

ENI CBC LITHUANIA 2014 – 2020 PROGRAMME RESULTS
PRIORITY 1.1 RESTORATION AND ADAPTATION OF HISTORICAL AND
NATURAL HERITAGE, PROMOTION OF CULTURE, CULTURAL
NETWORKING AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

ATTRACTIVE HISTORY AND CULTURE

Project duration: 27 months (2019-2021)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Šilalė district municipality administration (Tauragė county), Lead Beneficiary

The overall objective of the project was to stimulate the growth of tourism by contributing to the cultural attractiveness and vitality of Šilalė area. The specific goals included adapting infrastructure for cultural and tourism purposes, fostering closer cooperation between organizations that provide and organize cultural services, and increasing the flow of visitors.

During the project implementation, the key infrastructure development activity was the restoration and adaptation of Kvėdarna hillfort (Padievaičio) for tourism, implemented by the Lead Beneficiary, Šilalė district municipality administration. Other activities included organizing an opening event for the hillfort, distributing informational materials, conducting an informational tour for tourism and cultural sector professionals, holding a creative drawing contest for schoolchildren to promote cultural heritage awareness, hosting an exhibition at the Šilalė Vladas Statkevičius Museum on archaeological findings from the hillfort, and arranging a conference to discuss the project's implementation and achievements.

ADAPTATION OF MARITIME HERITAGE FOR PROMOTION OF CULTURE, CULTURAL NETWORKING WITH THE PURPOSE OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Project duration: 34 months (2019-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Lithuanian Sea Museum (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 2

The overall objective of the project was to develop tourism in the border area by adapting maritime heritage to enrich culture and develop historical and cultural tourism in the East Baltics, specifically in Klaipėda County. Key infrastructure development activities included reconstructing the fishery vessel Dubingai into a museum area, creating a new exposition, establishing an educational outdoor children's playground, and acquiring equipment for hologram movie demonstrations.

Soft activities involved organizing conferences on maritime heritage and shipbuilding, publishing a catalogue „Historical vessels at the Baltic” on historical Baltic vessels in English and Lithuanian, producing a hologram video on the history of shipbuilding and sailing in the Baltic, and creating mini models of three historic vessels with digital versions accessible online.

CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION

Project duration: 30 months (2019-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Lithuanian Sea Museum (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary

The overall objective of the project was to contribute to the development of cultural tourism in the border area, with the specific goal of increasing the number of tourists visiting institutions in Klaipėda County. Infrastructure development activities included restoring and adapting the Neringa Fort premises for disabled access, developing two tourism routes focused on fortification and the conservation of rare animal species and biodiversity in the Curonian Spit, and installing a digital kiosk to provide tourists with information about these routes.

Soft activities included organizing an outdoor exhibition with stands promoting tourism objects in the Curonian Spit, conducting a workshop on involving the elderly in volunteering with over 60 participants, and hosting a conference in Klaipėda on adapting cultural heritage sites to modern conditions.

CULTURAL HERITAGE AT BORDER REGION - FOR TOURISM AND COOPERATION

Project duration: 24 months (2019-2021)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Šakiai district municipality administration (Marijampolė county), Lead Beneficiary
- Nemunas Euroregion Marijampolė bureau (Marijampolė county), Beneficiary No 2

The overall objective of the project was to improve cultural awareness by implementing marketing activities and promoting prominent cultural heritage sites to increase tourist flow and number of tourists accommodated in these and other sites in the border area of Lithuania, specifically in Marijampolė County. The project aimed to create opportunities for interesting and attractive visits, organize cultural and cognitive events at improved cultural heritage objects and share information about these sites.

Infrastructure development activities included renovating the Kiduliai manor barn and adapting it for modern expositions and public events, along with purchasing exhibition equipment and furniture for the renovated premises. Additionally, a cultural tourism route was developed, highlighting the best historical and cultural heritage sites in the Šakiai region. Soft activities involved organizing a series of social events such as workshops, painting plein-air and poetry readings for specialists in intangible cultural heritage sphere, holding a conference about cultural heritage in the Šakiai region, and creating a cultural tourism route map available in both paper and electronic versions.

