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Dear 'LatLit news' reader!

Welcome to the autumn edition of our Newsletter, published to keep you informed on latest news of the Latvia-Lithuania Programme. This autumn is very colourful and fruitful for Latvia-Lithuania Programme as the autumn has brought the first harvest - already 4 projects have been finished. In this issue the results of one of the implemented project "Museum Access" as well as the latest activities and enhancements of ongoing projects will be presented.

On 24 September the Latvia-Lithuania Programme's annual event "Future perspectives of cooperating regions" was organized in Dobeles, Latvia. On the page 6 we invite you to remember some moments of the event. During the annual event, the awards to the best lead partners of Latvia-Lithuania Programme were issued. In this issue we present two interviews with Ms. Ilze Stabulniece and Mr. Arunas Andziulis, who were nominated as the best lead partners.

On latest news planned for the future please see the section of short news of our Newsletter.

We hope that both current and potential project partners of Latvia-Lithuania Programme will find the content of this Newsletter of interest and value.

Yours,

Joint Technical Secretariat Team

4th Call for Proposals

Probably everybody is impatiently waiting for the information about next already - 4th call for proposals of the Latvia-Lithuania Programme. The Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee is still negotiating content of the next call and agreement is supposed to be reached within November 2010.

Timeframe

It is supposed that 4th call for proposals will be launched at the beginning of 2011 as far as amendments of the Latvia-Lithuania Operational Programme are necessary and it will take time to get approval from the European Commission.

Scope

Next call for proposals will be targeted towards achievement of missing Programme indicators therefore it will be specific and range of themes will be narrowed compared to previous calls of Proposals within the Programme.

Precise list of the themes for the next call will be known after it will be agreed by the Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee, but general themes might be as following:

- Promotion of the entrepreneurship.
- Research and technology development.
- Transport.
- Joint public services.
- Joint management of the nature resources.
- Small cooperation projects with strong added value.

Showcase Brochure

Latvia-Lithuania Programme issued first showcase brochure where descriptions of 44 cross border projects that have been approved during 1st and 2nd call could be found. If you would like to get a free copy of the brochure, please contact the Joint Technical Secretariat. Electronic version of the brochure can be downloaded at the Programmes website.

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End of the Reporting Period

30 October is the end of the reporting period for the 1st and 2nd call projects, but 31 December - for the 3rd call projects. In 10 days the project partner reports have to be submitted to the first level controllers. Two reporting seminars in national languages are planned to be organized for the 3rd call project implementers at the beginning of December 2010.

Communication Workshops

How to plan communication activities? What are the rules and what not to forget? How I could improve my communication? The Joint technical Secretariat will invite representatives from the 3rd call approved project partners' institutions to find answers to these questions at Communication Workshops. Two workshops will be organised in national languages at the beginning of December.



How to Receive National Co-financing?

In order to encourage project partners to implement joint projects within European Territorial Cooperation Programmes 2007-2013, including Latvia-Lithuania Programme, special mechanism of financial support from Latvian and Lithuanian State Budgets is established for approved projects with signed Subsidy Contracts.

National Support for Latvian Partners

100% pre-financing for:

- ➔ Planning Regions.
- ➔ Line Ministries and their subordinated organizations (agencies, inspections, services, universities, etc.).

Planning Regions as well as Line Ministries and their subordinated organizations through the relevant Line ministries may apply for full pre-financing from the State Budget by indicating full necessary amount as well as its annual breakdown for the implementation of the project.

5% national co-financing for:

- ➔ Municipalities and their established organizations.
- ➔ Municipality and state enterprises.
- ➔ Non-governmental organizations.

Application for 5% national co-financing should be submitted to the Ministry of Regional Development and Local Governments of Republic of Latvia (hereinafter referred to as the MoRDLG) once and within 3 months after signing of the Subsidy Contract.

MoRDLG evaluates the application and takes the decision on the allocation of national co-financing. After signing of Financing Agreement with the relevant project partner, MoRDLG transfers advance payment 90% of allocated amount and remaining 10% - when project final report is verified by the First Level Controller reported via each Progress Report.

