

Active Citizens Fund in Latvia

**INFORMATION ABOUT PARTICIPATING CSOs  
 FROM LATVIA**

1. Matchmaking event, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 11:00 CET

<b>1.Name of Organization</b>	Piekrastes konvents ( <i>Coastal Convention</i> )
<b>Short description</b>	<p>Goals: sustainable local community development respecting the environment, traditions and technological advances. Our main focus is small coastal village, where there are many challenges in all our focused aspects - people, environment, nature. We want our village to become the place to be for happy and knowledgeable people. Who can help this place to grow in a sustainable way.</p> <p>We look forward to hear youth ideas and views of possible future development of our village. What makes for them this an interesting and meaningful place to live. As well how to involve older people on our organisation activates. We are open to new ideas how to start. Keeping our focus the same - people, environment, nature. We have many challenges in future to come. Regarding people - education, environment - sustainable development, nature - keep it clean and untouched.</p>

<b>2.Name of Organization</b>	House of hope
<b>Short description</b>	<p>Goal of the organization is support for kids, youths, families for better future.</p> <p>Projects from last three years: Hope 21 project, Social effectiveness project with governments support , Youth cafe social businesses.</p> <p>Activities which organization wants to realize in cooperation are: establish a project to regularly support education and employment for youth at risk.</p>

<b>3.Name of Organization</b>	Local Action Group "Zied zeme"
<b>Short description</b>	<p>The purpose of the local action group is to create sustainable development of the "Land in Bloom" territory based on public-private partnerships and the growth of responsible civil society.</p> <p>Based on the project "European cooperation project on coworking spaces in rural areas" our Local action group in 2019 created coworking space "CoLabora Lielvārde". The goal is in national and international level develop knowledge about coworking spaces in rural areas. In "CoLabora Lielvarde" we have 16 residents and we organize seminars, workshops for entrepreneurs to develop their business and economy in rural areas. Coworking spaces can be one of the solutions of smart village concept, which is very important aspect for us. We have also LEADER Transnational Cooperation Project "Smart Villages Leader Network" with six LAG-partners. The aim of the project is to exchange of good practices related with smart local development and implement best practice learned from study visits.</p> <p>We want to learn about coworking spaces in rural areas in other countries.</p>

<b>4.Name of Organization</b>	RUCAVA TRADITION CLUB
<b>Short description</b>	<p>The main goal is: to acquire and popularize the tradition culture heritage, especially cultivate Rucava traditions. There are 3 directions, in which we do our actions: 1. the celebrations of Solstice; 2. Rucavas social life traditions- wedding, baptism (traditional christening), funeral and joint Work traditions in connecting with traditional specific kinds of singing - the ancient kind of communication. 3.the keeping of Rucava crafts traditions.</p> <p>We organize summer solstice fest at 21of June at the Sea in village Pape, ethnographical house "Vitolnieki" every year from 2007</p>



We organize a summer camp ( which lasts 1 -2 weeks) - "Zvanītāji" summer school" from 2002 year, in which interested acquire a basic of different crafts, playing on different music instruments - traditional kokle, pipe and others, learn singing and dancing  
 For interested and tourist We have tradition culture programmes, in which we give information about rich culture heritage of Rucava, and is impossible eating and testing of Rucava tradition meals. And is impossible masterclasses of preparing Rucava white butter and tasting of Rucava white butter. These are the charge (payment) services of our CSO.

<b>5.Name of Organization</b>	Vides aizsardzības klubs ( <i>Environmental protection club</i> )
<b>Short description</b>	
Goals: provide information to the public on nature protection, climate issues, environmental protection and clean-up. Implemented projects during the last three years: establishment of the Green Awakening Museum, public information events, involvement in Latvian state policy-making processes. Through partnership project would like to develop cooperation and informative events.	