HISTORY INCUBATOR

Project duration: 24 months (2019-2021)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Pagėgiai Region Tourism Information Centre (Tauragė county), Lead Beneficiary

The overall objective of the project was to promote the identity of the border region and revitalize its cultural and historical heritage by increasing the number of accommodations and tourists in Tauragė County within three years after the project's completion. The project aimed to create a new tourism route by adapting cultural and historical heritage objects for tourism.

"History Incubator" was established in the Vilkyškiai manor stables serving as a tourism attraction for educational and recreational activities. A multifunctional knowledge center was also established as part of the "History Incubator," equipped with audio-visual equipment and furniture. Soft activities included creating an innovative virtual tour of the "By Roads of Queen Louise" route, preparing and publishing an informative brochure and map about the history of Eastern Prussia and the route's most interesting tourism objects in both Lithuanian and English, and developing a virtual tour guide about cultural heritage objects. Two virtual reality animation films were created for the "History Incubator" and mobile viewing. A conference to promote the project's achievements was organized at the "History Incubator" in Vilkyškiai.

COMMON HERITAGE OF CURONIAN LAGOON: FROM EXTRAORDINARY TO FAMILIAR

Project duration: 29 months (2019-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- PO "Kintai Arts" (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary
- Klaipėda University (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 4
- Administration of Šilutė district municipality (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 6

The overall objective of the project was to impact general tourism in the border region by activating the Curonian lagoon tourism potential. The project aimed to attract tourists interested in educational and cultural tourism, thereby contributing to increased tourism rates in the region.

Infrastructure development activities included creating a water tourism route across the Curonian Lagoon and a land tourism route in the Curonian Spit, both with information stands. The former elementary school in Kintai was renovated and transformed into a multifunctional educational crafts center for constructing and training in the production of replicas of ancient boats, weathercocks and ceramics. Additionally, a replica of the Kurenas fishing boat was reconstructed for tourism and educational purposes. Soft activities included preparing and releasing an almanac on the developed water and land tourism routes in both digital and print formats in Lithuanian and English. Traditional weathercocks and ceramic products were produced and exhibited at the educational crafts center in Kintai. Six educational programs on various aspects of crafts were developed, and relevant workshops for tourists and local communities were organized.

LIVE HISTORY

Project duration: 24 months (2020-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- The Curonian History Club (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 3

The overall objective of the project was to contribute to an increase in the number of accommodated tourists in Lithuania by attracting more visitors to tourism objects and increasing accommodations at sites developed within the project.

Infrastructure development activities included opening the mobile exhibition "Curonians Village," which consisted of mobile Curonian fisherman's, farmer's and Viking family houses and a fence in Klaipėda district, along with the purchase of historic costumes for actors. Soft activities involved organizing a festival dedicated to crafts in Klaipėda, hosting a conference for specialists in history, culture and tourism, and exhibiting the mobile exhibition in six Lithuanian museums and exhibitions. The project's achievements were also presented at the Adventur exhibition in Vilnius.

TOURISM&CULTURE BRIDGES

Project duration: 24 months (2020-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Alytus City Theatre (Alytus county), Beneficiary No 2

The overall objective of the project was to increase the number of accommodated tourists and visitors to cultural sites in Alytus County.

Soft activities included producing a brochure, a book and a film about the history of Alytus City Theater in Lithuanian and English. Information stands about cultural activities were set up, and a major cultural event featuring roundtable discussions, exhibition, press conference, concert, and play was organized. A theatre tour with performances at the Alytus and Simnas culture centers was held for local residents, tourists, Ukrainian refugees, and culture sector representatives. Additionally, a creative laboratory was established for Alytus theatre employees to develop children's plays, and a school of performing arts was created to provide acting trainings and seminars. Several plays were performed publicly, and a creative camp with master classes was conducted to enhance theatrical skills for pupils and students in Alytus.

KANTOMANNIA

Project duration: 24 months (2020-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Neringa museums (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 2

The overall objective of the project was to increase the number of accommodated tourists in the Programme area by enhancing the expositions and developing new products at institutions.