Legal framework for State Budget financing in Latvia:

- ➔ Rules of Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No.890 "Procedure on the allocation of State Budget resources to European Union Structural Fund Objective 3 "European Territorial Co-operation" Programmes and European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Programmes beneficiaries from the Republic of Latvia" (Approved on 11 August 2009.)
- ➔ Rules of Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No.1306 "Procedure on the planning and payments of State Budget resources for the implementation of European Union Structural Fund Objective 3 "European Territorial Co-operation" Programmes and European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Programmes" (Approved on 10 November 2009.)

National Support for Lithuanian Partners

National Support for partners from Lithuania, implementing projects in European Territorial Cooperation Programmes:

- ➔ Financing up to 100% from national co-financing amount for State Budget institutions.
- ➔ Financing up to 50% from national co-financing amount for all other institutions.

Application for national co-financing should be submitted to the Ministry of the Interior of Republic of Lithuania:

- ➔ after conclusion of the Subsidy Contract;
- ➔ and not later than 12 months after conclusion of project's Subsidy Contract.

Co-financing could be obtained by partners as advance payments and/or final payments. Advance payments are not available for municipality budget institutions. For all other partners amount of advance payment cannot exceed 50% from partner's own co-financing sum and cannot be less than 1.000 Lt. In cases when partner applies for co-financing which exceeds 10.000 Lt, bank or insurance guaranty has to be provided with the application.

Detailed information on procedure, requested documents and application form is available on www.esbendradarbiavimas.lt.

Legal framework in Lithuania:

The Minister's of the Interior Order No 1V-604, October 12, 2009 (Valstybes žinios, 2009-11-19, Nr. 137-6031).

N.B.!: Each Project Partner (within each Project) who would like to receive 100% pre-financing or 5% national co-financing should apply separately in accordance with relevant national framework and procedure.

Revenue Generation in Projects

All revenue generating projects approved within the Programme will be requested to submit the Financial Analyse according to the Article 55 of the General Regulation*. Trainings on how to prepare Financial Analyse will be organized in the nearest future.

As we all know revenue generating project is defined as any operation involving an investment in infrastructure the use of which is subject to charges borne directly by users or any other provision of services against payment. In other words, if project creates outputs which could generate revenue, than the project is considered as revenue generating project.

Examples of incomes and revenue generating projects:

- ➔ If project partners planned to reconstruct premises of museums, cultural centres, craft centres which could charge admission tickets, fees from rent of premises for organization of exhibitions, seminars, conferences, etc.
- ➔ If project partners planned to elaborate study programmes or purchase equipment for implementation of study programmes in universities which charges tuition fees for studies.
- ➔ If project partners planned to extend sewerage networks and charge fees for provided services from new customers (inhabitants).

According to rules set in the Chapter 8.3 of the Programme Manual "All revenue generated by the project during its lifetime and five years after the project closure represent income that reduces the eligible expenditure and the consequent European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) co-financing". In other words: all generated revenue within the project implementation period and planned revenue within five years after the final payment of ERDF co-financing to the project is made, should be deducted from project eligible expenditure.



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There are two options on how to ensure application of rules set in the Chapter 8.3 of the Programme Manual:

- ➔ deduction of generated **revenue** in full amount from reported project eligible expenditure through the project partner reports or
- ➔ deduction of generated **net revenue** which is calculated and deducted from the project eligible expenditure through Financial Analysis according to the Methodology for Preparation of Financial Analyse.

All revenue generating projects and project partners will be requested to calculate net revenue using the Funding Gap Method (*difference between the current value of project investment costs and net revenue*).

Methodology for Preparation of Financial Analyse together with information on trainings devoted to explanation of correct preparation of Financial Analysis will be available on Programme's website and also sent individually to relevant project partners during November 2010.

