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The European Union is made up of 28 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms.

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The Latvia, Lithuania and Belarus Cross-border Cooperation Programme within the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument succeeds the Baltic Sea Region INTERREG IIIB Neighbourhood Programme Priority South IIIA Programme for the period of 2007-2013. The overall strategic goal of the programme is to enhance the cohesion of the Latvian, Lithuanian and Belarusian border region, to secure a high level of environmental protection and to provide for economic and social welfare as well as to promote intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity.

Latgale region in Latvia, Panevėžys, Utena, Vilnius, Alytus and Kaunas counties in Lithuania, as well as Vitebsk, Mogilev, Minsk and Grodno oblasts take part in the Programme. The Joint Managing Authority of the programme is the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania. The web site of the programme is www.enpi-cbc.eu.

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Cross-border tourism route

Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania

Taking the route of the Tiesenhausen family

Grodno (Hrodna)

Grodno became the centre of reforms implemented by the local steward Anthony Tiesenhausen (1733–1785). In the territory of the modern-day city and in its vicinity 20 manufactories were built that employed masters from Germany, Holland, France, Russia, the Czech Republic, and Switzerland. Tiesenhausen opened a construction, bookkeeping, medicine school and a military school. During the times of the Tiesenhausen, a chapel, a theatre and a printing-house was functioning; “Grodno Paper” – the first one in Belarus – was printed.



The journey from Grodno to Postavy goes through ancient Belarus towns where it is possible to see interesting historic cultural monuments: **Shchuchyn** – 15th century Piarist school, and Scipion castle, **Berezovka** – 19th century glass-house “Nemana”, **Ivye** – the unofficial capital of Belarus Tatars, **Golyshani** – 17th century castle ruins, **Ashmiany** – a well-known 16th century Calvinism centre.

Pastavy

Postavy came under tenure of the Tiesenhausen in 1720. During the times of Konstantin Tiesenhausen (1814– 1853), a museum of ornithology, a paintings gallery, and a library was established. Today it is possible to visit the Tiesenhausen castle (1788 – 1st half of the 19th c.), premises of the regional hospital where now the Tiesenhausen museum is established, as well as the buildings of the historical centre (2nd half of the 18th c.).

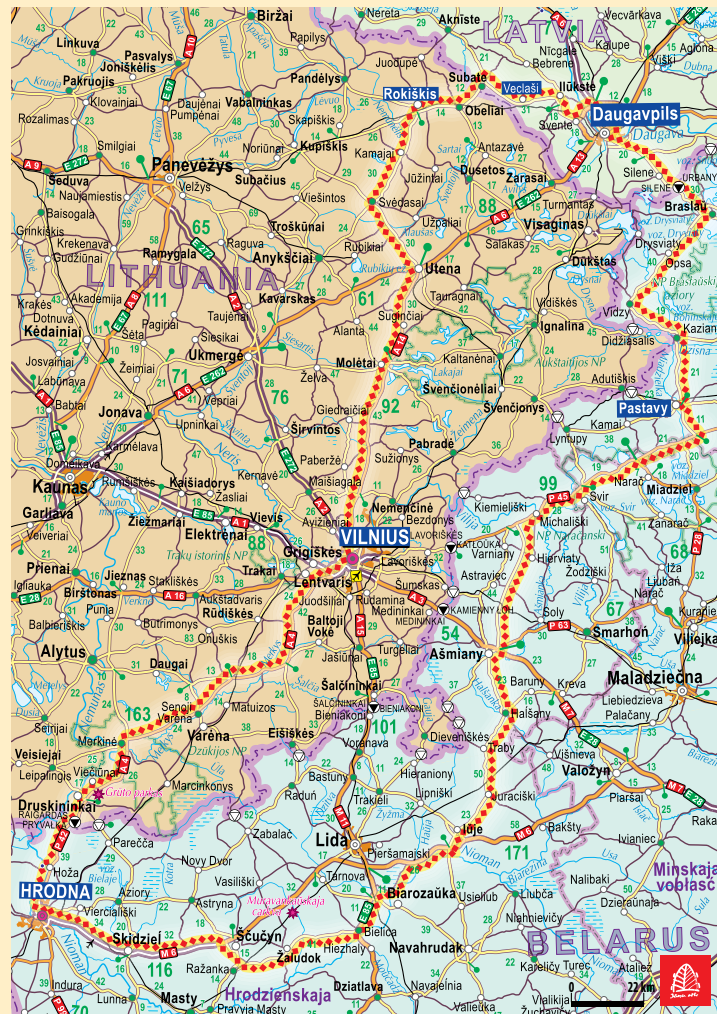


Daugavpils

In Daugavpils University (13, Vienības Str.), one can see a unique large colour album of 1888, the creation of which was initiated by the countess Maria Tiesenhausen-Przedziecka (1827–1890), born in Pastavy. The album was presented to the Pope Leo XIII at his 50th priesthood anniversary. Visitors can see an album facsimile and a voluminous publication of scientific comments. The city offers to view its historical centre, the 19th century fortress, Mark Rothko Art Centre, Church Hill, Regional Studies and Art museum, and other objects.



The Tiesenhausen family with its coat of arms “Ox” is of German origin – in the 13th c. its members came to Livonia (territory of the modern-day Latvia and Estonia) from Lower Saxony, and they occupied an important role in the history of those three countries on whose territory this tourism route with the overall length of 890 km is offered: in Belarus, the route goes from Hrodna to Pastavy, in Latvia – from Daugavpils to Veclaši, in Lithuania – till Rokiškis and Vilnius.



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Veclaši

Veclašu (Tiesenhausen, Alt-Lassen) manor lies on the way from Daugavpils to Rokiškis. During the last quarter of the 19th c., Maria Tiesenhausen-Przedziecka had built an impressive neo-Gothic castle. Only the castle ruins have survived till nowadays. Nearby a monument (see picture) to **Gottfried Friedrich Stender** (1714–1796), a theologian and founder of the Latvian contemporary writing system, and a Lutheran church can be found.



Rokiškis

Since the beginning of the 18th century, Rokiškis has belonged to the Tiesenhausen. The Tiesenhausen classicism-style castle was built at the beginning of the 19th century. Nowadays it hosts the regional museum of Rokiškis. A St. Mathew's neo-Gothic church was built in 1870's with the support of the family.



On the way to Vilnius – in **Utena** – it is possible to see a classicism-style post-house built in 1835. Today it hosts an art school and a gallery.

Vilnius

Vilnius – a city where some of the Tiesenhausen establishments were moved after the end of the reformer A. Tiesenhausen's career: the medical school that served as the basis for medical university, and an observatory. The reformer had stayed for some time in Snipiskes, Vilnius suburb, where he was looked after by monks – Piarists from the St. Raphael's monastery.

