







CITIZEN`S SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2018

The Interreg V-A Latvia – Lithuania Programme 2014 – 2020 (hereinafter – Programme) was approved by the European Commission on 30 November, 2015. The total budget of the Programme is 69,62 m EUR, of which 66,32 m EUR ERDF for funding cooperation projects between Latvian and Lithuanian organisations.

The objective of the Programme is to contribute to the sustainable and cohesive socio – economic development of the Programme regions by helping to make them more competitive and attractive for living, working and visiting.

PRIORITY	Priority budget (million EUR)	Allocated (million EUR)	Available (million EUR)	Contracted projects
 Sustainable and clean environment	22,04	13,54	8,50	26
 Employment and labour mobility	17,63	17,63	0,00	20
 Social inclusion	14,00	7,27	6,73*	25**
 Efficient public services	12,65	6,94	5,70	16
Total	66,32	45,38	20,93	87

*additional 1,72 m EUR are committed to 3 not yet contracted projects

**additional 3 projects in contracting phase

The Programme area includes Kurzeme, Zemgale and Latgale in Latvia and Klaipėda, Telšiai, Šiauliai, Panevėžys, Utena, Kaunas in Lithuania.





In 2018 84 projects were under implementation, 3 projects already finished their activities but 3 projects still were in contracting phase.

347 project partners are implementing projects:

LV partners – 185

LT partners – 151.

11 partners from 3 projects (6 LV partners and 5 LT partners) waited for their projects to commence.

In December 2018 European Commission approved Programme amendments and thus together with ERDF co-financing left after previous two Calls for Proposals, 19,2 m EUR of ERDF financing became available for the 3rd Call for Proposals, which announcement is expected in spring 2019.



The Programme was promoted in number of events. Many projects and their contribution to the sustainable development of cross-border region of Latvia and Lithuania was highlighted during Balts' Unity Day celebration on 22 September in Jelgava. About 600 people visited informative tent of the Programme at Hercogs Jēkabs square. There they could watch premiere of Programme's video and see Programme's travelling photo exhibition, and take part in the quiz prepared by the Programme to visit 12 Programme's objects in Jelgava. 15 of participants visited all 12 objects and won prizes.



Programme`s photo exhibition of Programme`s projects in Vilnius shopping centre "Europa", Lithuanian School in Riga and Lithuanian Embassy in Latvia, Jelgava castle, Anykščiai art incubator in Lithuania and Kaunas City Council.



In order to promote diverse projects of Programme, mobile application "LAT LIT VIETA" was elaborated containing more than 160 objects from Programme`s projects being implemented across all four Programme`s priorities in both countries. Programme has handpicked only part of its sites that are accessible to general public and interesting to visit in the meantime trying to give a glimpse of the wealth of Programme`s objects. Map of all Programme`s sites can be viewed on Programme`s website <https://latlit.eu/supported-projects/>. More objects will be added as they become available to visitors upon progress of the projects implementation. Users of the app can collect points by visiting each object. With a minimum of 15 points (15 objects visited) user can claim a souvenir from the Programme or choose to continue playing and

get more valuable prizes. Users of the app can collect points by visiting each object. With a minimum of 15 points (15 objects visited) user can claim a souvenir from the Programme or choose to continue playing and get more valuable prizes. To download app, visit Google Play (for Android phones) or App Store (for iOS phones) and search for "LAT LIT VIETA".



More information on Programme and Programme`s forthcoming events is available on webpage www.latlit.eu

COMPLETED PROJECT EXAMPLE

Project number	LLI-136
Project title	Improvement of living condition in deprived territories through creation of sustainable, active and healthy communities
Project acronym	Regenerate deprived communities in the regions
Lead Partner	Biržai district municipality administration
Project duration	01/09/2018-31/10/2018
ERDF EUR	169 766



The objective of the project - to improve living conditions in Biržai and Nereta municipalities by promoting employment of social groups.

During project skate park in Birzai was constructed and sport hall in Nereta secondary school was renovated.

Both places are actively used by young people and students.

Renovated sport hall provides space for community meetings and events.

In spring 2018 two Birzai and Nereta communities friendship sport events were organized with more than 100 participants.

Trainings for community members (4 seminars and 1 practical training) were

organized in Birzai and Nereta in summer 2018 with 100

participants in each.

Training events forged closer links between the communities, motivated and encouraged social involvement.

COMPLETED PROJECT EXAMPLE

Project number	LLI-228
Project title	Family valley
Project acronym	FV
Lead Partner	Administration of Kretinga District municipality
Project duration	01/05/2017-31/10/2018
ERDF EUR	197 041



The main objective of the project was to tackle social exclusion problems in Ilūkste (Latvia) and Kretinga (Lithuania) and to create spaces (Family Valley) freely available for local communities.

In Kretinga children playground with outdoor cinema system was created and used by 300 households. In Ilūkste ice skating rink was established and 44 ice skates were bought. 400 people from Ilūkste region participated in project activities.

A lot of attention was paid for socially excluded families. Project organized various meetings and workshops, camps in Latvia and Lithuania where

families could socialize with each other.

During 6 workshops families had the opportunity to try new methods in communication, parenting, as well as cooking together with the whole family and making handicrafts. These activities brought family members together.

9 meetings with psychologists allowed families in Kretinga to gain knowledge from specialists and consult with them. Meetings with psychologists brought together families by revealing that most of them has similar challenges and sharing best experiences in solving them.