Infrastructure development activities included creating a new museum display at the Curonian Spit History Museum in Nida, designed for tourist, educational, and community purposes, and developing a new tourist route linking Neringa museums with at least six historical sites in the Curonian Spit and Klaipėda region. Soft activities involved hosting a cultural event to open the new display in Nida, producing a multilingual print guide and a map for the new tourist route, and presenting the route at the ADVENTUR tourist fair in Vilnius. An info tour along the route was organized for journalists, local residents, youth, and cultural representatives. Additionally, a youth essay competition in Neringa Municipality and a creative workshop for young people, with results exhibited at the Thomas Mann Museum in Nida, were conducted. A "Friends' Homes Tour" was organized for active community members and stakeholders along the new tourist route.

BALTIC REGION CULTURAL TOURISM

Project duration: 24 months (2020-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Palanga Tourism Information Center (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 2

The overall objective of the project was to foster the development of sustainable tourism in Baltic Sea region resorts by promoting local culture and historic heritage, raising awareness of the resorts, and mitigating the impact of seasonality. The project aimed to enhance sustainable tourism practices, boost tourist numbers at Baltic Sea resorts, and enrich understanding of the cultural and historical heritage of these destinations.

Infrastructure development activities included purchasing VR equipment for a 3D film and photobooth, creating a tourist tour called "Palanga Yesterday and Today" and installing ten information stands near historical and cultural heritage sites. Soft activities involved creating and presenting a 3D film with ten VR clips on the history of the Palanga resort at the Palanga Resort Museum, producing a 2D version of that film for promotional purposes, and preparing a multilingual travel guide. An interactive exhibition titled "Palanga Yesterday and Today" was established at Palanga Tourism Information Center, along with thematic photobooth backgrounds. The project also organized an online conference on tourism in Lithuania and a communication event at the Palanga Resort Museum to showcase the project's achievements.

HERITAGE4LIFE

Project duration: 30 months (2020-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Neringa Municipality Administration (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary

The overall objective of the project was to increase the number of tourists in Klaipėda region through durable cooperation.

Infrastructure development included restoring the Preila's library into a multifunctional community center and purchasing necessary equipment and furniture. A tourist route named "The Road of Cultural Heritage", featuring QR codes and five cultural heritage sites in Neringa Municipality, was developed. Additionally, a mobile application called Heritage4life and a video showcasing this tourism route and its sites were created as a part of project's soft activities. They also included organizing two practical workshops on cultural heritage and tourism in Neringa, hosting an online cultural event and the "Spring of Poetry and Melody" event with the official opening of the restored Preila's library.

AMBER COAST

Project duration: 33 months (2020-2023)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Palanga Tourism Information Center (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary

The overall objective of the project was to promote historical and natural heritage, increase public interest in heritage sites, and boost the number of accommodated tourists. The project aimed to develop sustainable transnational tourism, increase the number of tourists visiting the region for cultural and educational purposes, and enhance knowledge of cultural heritage among tourists.

Infrastructure development included repairing and equipping the main visitors' hall at Palanga Tourism Information Center, developing and testing a new tourism route called "Amber Routes," and purchasing two info terminals and Sun Eco stations for Palanga and Šventoji Tourism Information Centers. Soft activities involved organizing six training sessions for tourism specialists and craftsmen, preparing an analysis of Palanga's tourism services, creating an informational video and various materials about the "Amber Routes" and hosting a conference on new tourism products in Palanga. Additionally, an Open-Door Day event was organized at Palanga Tourism Information Center, and an informational database on heritage sites was prepared and published on the Palanga Tourism Information Center's website.

ECOTOURISM AS A TOOL FOR PRESERVATION NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Project duration: 24 months (2020-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Klaipėda University (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 3
- Administration of Minor Lithuania protected areas (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 4

The overall objective of the project was to develop tourism in the border area by increasing the flow of tourists participating in eco-routes.

Infrastructure development included purchasing ten kayaks and life safety jackets for a sea-based tourism eco-route. Soft activities involved creating an educational program and tutorial on eco-tourism for the Curonian Spit, preparing an analytical report on the tourism eco-route in Pajūrio Regional Park, testing a section of the sea-based eco-route, and organizing a conference to celebrate the Curonian Spit's Jubilee as a UNESCO site.

