



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Ministry of the Interior
of the Republic of Latvia

Your: 17.01.2025 No 1-18/167/25

Our: 24.01.2025 No 5-4/5-2

Response to notification
regarding the Regulation
(EU) 2016/399

Expressing appreciation for the initiative of the Republic of Latvia and satisfaction with the cooperation so far, and in response to letter No. 1-18/167/25 of 17.01.2025 regarding the definition of the areas specified in Article 42b of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the Ministry of the Interior announces the following:

- the Republic of Estonia agrees with the position of the Republic of Latvia, according to which the municipality of Valga-Valka is a region with strong social and economic ties between them;
- therefore the mentioned meets the conditions and the requirements listed in article 42b of the Schengen Borders Code and can be defined as cross-border region.

Pursuant to regulation (EU) 2024/1717 of the European Parliament and the Council of 13 June 2024, Member States shall notify the Commission of such areas. The Republic of Estonia considers it sufficient that each member state informs the Commission independently in accordance with the national legal framework.

Yours Sincerely,

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