Project partners activities such as construction of roads, public bicycle roads, public parks, establishment of public recreation sites, purchase of firefighting trucks, organization of festivals etc., where final user is not being charged and project output is freely accessible is not considered as revenue generating activities/project. Nevertheless all generated revenue if such occurs during project lifetime must be deducted in full amount from reported project eligible expenditure through the project partner reports.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact responsible project manager of the Joint Technical Secretariat, Līga Kalvāne (e-mail: līga.kalvane@latlit.eu, phone: +371 6735 7375).

* COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006

Interviews with the Best Lead Partners 2010

In order to share good cooperation practice Latvia-Lithuania Programme announced awards for the year 2010. This year best lead partners awards and title got Ms. Ilze Stabulniece (project LATLIT TRAFFIC) from Latvia and Mr. Arūnas Andziulis (project Cross Border JRTC) from Lithuania. In the short interviews they share secrets of successful work.



Project Manager Ms. Ilze Stabulniece

How could you describe yourself? What kind of person you are?

I am like a chameleon with changing moods. I am proud of my achievements, but am always too sad about some misfortune. I like to communicate a lot and to work in a team. After good done work I like to dance (smiles). Already twelve years I work with the projects that have cross-border nature.

How do you feel about this award?

Indeed it was a great surprise for me, because I always try to promote my Project partners and I think that my project partners are the best ones. I am very proud that they are active and found time to evaluate me and to submit application. This nomination puts even more responsibility on my shoulders.

You are managing a project of 16 project partners. What is important in such a big partnership?

I think in a big partnership it is important to understand that we all are one team, have one target and are on the same way to reach it. The way we choose has to be clear, understandable and to continue also after the Project end.

Is it hard to be a lead partner?

It is fun! Lead partner has to be like a friend and to be ready to help and assist at any time. If you have to make a decision who will be a lead partner, I advise to choose person who is trustable and if it is big partnership, one has to be also experienced. Myself I do not imagine of having project just with two partners. I think I would invite five more then. In such cases you feel bigger improvement.

How do you treat your project partners?

Individually! Each partner is different and you need to learn what the best way to reach him or her. For example some like when you call, others when you write email. You even need to know in what language to communicate. Sometimes email has to be written even in three languages.

Were there any problems you faced and how you solved it?

Deadlines are always not easy, but formulation of tasks in clear way with strict deadlines helps a lot. You know, lead partner has to act as a mother. If some child (project partner) is misbehaving (smiles) it is a shame for the whole family. It means that all problems have to be solved internally – in the family.

We heard you were nominated as Women of Latvia 2010 for business in rural areas...

One of my big loves are not only my neighbours Lithuanians and Latvians, but also horses. I am a big patriot and have collection of genetic horses of Latvia, Lithuania and Belorussia in my private horse ranch "Klajumi". I organize nature-friendly tours on the horses for tourists and my friends.

But probably there were also other reasons as well?

Sure. I think I got award for all I do for my region and living environment. Together with children we organize green initiatives and collect garbage in the woods. This year I managed to motivate and gather active people from local community to replant trees in Matulisku alley that were cut down because of road reconstruction. We planted 200 trees! I also prepared routes in the nature for walking, riding on horses, biking offering to learn about unique landscape we have in the nature park of the Daugava river.



Ilze with her horses

How comes you have so much energy and ideas?

I live in the place I love, I need this place and this place needs me. I live five kilometres from the border with Belorussia and believe that places do not end, but starts near the border and that inspires me. It would be hard to be alone. I am lucky to have motivated people around that are Gunars Upenieks, Inara Dzalbe, Laila Vilmane. We all support each other's ideas and are working to have our ideas realised.

Interviews with the best Lead Partners 2010



Project manager Mr. Arunas Andziulis with the head of the Managing Authority of the Latvia-Lithuania Programme Ms. Arina Andreička

How could you describe yourself? What kind of person you are?

I am unhappy workaholic. Jesus, all my life I was trying to create a new product (micro-scheme) or to establish a new research laboratory. Now I think that I would better have 10 children (I have two now) rather than 17 projects with budget of million euros!