GENIUS LOCI IN DIALOGUE AND MOTION: CREATING SPACE FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Project duration: 20 months (2021-2023)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Neringa museums (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 2
- Kintai Vydunas Cultural Center (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 3

The overall objective of the project was to stimulate tourism growth by contributing to the cultural attractiveness of the Klaipėda region. The project aimed to increase the number of tourists visiting institutions by improving their expositions and developing new products, improving sites of cultural heritage, and fostering closer cooperation among cultural service providers.

In Klaipėda county infrastructure development included installing a new museum display and a multimedia stand called "Take a Photo as Thomas Mann" in Nida. A portable module was set up at the Thomas Mann House Museum, along with an audio guide system. Additionally, the "Vydūnas light trail" educational installation, a Vydūnas bench, and a navigation system were established at the Vydūnas Museum in Kintai. A portable module for outdoor use was also installed there. Soft activities featured a cultural event to open the new display in Nida, the "Genius of Enlightenment" music and light festival in Nida, and a light festival in Kintai. A round table discussion for tourism and culture experts was organized to promote regional tourism.

INCREASING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF HERITAGE OBJECTS BY BIKING

Project duration: 22 months (2021-2023)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Palanga Town Municipality Administration (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 2

The overall objective of the project was to increase tourism flows in the Klaipėda region by increasing accessibility to historical, natural and cultural heritage through biking in Palanga and surroundings.

Infrastructure development included creating a bicycle tourism route in Palanga with double-sided information screens, arrow signs, an information stand and terminals. Additionally, two solar battery charging stations were installed in Palanga and Šventoji. Soft activities involved preparing a description of a thematic bicycle tourism tour, organizing an online seminar for specialists in sport, culture, and tourism, and developing an action plan for promoting tourism routes. Three virtual booklets covering culture, nature, history and archaeology of Palanga were published on the Palanga Tourism Information Center's website.

ADAPTATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE OBJECTS TO TOURIST AND CULTURAL NEEDS IN ŠILUTĖ

Project duration: 18 months (2021-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Administration of Šilutė district municipality (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary

The overall objective of the project was to increase the number of accommodated tourists in Silute district municipality. The project aimed to attract more local and foreign tourists to cultural heritage sites and cultural objects improved during its implementation.

Infrastructure development included reconstructing a former sanatorium building into a multifunctional center for tourism and local community needs, with new furniture and conference equipment. Soft activities involved organizing a study tour for specialists in tourism and culture sectors to Kelmė district and hosting a seminar to promote cultural heritage and local culture for specialists.

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY LED SERVICES BY MEANS OF PROMOTION OF CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION BETWEEN CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

Project duration: 18 months (2021-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Neringa Art School (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 2

The project aimed to increase investment in the cultural sector by establishing a unique network for cultural institutions and increasing the participation of local and regional NGOs in cooperation initiatives.

In Klaipėda county infrastructure development included installing an outdoor interactive complex of musical instruments near Neringa Art School and purchasing a fortepiano for the school. Soft activities featured a conference showcasing project achievements and improved infrastructure, a "Music on Canvas" plein-air event for Neringa Art School students, an exhibition of the resulting drawings and a series of outdoor music and music therapy workshops.

THE CURONIAN SPIT: THE HERITAGE FOR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

Project duration: 18 months (2021-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Neringa municipality administration (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to increase the number of accommodated tourists in the Curonian Spit, specifically targeting an increase in Neringa Municipality.

Infrastructure development included elaborating and promoting a tourism route with four objects in Neringa Municipality through mass and social media and a brochure. Additionally, the natural and historical heritage site Urbo Hill in Nida was improved and adapted for tourism. Soft activities comprised a workshop on tourism routes in the Curonian Spit, a cultural event in Nida promoting the Curonian Spit's outstanding values, and the presentation of the tourism route and the Curonian Spit at the "ReiseLust 2022" tourism exhibition in Bremen, Germany.

CULTURE UNITES PEOPLE

Project duration: 18 months (2021-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Kalvariija municipality administration (Marijampolė county), Lead Beneficiary
- Culture center of Kalvariija municipality (Marijampolė county), Beneficiary No 3

The overall objective of the project was to increase the number of accommodated tourists in the core regions of the Programme, specifically targeting Kalvariija.

