



LATVIA – LITHUANIA CROSSBORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMM 2007 – 2013
PROJECT LLIV-265 IMPROVEMENT OF THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS

Project Newsletter No.1

Project results in 1st Reporting Period

02.04.2012 – 30.10.2012



Period 1

Newsletter contains overall information about the each partner's organisation and basic information about the Project progress in 1st Period – events, meetings organized and investments activities implemented by the Project partners.

Kurzeme Planning Region

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General information:

Number of the staff:

Territory	13.6 thousands km2
Major cities	Ventspils, Liepāja, Kuldīga, Talsi, Saldus
Population	299 000
Population density per km2	22.3 pers./ km2
Rural population	36%
Working age population	65.3%
Employment	55%
Unemployment	15.7 %
Average wage	384 Ls
Ethnic composition	74.1% Latvian, 15.3% Russian, 10.6% other nationalities



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Latvia –Lithuania programme project

“Improvement of the vocational education according to the needs of labour market” (VocEdu) LLIV-265

Project aimed at improvement of vocational education through curricula improvements, by involving industry associations, enterprises and stakeholders related to vocational education. Project cross-border experience exchange and joint events will support professional and personal growth of students and teachers; promotional activities will serve for the improvement of image of vocational schools and attract more students to obtain vocational education. Improvements made for the practical training equipments for the vocational schools will provide students with skills and competences, required by labour market and will also support further cooperation among the vocation schools on both sides of border in relation to exchange and placements, and upgrade of teachers' skills.

Project duration: 22 month(April, 2012- January, 2014)

Project total budget: 1 197 321.00 EUR

Project partners: Cīrava Vocational Secondary School, Kuldīga Technology and Tourism Vocational Secondary school, Laidze Vocational Secondary school, Liepāja Technical College, Saldus Vocational Secondary school, Skrunda Vocational Secondary school, Ventspils Technical College, Vocational Training centre of Panevezys, Panevėžys business advisory centre, Kaunas Food Industry and Trade Training Center, Kaunas University of Applied Engineering Sciences, Kaunas Builders' training center, PI “Siauliai region development agency”, Skuodas agricultural business, trade and services school, Jelgava Technical College

Project activities divided:

WP1: Project management and coordination

WP2: Curricula development

WP3: Equipment for vocational schools

WP4: Promotion of vocational education

Project management activities



Project Steering group and Working group Meeting in Saldus. 08.05.2012.



Meeting to agree on research and cooperation model elaboration joint methodics . 05.07.2012. in Panevėžys



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Cīrava Vocational Secondary school

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General information:

Number of the students/leaners: 353
 Number of the pedagogic staff: 27

<i>Educational programmes, duration</i>	<i>Qualification /profession</i>
Car Transport, 4 years	Car mechanic
Agricultural Machinery, 4 years	Agricultural Machinery Technician
Secretary and office Work, 4 years	Secretary
Catering service, 3 years	Cook
Wood making, 3 years	Carpenter
Wood making, 2 years	Carpenter assistant



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Curriculum „Agriculture Machinery” improvement



Cross-border visit – 8 teachers from Panevezys Vocational Training Centre visited Cīrava. 11.10.2012.



The visit at the Priekuļi and Jāņmuiža State Technical College for the cooperation in the development of electronic learning materials 18.10.2012.



Special subject teachers' visit to the Employers - Amazone Ltd. Padure parish Kuldīga district. 18.10. 2012. Special subject teachers' visit to the employers Lestene Ltd. farm "Pienenes". 23.10.2012.



Employers' Conference "A Young Farmer Today And Tomorrow" Cīrava Vocational Secondary School. 53 participants. 31.10.2012.

Kuldīga Technology and Tourism Vocational Secondary School

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General information:

Number of the students/learners: 572

Number of the pedagogic staff: 52

Educational programmes, duration	Qualification /profession
„Car Transport”, 4 years	Car mechanic
„Car Transport”, 1,5 years	Car mechanic
„Catering Services”, 4 years	Catering service specialist, Waiter, Confectioner, Cook
„Catering Services”, 1 years	Confectioner
„Wood Making”, 4 years	Computer numeral centre of woodworks
„Wood Making”, 1 years	Carpenter (for deaf-and - dumb students)
„Commerce Science”, 4 years	Tourism service commerce specialist (included guide, AMADEUS)
„Commerce Science”, 1,5 years	Tourism service commerce specialist
„Beauty”, 1,5 years	SPA master

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Curriculum „Car Transport” improvement



Crossborder meeting at the Vocational Training centre of Panevezys (PP9) . 05.06.2012.
Discussion with Lithuanian colleagues about the improvement of the curriculum.



Round table discussion about the curriculum of Car Transport improvement according to labour market needs . 21.09.2012. Kuldīga



Improvement of the practical training equipment for Car Transport curriculum: Purchased specialized training tools, equipment, hand tools for ensuring the practical training of truck machinery and maintenance practices



Equipped the Car Transport curriculum training class with a projector and screen.