Why do you think you was nominated as a best Lead Partner for 2010?

Probably it was a lottery, as during the Programme annual event in Dobele I saw many other great projects.

What a good lead partners should do?

Lead partner has to be a leader that manages to communicate his dreams to other partners, to consolidate a team not only for this particular project, but also to guide for other joint projects. This helps to avoid feeling of temporary union and motivates to work in more efficient way and to move friendly towards the common goal.

Were there any problems you faced and how you solved it?

Oh, we had a lot of small and big problems and probably will never feel lack of them. And anyway, problems are a dream of a good work. As saying says „There is a problem, there is a work“.

What could you advise for others lead partners and partners?

Dear colleagues, when you get tired filling the progress report, remember that „people rest from the work just when start another work“ (A. France).

What inspires you for the new projects?

Our talented youth that live on the „luggage“. As I say, maybe let's write one more project for the Latvia-Lithuania Programme and the sun will shine again in the homeland.

What do you like to do at your spare time?

„Est modus in rebus“* (Horatius) even at the spare time.

**There is a measure in all things
(tr. from latin)*

Sharing Experience in Danube Region

Latvia-Lithuania Programme was chosen to present as a successful example of European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region implementation during the Regional network of cross-border programmes in central and south-eastern Europe, held in Thessaloniki, on 13-14 October 2010.



Ms. Irma Astrauskaite presenting Programme

Information Manager of the Latvia-Lithuania Programme Ms. Irma Astrauskaite gave a presentation "Steps forwards EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region" and shared experience about strategic decision made by the Programme bodies.

Ms. Ilze Stabulniece, Manager of Latvia-Lithuania Programme project "LATLIT TRAFFIC", presented her project and benefits of being labelled as project contributing to the Strategy.

Programmes and Managing Authorities coming from the Danube Region appreciated presentation and were happy to learn from the Baltic Sea Region as also Danube Region strategy is being developed by the European Commission.

Dobele was booming

Over 240 people from Latvia and Lithuania attended the Latvia-Lithuania Programme's annual event "Future perspectives of cooperating regions" that was organized on 24 September 2010 in Dobele, Latvia. Presidents of the both countries - V. Zatlers and D. Grybauskaitė - send congratulations, projects were presenting their results. But that it not all... More about the most important minutes in a short photo report.

During the first session of the event associated professor of the University of Latvia Mr Valdis Muktupāvels gave a speech "Latvia, Lithuanian: purpose of national state, perspective and challenges" and briefly presented the results of discussions held in the previous evening during the 4th congress of Latvia-Lithuania Forum. →



← Representatives from the regions of Latvia and Lithuania presented their needs of regions by mentioning the fields where joint projects with neighbors are needed to be developed. The development of tourism infrastructure was the most common theme for all regions as it creates work places and fosters the economical growth.

There was possibility to attend the project market, where 13 projects were presenting themselves. Project CELEBRATE came with new instruments for the folk group and were happy to share the results of project with the participants of event. ↓



← Project FuitTechCentre shared experience in developing new fruit growing technologies on Latvia and Lithuania border.



Project CBRM II showed newly bought and fully equipped rescue car which will be used by fire fighters. ↓



← All participants had opportunity to visit the Dobele Crafts Centre, which is the one of the outputs of the project Mid-Baltic Crafts.



Programme's annual event was organized in the framework of Latvia-Lithuania Forum and it was organized together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia and Ministry of Regional Development and Local Governments of the Republic of Latvia, Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia as well as Embassies of both countries.

People Come to Museums to Buy Emotions

The project 'Museum Access' have ended this month. On 8th of October the project had its final conference in Jelgava, where all project partners were gathered together to share thoughts and results of the project as well as to encourage new ideas and further cooperation possibilities.



Ms. Dace Strautkalne

Project Manager Ms. Dace Strautkalne during the final conference of the project asked other representatives of partners' institutions: 'What benefits your museum, visitors and local communities gained out of this project?'

