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Each year Nordic-Baltic Mobility and Network Programme for Public administration open a call for projects aiming at bringing municipalities from the Baltic States and the Nordic states together to exchange the experience and learn from each other. We see these experience exchanges as a great way of learning, thus we are looking for a municipality in the Nordic states, who would be willing to receive us as guests.

The Program

The Nordic-Baltic Mobility and Network Programme for Public Administration gives financial support to civil servants from the Nordic and Baltic countries to carry out **study visits around certain topics**, in order to learn from one another and thus facilitate the development of cities and the region. More information about the project call can be found here: <http://goo.gl/IRAEWY>

Last year Cesis municipality participated in the Nordic-Baltic Mobility and Network Programme project for Public Administration. The project aimed at fostering mutual learning and collaboration between Cesis municipality and Kolding municipality (Denmark), and Pori municipality (Finland) around the topic of Creative industries and economy.

Learning needs and the visit

This year we wish to visit Nordic municipalities in order to gain new relevant knowledge for building a better **entrepreneurship support system**. We see that by helping entrepreneurs to develop their business we can achieve the development of the whole region. Cesis municipality is looking forward to find and implement the best means of support for entrepreneurs of different levels:

- Start-ups (still exploring the potential of a business idea),
- Settled enterprises (successfully developed but produce only for local market),
- Enterprises with exportable products.

It is planned that Cesis municipality representatives would visit collaboration municipality to exchange with experience and the visit will last for 3 days. It is expected from the collaboration partner to welcome guests, organise meetings with staff members and share the experience during the discussion. No financial commitments are expected from the partner municipality.

About Cēsis municipality

Cēsis municipality (Latvia) is a historic city built around a medieval castle and has roughly around 20 thousand inhabitants. Our business environment is mostly dominated by tourism industries, wood and food production, however we are looking forward to supporting start-ups, especially in digital and creative industries, as well as cultural industries.

The partner municipality should be of similar size and characteristics to Cesis municipality yet we are flexible and would love to learn also from larger and more experienced cities. The potential collaboration partners will be definitely welcome to visit Cesis municipality.

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