<b>6.Name of Organization</b>	Kopā varam! ( <i>We can do it together!</i> )
<b>Short description</b>	
Goals: 1.To develop, submit and implement various and with education, social field, volunteer work, culture, CSO sector, art and sport related project applications for project and grant applications for contests and procurements in state, municipality, private, European Union and other institutions of Latvia and foreign countries. 2.To manage collaboration with other non-governmental organizations related to education, social field, volunteer work, culture, art and sport and collaboration with other state, municipality and private institutions. 3.To promote citizens` participation and collaboration in social processes, to improve the quality of life and to strengthen democracy and sustainable development of civil society in Latvia by supporting activities of civil society, ensuring the involvement of wide range of society in solving important questions, thus, providing quality and appropriate society interest decision making and providing service. Expectations from partnership: 1. To share examples of the best practice in field of work with children and young people with different disabilities. 2. To create program and guidelines to educate volunteers to work with this target audience.	

<b>7.Name of Organization</b>	Association "Livonian Union - Līvōd it"
<b>Country</b>	Latvia
<b>Short description</b>	
The board of the association coordinates its activities in its 4 regional branches - Riga, Mazirbe, Kolka and Ventspils in order to implement activities essential for the Livonian community in Latvia. Being the indigenous nation in Latvia, Livonians and their organizations are visible and notable in economic, social and cultural processes, especially in the territory known as the Livonian Coast - 12 villages in North Kurzeme of Latvia. This is achieved by cooperation with both state and local municipality institutions, as well as in partnership with local businesses and related NGOs. It has been proven that the Livonian traditional culture can serve as a beneficial asset in raising people's activity. Having a goal - to preserve and develop the Livonian culture tradition, the activities of the Livonian Union are closely linked with the current activities in all branches of the Livonian community - businesses, education and social life. Currently, the goals of the Livonian Union are to raise its capacity so that it can face the growing challenges related to ageing of its members. Also, to develop a range of activities to attract new members , volunteers, supporters and cooperation partners who join their efforts to discover the values of the Livonian cultural traditions and integrate them into the modern life activities. Through cooperation project would like to: To hold a programme of lectures, seminars, workshops or field trips to raise initiative and motivate the members of the organization to get involved into regular and long-term activities of the Livonian Union; to enable the organization to find ways and possibilities to achieve certain financial stability; to improve the communication skills within the organization and with outside it.	

<b>8.Name of Organization</b>	Development foundation "Rise!"
<b>Short description</b>	
<p>The aim of our organization is to help people in bad social conditions, disadvantaged, crisis situations, change status and integrate them back to society, regain self-esteem and return to the labour market.</p> <p>Our activities: Organizing all together more than 30 training courses in Latvian prisons and integration centres - basic skills for work with computer, social network, business etiquette, job interview;</p> <p>Providing individual consultations - making e-mail, writing CV, job application email, letter of motivation;</p> <p>Hand over material help - fundraising, deliver food packages, gifts, give mobile phone, sim card with credit, buying public transport license, paying for first month rent;</p> <p>Providing legal help - payment for dentist, small penalties, personal document, driving licence, educational document recovery; Juridical consultation, writing an application, assisting in official meetings if needed.</p> <p>We would like to exchange experience and develop knowledge in work with social group from poverty, people from prisons, orphanage houses, homeless people. Participation in trainings, organize cooperation partner conference, see examples of social work;</p>	

<b>9.Name of Organization</b>	Health Institute
<b>Short description</b>	
<p>The core of the Strategy for the Health Institute - 3 key tools: 1.Mission - Investment for Development - Public Health and Environmental Health Development. 2.Values - Development . Professionalism. Intelligence. 3.Vision - Health Institute develops as innovative investor for Public Health and Environmental Health.</p> <p>Activities implemented during last three u=years : 1) Create <a href="http://www.alnet.lv/">http://www.alnet.lv/</a>; 2)Merged 3 NGOs: Health Institute, Baltic Alliance for Innovation, Baltic Foundation for Innovation; 3) Create Linux Center ( <a href="http://linux.mozello.lv/">http://linux.mozello.lv/</a>).</p> <p>Activities for cooperation project : 1. Education (engineering and medicine); 2. Science (social sciences and humanities); 3. Open technologies</p>	