Museum of Viesite 'Selija', Latvia:

There are so many benefits, it hard to count all of them. Visitors usually say: 'Thank you for the way museum and the narrow-gauge train look like now. We are very grateful that we have one more place in Viesite which is now arranged and landscaped.'

Panevezys district municipality public library, Lithuania:

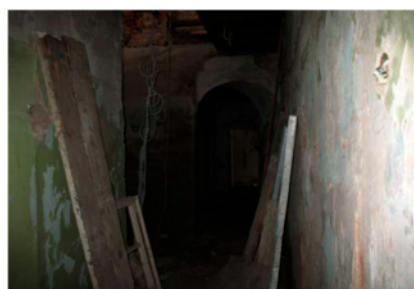
'In our region there were three museums which were very poorly visited as they were administered divided. Now when project is implemented we have much more visitors in these museums and we have improved our skills to be better in management of the museums.'

'The most important are emotions, what we can see in people's faces and hear in their words!'

G.Eliass' Jelgava history

and art museum, Latvia: 'We have a big gap between museums which focus on individual approach based on intellectual education and tourism which based on entertainment. Our task is to combine both these approaches in order to avoid offering 'whatever', as we do not want to lower as a museum. It is good that we like beer, but museum, probably, is not the right place where to drink it. Museums have to give more educational and intellectual information. Tourism Information Centres as well have to work more to enrich people intellectually.'

Jekabpils history museum, Latvia: 'The most important for the museum was the improvement of the basic infrastructure where storage of all displays would be technically possible. Exhibition of exposition was just a second step.'



Jekabpils history museum, Latvia - before and after the reconstruction works



Museum of Dobele local municipality, Latvia:

'We have gained many friends, contacts, experience, but we see that so many are still ahead. We should more focus on science, researches and promotion of common roots and traditions.'

Total Project budget in EUR:	2,3 mil.
ERDF co-financing in EUR:	2 mil.
Project Duration:	02/2009 – 10/2010
Priority:	II Attractive Living Environment and Development of Sustainable Community
Direction:	2.2. Increasing Attractiveness of the Border Region

Dobele local municipality, Latvia: 'It is unbelievable how much have been done, what we could not do without this project. It would required many years and energy, what we could do within one specific project.'

Biržai district municipal administration, Lithuania: 'It is a big luck to have such exchange of experiences, expositions and educational programmes.'

Rokiškis district municipal administration, Lithuania: 'It is important how we treat each other. If partners have positive emotions then we have bigger motivation to do things by ourselves. And to do them better. We just cannot stop such cooperation between such a great partners.'

'To know better the person who is on the other side of phone'

The theme of conference was not only to share good practise and project results, but also

think and discuss about cooperation projects, promotion of cross-border visitor transfer and cooperation between tourism sector and museums.

During these discussions interesting ideas raised:

- ➔ Elaboration of joint cross-border culture event plan.
- ➔ Research about culture heritage in Zemgale and North-Lithuania: differences and joint traditions.
- ➔ Strengthening of cooperation between Tourism Information Centres and museums.
- ➔ Promotion of specialisation of museums for different types of tourists.

As all partners have highly evaluated achievements of project Zemgale Planning region is looking forward for new opportunities and projects so this closing conference of Museum Access project is just a beginning...

Fruit Growers Have a Place for Consultations

Now is a really great time to get the reach selection of nature offers. There are plenty of different fruits available in the markets which are very healthy and provide us with full range of elements we need during our cold winters. Winter is not far but this is not a right time for fruit growers just sit and enjoy the work which was already done. It is time to plan the next crop, make different saving activities for the cold winter and to order all necessary facilities. We ask Mr. Edgars Rubauskis who is the project Manager of the project FruitTechCentre to tell where fruit growers can get information and consultations they need and how project can help them.



Please tell us more about activities within the Project

During the project FruitTechCentre together with our partner Institute of Horticulture of Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry we have done a lot, for example, we have established facilities for field demonstrations, equipped premises for seminars with support system for apple trees, multimedia projectors, stands and obtained tools and equipment (e.g., self propelled platform) for demonstration and IT management. We also have improved the content of the consultations, trainings and seminars which are free of charge for all coteries.

