

## ***PARTNER REQUEST***

Dear friends,

**We, Liepaja Youth Centre, are looking for the project partners to implement the project in the following programme: [Lithuania – Latvia Cross-Border Cooperation](#).**

**Title of the project is:**

***Common goals in the region of the Baltic Sea! Young people are the guarantor of the society and the continuation of its development - the resource of nation's prosperity in collaboration with NGOs and the local government.***

The Youth Center's mission is to support the development of public awareness, education, tolerance and health of young people in Liepaja. It has completed several long term projects and training, e.g., project *Different History - Common Future*. The Youth Center in cooperation with SALTO Euro-Med organized a long-term training of *Dialogue among Civilization* in Greece. Currently, the center is implementing a 2-year-long international youth initiative project *We are together - Youth for Europe*.

Liepaja city lacks a real place for young people to have the opportunity to realize their ideas and develop their skills and abilities. There is not such a relevant place for young people in Liepaja city – the Youth House. Summarizing the views of young people, 82% of polled 1,000 respondents acknowledged that the Youth House is necessary in the city of Liepaja, and they would attend it.

Improving and developing youth work will be the main common interest of each partner, so the close cooperation between the exchange of experience and investment will be required.

*We are different, but at the same time, we have a lot in common.* This philosophical concept will serve as the basis of cooperation between Latvia and Lithuania. The project partners should have experience in the field of youth. Both partners are going to organize similar activities and share their experience at the end of the project, hence, helping less experienced youth work organizers. This project will serve as an encouraging pilot project of such practice and will improve the previous work.

Acknowledging the role of the youth in our society's upgrowth, we are sure that we have to provide young people with possibilities to spend their free time more expediently, developing skills and promoting their ability to succeed in the labour market. To ensure that young people will have such possibilities, where everyone can express themselves, investments are required. However, our current socioeconomical situation doesn't allow us to provide these possibilities fully. The essence of the project is to create an environment in which free activities are freely available for every youngster.

**Essential objectives of the project:**

- Founding a *Youth House* in Liepaja and in the partner's city/town/village.
- International experience-sharing of youth field management on a municipal level through common activities.
- Experience exchange.
- Development of a reliable database.

The **overall objective** is to promote a tolerant, modern and civically active youth development in Liepaja and Lithuania, which is open to change and take the challenge of today's international environment, as well as organize youth activities and support youth initiatives.

**In order to implement the objectives of the project it is planned:**

- to purchase all the necessary equipment
- to manage the necessary repairs and clean-up activities
- to organize a media workshop for young people (a variety of training)
- to organize a Youth Week
- to provide the opportunity to engage in sports activities to young people and to offer them the necessary equipment
- to open a Music room and organize a variety of concerts for young people
  - to organize educational lectures, training, international conferences for young people.
- to create a united database
- to publish a jointly developed handbook of a good practice for working with youth

A unified project is required and during the implementation of it a wide exchange of experience, the involvement of youth workers, youth organizations and local communities would be realized.

The partners' professional experience has been nominated as the main criterion for the partners' selection.

Each project in the field of youth provides young people to express themselves, to reduce the socio-economic tensions, to help young people adapt to the changing world conditions, to increase their competitiveness in the labor market and to encourage young people to become a public resource.

The benefits of the project are closely linked with the partner's development because in case of the implementation of the project, the project partners will become even more professional and the experience will serve as a good basis for further work.

The material benefit is considered to be the most important gain, improving working conditions by offering young people engaging in enjoyable workshops and training. We consider that the winners of the project are not only partners as the organization, but also the entire local community.

With best regards & in the hope to common cooperation!

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## Programme Area

**Latvia:** Kurzeme, Zemgale, Latgale

**Lithuania:** Klaipėda, Telšiai, Šiauliai, Panevėžys, Utena and Kaunas as adjoining region