In Marijampolė county infrastructure improvements included purchasing stage equipment and national costumes for the Kalvariija culture centre and creating a tourism route with QR codes and an info stand about history and cultural heritage. Soft activities comprised organizing an arts festival and a youth culture festival in Kalvariija, setting up a mobile exhibition in three cultural institutions, publishing a book about historical sites and people, and conducting an online promotion campaign for the tourism route and cultural tourism in Kalvariija.

**PRIORITY 2.1 PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AND
COOPERATION IN CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION REGION
THROUGH IMPROVED HEALTH, SOCIAL AND EDUCATION SERVICES
AND COMMUNITY LED INITIATIVES**

IMPLEMENTATION OF INNOVATIVE PSYCHOSOCIAL AND PHYSICAL REHABILITATION METHODS FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS IN CROSS BORDER AREA

Project duration: 24 months (2019-2021)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Public Institution Center of Recreation and Rehabilitation "Pusynas" of the Ministry of the Interior of The Republic of Lithuania (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary
- Palanga Health Care Centre (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 3

The project aimed to support the integration of vulnerable groups into education, the labor market, and social life by introducing innovative psychosocial and physical rehabilitation methods.

Infrastructure improvements included repairing and adapting rooms for disabled patients and rehabilitation services at the Public Institution Center of Recreation and Rehabilitation "Pusynas". Equipment and furniture for the psychosocial and physical rehabilitation were purchased for the same institution and for Palanga Health Care Centre. Additionally, a comprehensive set of psychosocial and physical rehabilitation services was developed and provided to over 98,000 vulnerable individuals. The project also organized training for healthcare specialists and an international online conference focused on rehabilitating vulnerable groups during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROMOTION OF BREAST COLORECTAL CANCER PREVENTION MEASURES IN CROSS BORDER TERRITORIES

Project duration: 27 months (2019-2021)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Public institution Republic Klaipėda Hospital (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary
- Klaipėda University (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 2

The project aimed to increase the early detection rates of breast and colorectal cancer in Klaipėda County by 10%. To achieve this, new diagnostic equipment was purchased, enhancing medical services for cancer prevention and early diagnosis.

Additionally, the project developed and disseminated methodological recommendations, organized training programs and an online conference for healthcare specialists, and facilitated an internship for physicians to exchange best practices in cancer prevention diagnostics.

SOCCO-OPERATION

Project duration: 21 months (2019-2021)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Public equivalent body Kazlu Ruda's social support center (Marijampolė county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to increase employment among people with disabilities and their family members by 20% and lift 15% of the elderly and disabled above the poverty line. To achieve this, it focused on reducing social exclusion by improving living conditions and providing new services for 160 individuals while enhancing nursing and social care knowledge for 50 people.

Infrastructure improvements included modernizing the kitchen at Kazlu Ruda's Social Support Center, purchasing a vehicle for disabled transportation, and installing a lift adapted for the disabled. In addition to infrastructure, the project emphasized education and awareness. Online training sessions on disability care were organized for family members, healthcare specialists, and volunteers. The project also included an online demonstration of the modernized kitchen and a lecture on healthy food preparation, along with an online conference on implementing advanced technology and innovation in nursing and social care.

QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Project duration: 42 months (2020-2024)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Kalvarija Hospital (Marijampolė county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to enhance the efficiency of healthcare services in Kalvarija municipality, ultimately increasing life expectancy in the region. It focused on improving the skills and qualifications of healthcare specialists, particularly those working with disadvantaged groups, and creating better access to quality diagnostic and rehabilitation services for residents, especially those from vulnerable populations.

Infrastructure improvements included the renovation of four premises at Kalvarija hospital to better serve vulnerable groups and staff, as well as the purchase of furniture, IT tools, and medical equipment to enhance rehabilitation services. In addition to infrastructure enhancements, the project emphasized the training and education of healthcare professionals. It organized multiple workshops, seminars, and practical training sessions on personal health services, physical medicine, and rehabilitation. A study visit to Marijampolė hospital was also arranged for healthcare specialists. A round table discussion on rehabilitation and prevention was held, as well as a conference focused on the availability of medical services for socially vulnerable groups. Public outreach was conducted through an open gym day campaign and an open doors event at Kalvarija hospital, where residents were tested using newly acquired equipment. The project successfully improved three diagnostic services—ophthalmology, echoscopy, and electrocardiography—and one rehabilitation service at Kalvarija hospital.