Mr. Edgars Rubauskis

How fruit growers can find you?

We have created video, photo, informative and press materials for farmers, producers and consumers of fruit and berries, which we distributed during different events. We have created our own interactive website of the project www.fruittechcentre.eu, where we inform not only about the project activities, but also give useful information to all target groups about fruits, technologies, solutions of different problems. We inform about our project and consultations we provide during the exhibitions, trainings, experience exchange visits and seminars for farmers in Lithuania and Latvia.



Experience exchange visit in orchards in Latvia

website of the project: www.fruittechcentre.eu

What specific topics you offer during the trainings?

In the period of cherries we were organized seminar and experience exchange visit to Latvia and the same activities were organized on opposite side of the border but with the accent on canopy training of apple trees and biological farming possibilities in fruit growing. We are very happy that we got such a positive feedback from a big number of participants.

At the same time we were organized trainings on summer pruning of fruit trees (cherries, apples) and such an important topic as yield quality management.



Fruit exhibition - training in the State Institute of Fruit growing of Latvia

What fruit growers can do during the winter time?

We will continue to provide consultations even if it is considered as a rest period in orchards. Winter is very good time for planning new plantation of orchard, to find best rootstocks and cultivars or rootstocks-cultivar combinations. Planning is very important. To take care about orchard is a long term commitment; it may take many years or even decades.

And again, after the winter spring will come and all around will awake – the nature and fruit growers. Then we plan several trainings with accent on spring activities such as training of trees and planting.

Total Project budget in EUR:	291.609
ERDF co-financing in EUR:	247.868
Project Duration:	03/2009 – 02/2012
Priority:	I Encouragement of Socio-Economic Development and Competitiveness of the Region
Direction:	1.1. Business Labour Market and Research and Technology Development

Clay Art Centre Opened in Daugavpils

In October 2010 the newly renovated Clay Art Centre was officially opened in the 18th November Street No 8 in Daugavpils. The centre was renovated under the project "Clay tour". The project is implemented by Culture Department of Daugavpils City Council and Utena Local Lore Museum.

After the cut of symbolic ribbon the Head of the Cultural Department of Daugavpils City Council Eleonora Kleščinska broke the pot. According to the tradition from the pieces of broken pot the number of artists who will work in the centre could be predicted.



In the newly created Daugavpils Clay Art Centre the ceramists have received the opportunity for creative work with clay – modelling, turning, glazing and firing – in new studios with modern equipment. In parallel with the renovation work, the project activities included the improvement of the courtyard, arrangement of the site for a wood-fired kiln and of the summer exhibition room, research on Latgalian pottery and ceramics that resulted in a catalogue in four languages named "Heritage of Land".

Some other activities were: clay art festival during the City Festival of 2009, development of the study programme in four languages published as a book, classes for children, master classes for the public, publication of marketing materials, creation of working clothes and tools.

A wide range of renovation and cultural activities have also been implemented by the Lithuanian colleagues.



Opening of the Clay Art Centre

Project is targeted to promotion of cultural and creative tourism in the communities by developing tourism products based on the cultural heritage of Daugavpils and Utena regions – pottery traditions.

The exhibition of studio "Latgale" dedicated to its 30 years celebration was presented during the opening of renovated Clay Art Centre. In the eighties the great artist Staņislavs Vilcāns origin from the famous ceramist's family Silajāņi established the studio "Latgale" – the first folk art studio in Latgale region. During the times the studio has gained the international appreciation as well.

Total Project budget in EUR:	1,32 mil.
ERDF co-financing in EUR:	1,12 mil.
Project Duration:	12/2008 – 11/2010
Priority:	II Attractive Living Environment and Development of Sustainable Community
Direction:	2.2. Increasing Attractiveness of the Border Region



The creative team of the Clay Art Centre

Today the Latgalian pottery traditions are continued and developed by several famous ceramists - Lilija Zeiļa, Jānis Saikovskis, Marija Saikovska, Ligita Pakne, Ilona Šauša, Valentīns Petjko, Vladislavs Zabiņako, Līga Čible and Mairita Folkmane.