<b>10.Name of Organization</b>	NGO "AfterEffect"
<b>Short description</b>	
<p>Goals: environment protection, education about zero waste and waste using second time, educational activities for children and youngsters, environment as value for life quality, development of small regions and people who live there.</p> <p>The NGO is quite new and at the moment we are realizing 4 European Solidarity Corps projects - Europeans Volunteering service with youngsters from another countries. The volunteers organizing activities for children in kindergartens about environment, educate them about different cultures and countries.</p> <p>At the moment we would like to establish partnerships for next cooperation. We would like to gain more information and experience in the field of NGO's who work in the field with people and environment. What the NGO can do to achieve our aims.</p>	

<b>11.Name of Organization</b>	NGO "Equestrian sports club "Demora""
<b>Short description</b>	
<p>Goals: to educate people, especially children and youth, about active lifestyle conected with horses. Introduce people with various activities with horses. Make network with other equestrian clubs in Latvia and other Baltic countries, find new partners to share information.</p> <p>e have done various projects for youth from different social groups (handicapped, orphans ect) to invite to train with horses, so helping them to see different possibilities in life. We have participated in many National and International horse competitions in Latvia and Lithuania with good results from our NGOs members and their horses.</p> <p>Have done projects to improve children and youngster trainings (new equipment for riding for horses,ect.) and horse wellbeing infrastructure(training field, obstacles,ect.)</p> <p>Thanks to various projects and trainings and possitive life events,three of our NGOs members have chosen to stundy Vetenerian medicine and create their life in rural region while working with animals.</p>	

Goals for cooperation: Meet with similar NGOs or organizations that work with children and youth, gain new experience and learn new ways how to invite or introduce people with horses.  
 Make 5 year and 10 year realistic NGO goals and improve its work.

**12.Name of Organization** | LiveIntegro union

**Short description**

Since 2015, we have been active in the fields of charity and sports support. We mainly deal with the involvement of children and young people with disabilities in various activities: sports, art, culture, educational and art activities, as well as vocational guidance and the involvement of young people with special needs in voluntary work. Our projects: Development of adapted sports activity and support for para-sports, educational and entertainment program "Kaleidoscope", work and volunteer work.

Activities for children and youth with disabilities: 1. Support of para-sport training process. 2. Wheelchair tennis master class in Riga and Vilnius. 3. Sport and rehab. camps in State rehab. center Vaivari, where children have rehab. and para-sport program and many other interesting activities. 4. The 5-day para-sport camp in Riga for children and young people with various diagnoses. Young athletes had the opportunity to try different para sports-tennis, basketball, athletics, dance and others, yoga and dance classes. 5. In 2020-Voluntary work project in the sports-rehab. camp: 4 young people with disabilities worked as volunteers, performed various functions within their abilities. 6. Charity events-festivals "Holiday kaleidoscope" in rehab. centers -Halloween, Christmas, Ester, Valentine's day etc. Each of these events was in its own style-with gifts, entertainment, photo sessions etc. 7. Online project for children with disabilities (quarantine time). The course consists of breathing techniques, interactive games, psychologist lessons, anatomy lectures, nutritionist consultations and more. It helped children to endure the quarantine regime, not to lose their joy of life and to acquire physical shape, to socialize, to maintain team cohesion and sports motivation. For this project the author received Award for Human Growth Award for outstanding contribution to the future of Latvia. For all this work our association received Latvian award "The volunteer 2020"

We are looking for partners to exchange experience and strengthen cooperation in the field of physical development and education of children and youth with musculoskeletal disorders. We provide opportunities for children to develop through sports, arts, non-formal education, to provide them with equal opportunities for healthy children, for their socialization and finding employment opportunities. Specific activities - working visits to exchange experience, mastering new methods and techniques, master classes, training, voluntary work, and work.