HEALTH PROGRAMME IN ŠILALE

Project duration: 42 months (2020-2024)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Hospital of Šilalè district (Tauragė county), Beneficiary No 2

The project aimed to increase life expectancy by 2% in Šilale municipality by enhancing access to restorative treatment and rehabilitation services.

In Šilale, the physical medicine and rehabilitation department of the district hospital was modernized, with repairs to premises, improvements in accessibility for the disabled, and the purchase of modern medical equipment, furniture, and IT tools, including equipment for the physiotherapist's workplace. Additionally, access roads and parking lots for patients were upgraded to facilitate better service delivery.

The project also emphasized improving rehabilitation services and educating the community. This included a seminar on diagnosing, preventing, and rehabilitating acute disorders, a scientific conference on current rehabilitation issues, and a study tour for hospital staff to various rehabilitation centers. Rehabilitation services were provided to 1,634 residents, while 12 meetings and 10 social events focused on promoting healthy lifestyles and disease prevention, reaching over 340 residents of Šilale.

DEVELOPMENT OF HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES IN CROSS BORDER TERRITORIES

Project duration: 24 months (2020-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Public institution Klaipėda Palliative Care Hospital (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to improve the quality of palliative care services by 10% in Klaipėda County, focusing on increasing the number of patients receiving improved care by 48% and ensuring that patients' pain intensity levels did not exceed mild pain.

To support this, the hospice premises in Klaipėda were repaired, and essential medical and palliative care equipment and furniture were purchased for the Klaipėda Palliative Care Hospital.

Additionally, the quality of care for vulnerable groups was enhanced through the development of 4 recommendations and 4 training programs on effective palliative care. A conference on EU best practices in palliative care was organized, alongside 6 training sessions for healthcare specialists, policymakers, NGOs, volunteers, and local residents.

BREAKING THE BARRIERS IN CHILDREN REHABILITATION: FROM CORRECTION TOWARDS INCLUSIVE COLLABORATION

Project duration: 24 months (2020-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Klaipėda University (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 2
- Lithuanian Sea Museum (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 4

The project aimed to enhance social inclusion for children with psychomotor disabilities in the cross-border area by improving diagnostic and rehabilitation services, increasing the qualifications of medical staff, and providing family consulting services.

Key infrastructure developments included the establishment of an innovative laboratory for social skill development at the Lithuanian Sea Museum and a Neurosensomotor laboratory in Klaipėda, both equipped with specialized furniture and medical equipment.

Soft activities involved preparing and implementing early diagnostic methodologies, evaluating over 200 children, and offering advanced rehabilitation services to more than 40 children. The project also produced scientific articles, organized a seminar for families, provided consultation services to 20 families, conducted training for healthcare specialists, published and disseminated a guidebook on interdisciplinary rehabilitation. An online festival "I Can, and What About You?" was held for children with disabilities and healthcare specialists.

MEDICAL SERVICES FOR ELDERLY

Project duration: 30 months (2021-2023)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Pagègiai municipality administration (Tauragė county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to enhance early diagnosis of illnesses by 2% and improve the availability of palliative care services by 1% by improving the quality of healthcare services.

Key infrastructure activities included the overhaul of the Pagègiai Primary Health Care Centre, with adaptations for disabled people and the establishment of a nursing hospital. Soft activities involved organizing a community conference to present the improved healthcare services and hosting an experience exchange visit for healthcare specialists to health care institutions in Pagègiai.

SILVER AGE

Project duration: 24 months (2021-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Marijampolė Petras Kriaučiūnas Public Library (Marijampole county), Beneficiary No 3

The project aimed to reduce social isolation among seniors by establishing a Community for Social Integration of Senior Citizens and enhancing their integration through new educational services and practical skills within a framework.

Key infrastructure activities included the purchase of a video-conferencing system and the installation of a multicultural space for senior citizens called "Terrace of Knowledge" at Marijampolė Petras Kriaučiūnas Public Library, complete with outdoor furniture and WiFi.