The project is to be completed in November, 2010. So it's time to wish inspiration and success to all the ceramists who will work in the Daugavpils Clay Art Centre, thus promoting the development of cultural and creative tourism in Daugavpils and popularizing the traditions of Latgalian ceramics and pottery as the cultural heritage value.

website of the project: www.keramikosratas.visiems.lt

Projects Upcoming Events

Date	Project Title	Event	Place	Contacts
10 November; 12 December; 12 January; 23 January	Joint RT Unit	Seminar on untraditional fields of agriculture for the habitants of unurbanized territories.	Kelmė, Pasvalys, Anykščiai, Molėtai, Lithuania	Ingrida Šaulienė, oikos@fm.su.lt, +370 4159 5862, www.su.lt
15 November	Natural Sciences	Seminars For Teachers On Newest Teaching Methodologies: Improvement Of Teaching Skills, Innovative Teaching Methodologies.	Klaipėda, Lithuania	Tomas Barsevičius, tomas.barsevicius@klaipeda.lt, +370 4639 6110
15-16 November	UBUS	"Baltic afternoon" in "Students' days" festival in Jelgava. During the festival the LUA and LU folklore (dance, choirs) and SU theatre collective will exchange good practise by showing their performances.	Jelgava, Latvia	Evita Stramkale, Evita.Eglite@llu.lv, +371 6300 5693, www.ubus-latlit.eu
November	Mid Baltic Crafts	Weaving workshop. Organising of weaving master class will promote preservation of weaving crafts. Classes will be organised as 10 days workshops (20 people-each), & will be leaded by invited professional weavers & wood craftsmen. Any interested visitor will have an opportunity to visit classes& to practice. Exposition of works weaved will be organised afterwards in Dobele, Latvia for general public.	Dobele, Latvia	Ērika Karro, erika.karro@dobele.lv, +371 6372 0937
10 December	CELEBRATE	Project Final Conference. Evaluation of project results, watching DVD about three Folk Festivals "Selonians Sing and Dance Together" in Rokiskis, Viesīte and Aknīste, gratitude to the leaders of Folk groups, presentation of booklet about Folk Festivals and Folk groups.	Viesīte Culture center, Viesīte, Smilšu street 2, Latvia	Project Manager Inese Vītola, inese.vitola@viesite.lv, +371 2946 0398
19 December	LatLitCBC	Final Conference. Presentation of project results, purchased equipment, signing the Mutual assistance plan.	Eleja, Latvia	Irmantas Vaigauskas i.vaigauskas@vpgt.lt, +370 5397 909, www.vpgt.lt
December	LTLVMARINE	Pilot training according to GDMSS program of the group of working seafarers.	Liepāja Maritime College, Ūliha iela 5, Liepāja, Latvia	Tatjana Robina, t.robina@apollo.lv, +371 6348 4627, www.ljk.lv
28 January	LATALIT TRAFFIC	Final conference of the project "LATALIT TRAFFIC" - finalizing the project, presenting project results in figures and road map of the Euroregion "Country of lakes", challenges for the further development of transport, information and logistics infrastructure.	Rezekne, Latvia	Project manager Ilze Stabulniece, ilze@kraslava.lv, +371 2947 2638 Project co-ordinator in Rezekne, Latvia - Sandra Jonikane, +371 2914 2541, www.ezeruzeme.lv, www.rezekne.lv
January	"F.A.R." RESEARCH	Seminars for prospective start-ups, franchisees and investors "Basics of Franchising" and "Buying franchise".	Daugavpils, Liepāja, Jelgava, Latvia	Severin Zhilinskis, severinas@fransizescentras.lt, +370 6203 1717, www.fransizescentras.lt

All public events of the projects can be found on the Programme's website www.latlit.eu

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