**13.Name of Organization** | Vides iniciatīvu centrs

**Short description**

The Art and Technology Centre fosters the enjoyment, understanding, and development of the arts, creative industries and innovations in Latvia and EU. We seek to develop a vibrant arts and smart community, foster artistic excellence, and bring people together for powerful shared experiences that inspire a creative exchange of ideas for innovations.

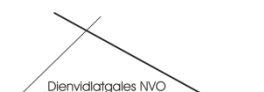
The Art and Technology Center uniting the artists, photographers, designers, craftsmen and digital nomads. Last years it has been created a number of regional Workshops, Webinars, Exhibitions, training events and activities, i.e. International Webinar - Magic Triangle: Covenant of Mayors, COVID-19 and the European Green Deal "Kurzeme Regional Photography Award". We produced a number of Art Books, i.e. "Kuldīga in a White Dress", "Impressions of Kuldīga", etc. We created famous "Kuldīga Street Art festival". For the long-term future vision we wish to establish the "Art, Climate & Innovation House" to develop new ideas to make citizens more sustainable and active, more resource-efficient, turning environmental and health crisis challenges into opportunities.

Cooperation goals: Development of human resources of the organisation – training of staff, volunteers, members and other persons in digital skills, sustainability, digital media marketing, life-long learning, etc.

**14.Name of Organization** | Latvian Fund for Nature

**Short description**

The mission of the Latvian Fund for Nature (LFN) is to preserve biological diversity in Latvia. To achieve this, the LFN is engaged in practical activities to preserve the environment and to educate society about the importance of biological diversity.



LFN is active in the field of environmental policy making, for instance struggling against initiatives that would allow cutting younger forests in Latvia.  
 LFN is constantly running several information campaigns and initiatives (climate, nature conservation, webcams in nature) as well as carries out citizen science projects.  
 In the field of biodiversity LFN is carrying out several projects that practically improve situation. For example, during the period of 4 last years we have established around 400 new micro-reserves around the nests of specially protected bird species.

**15.Name of Organization** | Vides iniciatīvu centrs

**Short description**

Goals:

1. Coordination of environmental education, information, initiatives and public processes in Vidusdaugava region of Latvia.
2. Raising environmental awareness and environmental awareness in Vidusdaugava region.
3. Establishing and maintaining a network of environmental organisations in region.
4. Promoting comprehensive and sustainable environmental development by coordinating and supporting activities at local level and by encouraging effective and coordinated activities at national and European level.
5. Encourage the development and strengthening of charitable habits in the local community.

Activities implemented during last three years : 2020. summer NGO fund project ""Take part in the preservation of the environment – don't burn waste but sort!"". Project included lot of activities:

1. Research studies about waste burning and summary in one informative material.
  2. Campaign short video - "Sort waste, don't burn!" - showed in local media, Facebook, Instagram.
  3. Informative campaign in local media - radio, TV, newspaper interviews about this topic.
  4. Active Orientation event.
2021. they will realize NGO fund project "Change attitudes: step by step towards zero waste".

Activities for cooperation project : Exchange ideas and experiences how to strength environment organisation. Exchange ideas and experiences how rise recognition and popularity of organisation in local and regional level.

**16.Name of Organization** | NGO Aizkraukle District Partnership

**Short description**

Goals:

1. Promote sustainable and balanced development of Aizkraukle District Partnership territory;
2. Promote the formation of civil society in the territory of Aizkraukle District Partnership;
3. Using the principles of public participation to ensure long-term rural development and ensure its implementation;
4. Coordinate and attract financial, material, intellectual and other resources to achieve the goal of NGO;
5. Develop cooperation with foreign non-governmental organizations, legal institutions of enterprises and other participants.

Activities implemented during last three years :

1. As we are Local Action Group, we implement local development strategy in our territory (LEADER approach).
2. We have implemented international cooperation projects with other LAGs in Europe.

Activities for cooperation project: We would like to find partner, who could help us raise our capacity, e.g., monitoring and evaluation (M & E) plan, development strategy of NGO etc.

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