Laidze Vocational Secondary School

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General information:

Number of the students/learners: 243
 Number of the pedagogic staff: 30

<i>Educational programmes, duration</i>	<i>Qualification /profession</i>
„Commercial Science”, 4 years	Retail commercial specialist
„Catering service”, 4 years	Catering service specialist
„Building construction”, 4 years	Finishing work technician
„Building construction”, 3 years	Plasterer



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Curriculum „Building construction” improvement



5 Vocational subjects' teachers crossborder visit at the Siauliai Vocational Education centre, Lithuania.

15.10.2012.



Together with Lithuanian colleagues During crossborder visit at the company „Dariusius Beconio imone”



Vocational subjects teachers work group meeting for improvement of vocational subjects programmes and educational materials of educational curriculum „Building construction” 13.09.2012.



Purchased construction tools for study practices to ensure plastering tiling, laying the floor, wall papering and dry building workshops



Equipped classroom of construction professional studies with a projector and screen
 Purchased stationary computers for 25 students and 1 laptop computer for teacher, equipped with the Auto Desk software

Vocational Education Competence Centre „Liepaja State Technical School”

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General information:

Number of the students/leaners: 1391

Number of the pedagogic staff: 30

The students study at the 17 vocational education programmes and there are 29 qualifications, 1 general education comprehensive programme, 56 groups 2012./2013. study year

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Curriculum „ Costume Style Specialist” improvement



Klaipeda Seamstress Services and Business School representatives at the crossborder meeting in Liepaja 25.09.2012.



Along with the Lithuanian colleagues getting to know the Liepaja textile companies and the latest technologies



Round table discussion with representatives of Liepaja textile education programs "Costume Style specialist" special subject programmes' compliance with labour market requirements. 24.10.2012.



Purchased professional equipment for a sewing workshop:

- 12 universal sewing machines;
- 8 specialized sewing machines;
- semiautomatic embroidery;
- semiautomatic buttonholes;
- ironing equipment;
- cutting table;
- equipment and instruments;
- 3 wardrobes.



Saldus Vocational Secondary school

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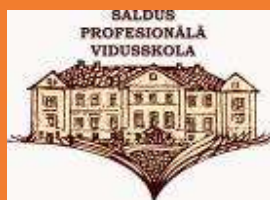


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General information:

Number of the students/leaners: 560
 Number of the pedagogic staff: 53

<i>Educational programmes, duration</i>	<i>Qualification /profession</i>
Construction, 4 years	Construction technician
Construction, 4 years	Road construction technician
Wood Making, 4 years	Construction carpenter
Hotel services, 4 years	Hospitality Service Specialist
Computer Based Systems, 4 years	Computer Technician
Fire protection and fire fighting, 4 years	Fireman-rescuer
Construction, 1.5 years	Construction technician



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Curriculum „Production of wooden articles” improvement



Round Table Discussion with carpentry companies from Kurzeme and Zemgale, educational authorities, Latvian Association of Wood Processing Companies Exporters.



It was discussed a way how to enhance their cooperation in order school graduates better enter into the labour market. 31.10.12



Skrundas Vocational Secondary school

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General information:

Number of the students/leaners: 186
Number of the pedagogic staff: 23

<i>Educational programmes, duration</i>	<i>Qualification /profession</i>
Catering service , 4 years	Catering Services Manager
Catering service , 2 years	Cook's Assistant with pedagogical correction
Wood Making, 4 years	Carpenter
Construction Works, 3 years	Worker of the finishing works
Construction Works, 3 years	A construction worker with pedagogical correction
Electric wiring and electrical engineering, 3 years	Electrician



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Curriculum „Catering Services” improvement



There are 6 Skrunda teachers visited Kaunas Food Industry and Trade Training Centre,.



EQUIPMENT

- Class benches and chairs (16 sets)
- Interactive Whiteboard
- Computer
- Data Projector
- Copier
- Board
- E-media technical support



EQUIPMENT

- Work Tables (16 workplaces)
- Cooker
- Plumbing, sinks, etc.
- Electrical Materials
- Ventilation



EQUIPMENT

- Convection Oven
- Shredder CL50
- Refrigerator
- Cold Showcase
- Gastronomic products cutter
- Dish Heated cabinet



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General information:

Number of the students/leaners: ~600
Number of the pedagogic staff: ~60

<i>Educational programmes, duration</i>	<i>Qualification /profession</i>
Car Transport, 4 years	Car mechanic
Engineering, 4 years	Mechanical engineering technician
Engineering, 2 years	Mechatronics engineering technician
Metal working, 1 year	Welder
Electronics, 4 years	electronics technician
Energetics, 4 years	Electrician
„Entrepreneurship”, 4 years	hotel service specialist
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Catering Service, 3 years	Cook
Catering Service, 4 years	Catering service specialist
Catering Service, 1 year	Cook (on a ship)
Hospitality Service, 1 year	Waiter
Hospitality Service, 2 years	Bartender
Accountant, 2 years	Accountant

Curriculum „Welder” and “Electrician” improvement

Procurement on equipment purchase was cancelled and a new procurement is shall be launched during next Reporting Period.

No other activities were implemented during the 1st Reporting Period.