

Project EDU-RAIL

Project "Harmonised and Modernised Multidisciplinary Railway Education" (EDU-RAIL) started in October 2015 within the frame of INTERREG Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020.

The project EDU-RAIL aims at reducing fragmentation of railway engineering, transport and logistics vocational education and training programmes in the region. By harmonising and modernising railway education through jointly developed regional specialisation modules the project contributes to the development and further integration of the Central Baltic labour market.

In practice the project jointly develops aligned specialisation modules that take into account the needs of the regional labour market, including shared challenges of further integration with European railway system and joint regional aspects. The harmonised and modernised teaching process allow the railway institutions to better prepare the educate specialists for the regional employers need and demand in order to enable smooth cross-border rail transportation within the common transport area.

As a result of the project five multipurpose specialisation modules are designed for full-time students and for in-service training programmes. The project contributes to reducing fragmentation of railway education in the region by harmonising railway engineering, transport and logistics programmes. Cross-border cooperation enables the educational institutions to achieve the necessary methodological strength to solve together regional challenges and to raise the quality of railway vocational education and training programmes.

Lead partner of the project is TTK University of Applied Sciences (Tallinn, Estonia). Project partners are KRAO (Kouvola, Finland), Transport and Telecommunication Institute (Riga, Latvia), Häme University of Applied Sciences (Hämeenlinna, Finland) and Riga Technical University (Riga, Latvia).

Additional information about the project is at the webpage <u>http://edu-rail.tsi.lv</u>