department of St. Petersburg of the Russian Geographical Society. More detailed information about the next project meetings and updates about the project will be published on the web pages of ADRIENNE (<http://adrienne.ut.ee> and <http://spbr.ru/en/er55>).

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