Soft activities encompassed organizing a variety of courses for seniors, including English, human ecology, urban and creativity development, as well as an experience exchange camp called "Mobile Senior." Additionally, a seminar on integrating and empowering seniors in society was held for experts and organizations working with the elderly.

COOPERATION FOR INTEGRATION OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS EXPERIENCING SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Project duration: 18 months (2021-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Marijampolė Petras Kriauciunas Public Library (Marijampolė county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to improve the integration and socialization of children and adolescents facing poverty and social exclusion through cross-border cooperation. To achieve this, premises of the Children and Youth Education Center at Marijampolė Public Library were renovated, and equipped to create six functional spaces for activities catering to socially vulnerable children and adolescents.

A range of soft activities was implemented, including creative workshops, summer camps, and an Entrepreneurship and Innovation school, leading to the development of seven business ideas. Additionally, five creative projects were completed, and a conference on social integration for children and adolescents was held, along with an Olympic day for children from Lithuania and Ukraine.

MEDICAL CARE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

Project duration: 27 months (2021-2023)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Public institution Kretinga Hospital (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to improve healthcare accessibility for elderly people in Kretinga district by 8% by reducing the hospitalization rate of patients aged 65 and above by 5% and ensuring that 2,567 additional elderly patients receive improved care and supportive medical services.

As part of the infrastructure development, diagnostic and medical equipment was purchased for Kretinga Hospital, enhancing early disease diagnosis and supportive care services for the elderly. Soft activities included the development of three methodical recommendations and training programs on quality healthcare services for the elderly, alongside a seminar, a conference, and training sessions for healthcare specialists, social workers, and family members. The project also organized an online educational conference focused on patient safety and quality healthcare services for nurses and doctors.

CHILDREN'S RESPIRATORY VIRAL DISEASES

Project duration: 27 months (2021-2023)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Public institution Klaipėda Children's Hospital (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to reduce the hospitalization period of children in target areas by 5% through improved efficiency in diagnosis and treatment. It focused on increasing the number of children undergoing medical examinations for early diagnosis and prevention of respiratory viral diseases by 10%.

To support this, diagnostic and treatment equipment was purchased for Klaipėda Children's Hospital, enhancing its services for diagnosing and treating children's respiratory viral diseases. Additionally, two methodical recommendations and three training programs were developed to improve diagnostics, with various conferences and training sessions organized for healthcare specialists and family members. The project also facilitated an experience exchange event titled “Modern Diagnostic & Treatment of Respiratory Viral Diseases among Children at the Klaipėda children hospital” to share best practices and improve the overall quality of care provided to children.

**PRIORITY 3.1 PROMOTION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN PUBLIC
AUTHORITY INSTITUTIONS AND STRENGTHENING LOCAL
COMMUNITIES**

THE CURONIAN SPIT: FIGHTING THE FIRES

Project duration: 27 months (2019-2021)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Budgetary Institution "Services for Neringa" (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 2

The project aimed to enhance the capacity of Lithuanian firefighters and raise awareness among residents and tourists about fire risks in the Curonian Spit by improving the operation of fire rescue services through training and the sharing of best practices, ensuring faster fire response times.

To achieve these goals, fire-fighting equipment, goods, and a vehicle were purchased, with staff receiving training on their use. Brochures on forest safety and emergency recommendations were distributed, and five fire-fighting information stands were installed in the Curonian Spit National Park. Additionally, over 100 firefighters and volunteers participated in joint training sessions and exercises, and a fire management plan for the border area was prepared.

ACTIVE DIALOGUE – FOUNDATION OF MODERN SELF-GOVERNMENT

Project duration: 29 months (2019-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Šilalė District Municipality Administration (Tauragė county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to support good governance at the local and regional levels by fostering cooperation between public authorities and local communities, with a focus on increasing openness and transparency in Šilalė and strengthening dialogue between local authorities and civil societies.

To achieve these goals, the council hall was repaired and equipped with modern technology for online broadcasting, data archiving, voting, and audio-visual control. A series of online trainings were organized for council members and administration specialists on corruption prevention, and for civil society representatives on engaging in policy dialogue with local authorities. Additionally, discussions between local authorities and civil society were held to enhance collaboration and ensure transparent governance. A modern self-government day event was also conducted online, focusing on corruption prevention and citizen participation in decision-making.

