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Valga County Association of Local Authorities

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Region Jämtland Härjedalen
Regional Development

Re: Request to prolong VJEF cooperation contract

Dear Sir/Madam,

Valga County of Estonia and Region of Jämtland have had fruitful cooperation since 1991. Twenty-one years ago, we even created VJEF (Valagmaa-Jämtland läns ekonomisk förening) to implement our common cooperation projects. The activities of VJEF are based on agreements between county level responsible organisations, which now are Region Jämtland Härjedalen on the Swedish side and Valga County Association of Local Authorities on the Estonian side.

VJEF applied for seed money from the Swedish Institute in order to implement a project on Sustainable Tourism, which is very important for regional development in Valga County and Jämtland. According to rules of the Swedish Institute, even a third partner was involved – the Municipality of Pskov City, Russia. In July, an official letter from the Swedish Institute was received telling that our seed money application was approved and we can move ahead despite the COVID-19 epidemic, which hopefully will be solved soon.

The valid VJEF agreement between Region Jämtland Härjedalen and Valga County Association of Local Authorities will end by the end of this year 2020. Now that VJEF is the organisation to implement the seed money project (and hopefully also the main project later on) we would be willing to sign a new VJEF agreement for the year 2021 and the same sum of money for annual payment that will cover the project self-funding. I do hope that your side would also continue supporting VJEF.

Waiting for your answer I remain

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman of Board,
Valga County Association of Local Authorities