E - DEMOCRACY AND DIALOGUE

Project duration: 24 months (2020-2022)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Pagėgiai Municipality Administration (Tauragė county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to improve the quality and effectiveness of public governance and promote e-democracy tools in Pagėgiai, enhancing dialogue between local authorities and citizens and fostering cross-border cooperation for better governance.

To support these goals, the Council room at Pagėgiai municipality administration was repaired, furnished, and technologically adapted for online meeting broadcasts. The project also included an experience exchange visit to Klaipėda and Birštonas municipalities focused on e-governance, and an open discussion with NGOs on public involvement in decision-making. A concept for citizen participation in local decision-making was developed and published, with a public event in Pagėgiai to present it. Further activities included the creation and dissemination of informative materials about the importance of citizen involvement, a conference on citizen participation and multiple trainings and workshops for Pagėgiai Council members and officials on decision-making, leadership, and maintaining public dialogue.

HQ-RESPOND

Project duration: 37 months (2020-2023)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary

The project aimed to enhance security for residents of the border region by addressing the risks of floods and forest fires.

To achieve this, specialized vehicles, equipment, and clothing for firefighters were purchased, and the headquarters of the Fire and Rescue Department in Klaipėda were renovated.

Additionally, workshops, discussions, and an Emergency Response exercise were organized to build the capacities of Lithuanian firefighters and rescuers. A large-scale simulation exercise of a forest fire in the border region was conducted, involving firefighters, rescuers, foresters, the Red Cross, police, local authorities, and vulnerable groups in Pervalka.

INCREASING YOUTH SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOSTERING INCLUSION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN CROSS-BORDER REGION

Project duration: 26 months (2021-2023)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Vilkaviškis district municipality administration (Marijampolė county), Lead Beneficiary
- Vilkaviškis district sports school (Marijampolė county), Beneficiary No 2

The project aimed to boost physical activity among school-age children and youth across Lithuania region by enhancing cooperation between public institutions and local communities.

The renovation of Kybartai city stadium, including the purchase of equipment and inventory for youth soccer teams, was completed, and the stadium was officially opened and presented to the public.

Soft activities included a workshop for coaches and physical education teachers, training for municipality officials on sports governance, and the organization of the summer camp to promote physical activity. Additionally, two conferences on project achievements and youth sports promotion were held, and a youth football league was established to encourage physical activity and strengthen sports organization cooperation.

CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION FROM COAST TO COAST

Project duration: 30 months (2021-2023)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Gargždai area museum (Klaipėda county), Lead Beneficiary
- Neringa municipality administration (Klaipėda county), Beneficiary No 2

The project aimed to enhance and sustain cooperation between local public authorities, communities, and NGOs in Klaipėda region, strengthening local ties and cultural engagement.

Infrastructure development included the renovation of the "Vila Monbijou" community center in Neringa, which now serves as a space for cultural and educational activities, and the restoration of J. Genys' mill mechanisms in Agluonėnai, where three exposition buildings were created for cultural, educational, and social events. Soft activities involved organizing two public workshops on traditional crafts with a Living Craft Demonstration Day in Juodkrantė and Agluonėnai, as well as a conference in Agluonėnai that showcased project achievements and included a Barn Theatre creative workshop.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CROSS-BORDER NETWORK OF PUBLIC INITIATIVE SUPPORT CENTRES

Project duration: 22 months (2021-2023)

Project EU beneficiaries:

- Tauragė District Municipality Administration (Tauragė county), Beneficiary No 4
- Tauragė City Local Action Group (Tauragė county), Beneficiary No 5

The project aimed to enhance the capacities of NGOs in Tauragė by establishing Centers of Public Initiatives and boosting community engagement.

Infrastructure development involved equipping the Center of Public Initiatives in Tauragė with necessary furniture and equipment, which facilitated the implementation of community-led projects. Soft activities included organizing three seminars for community and NGO leaders, developing five new community initiatives, and holding two networking sessions that resulted in four NGOs committing to future projects. Additionally, three community-strengthening events were held, a website with an events calendar of Tauragė Public Initiative Support Centre (PISC) was created, and a set of recommendations for supporting local PISC was developed. A conference was also organized to showcase the project's achievements.