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Enhance of Lifelong Learning
Cross Border Capacity

Enhancing Entrepreneurial Capacities through 5L

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Lithuania in the world

- a Baltic nation of 3.3 million;
- Bordering countries:
 - Belarus to the Southeast,
 - Baltic-Russia to the Southwest,
 - **Latvia to the North,**
 - Poland to the South,
 - the Baltic Sea to the West.



Cross-border cooperation programmes

- The Latvia–Lithuania Cross Border Cooperation Programme's main objective is **to promote sustainable and equal socio-economic development in border regions** to make it competitive for economical and business development and attractive for living and visiting.

Crossborder cooperation programmes

- Programme Priorities:
 - **Priority I – Encouragement of socio-economic development and competitiveness of the region**
 - Priority II - Attractive living environment and development of sustainable community

Objectives

The **development of human capital** through the **contribution to the promotion of effective lifelong learning system in Kurzeme and North-West Lithuania cross border territory** by the collaborative platform to promote the entrepreneurship and develop engineering skills, improve and transfer of targeted policy measures on national level, using advanced e. learning solutions and creation of multi-institutional certification of obtained educational qualifications.

Project target groups

1. LIFELONG LEARNING STUDENTS including existing and potential service users.
2. ENTREPRENEURS.
3. LECTURERS.

Main WPs

- LLL policy design and validation;
- Virtual community platform;
- Development of sustainable LLL infrastructure;
- PR and cross-border collaboration network.

LLL policy design and validation - 1

aimed to:

- evaluate the existing situation in the regions both demand and supply sides, to reveal the imperfections and market failures;
- develop methodology for in lifetime gained skill certification and credit point allocation;
- prepare recommendations for the legislation to improve the imperfections, increasing LLL system's efficiency.

LLL policy design and validation - 2

SUB-ACTIVITY A: evaluation of current situation and cross border collaboration in Kurzeme and North - West part of Lithuania:

1. Research on Present Demand – Supply in the project territory and the development of the models concept to strengthen the collaboration between municipalities, educational institutions and industry to better satisfy the demand and supply side;
2. Lifelong learning action plans development for the period 2011.-2015.
3. Study visit to Tartu (Estonia) to study Lifelong certification system in Estonia.

LLL policy design and validation - 3

SUB-ACTIVITY B:

- the development of the methodology to certify the existing and in the lifetime gained skills;
- develop concept for requirement equalization for higher education diploma and lifelong learning education;
- pilot activities to test the models. Skill certification and credit point transfer among project partner organizations.

LLL policy design and validation - 4

SUB-ACTIVITY C:

Policy / recommendation design for the legislation on lifelong learning system:

1. Common recommendations will be prepared by KRIC for the improvement of existing legislation of lifelong learning, according to the results of the project researches and pilot activities.
2. Common recommendations for the lifelong learning policy prepared.

Virtual community platform-1

Creation of virtual community platform - 1

SUB-ACTIVITY A: Open web portal with social networking tools:

Open web portal will be designed in this activity to reflect educational needs of cross-border community between Latvia and Lithuania - Kurzeme and Klaipėda regions.

Creation of virtual community platform - 2

Portal will be used:

- **to administer the members of regular studies of the universities**, retrain and prequalification courses, and all society members of these regions, that are willing to enhance their knowledge and competences necessary for successful regions' economical and educational growth.
- for **project administration and valorization purposes**, to organize productive communication between project members, document sharing, and results publication.

Social networking tools will be integrated to bring two separate region communities closer and share knowledge, best practices, improve social skills and awareness.

Virtual community platform- 3

SUB-ACTIVITY B: Learning management system

1. The translation, adaptation and use of the open source virtual learning environment Moodle and to create and upload e-learning courses to this virtual environment.
2. Development of three layer of the course system:
 - a) e-learning courses for the formal education;
 - b) e-learning courses for non- formal education (to meet the cross-border needs);
 - c) c) e-learning courses (small modules or units) on specific technological, educological, methodological issues, or practical activities.

Development of sustainable LLL infrastructure - 1

aimed to increase the lifelong learning
infrastructure capacity to ensure and provide
the most demanded services at a high quality.

Development of sustainable LLL infrastructure - 2

SUB-ACTIVITY A: Entrepreneurship promotion:

- Development of the concept of the model of business school (entrepreneurship center) as an integrated part of the lifelong learning system;
- Design of plan to meet cross border entrepreneurship training needs;
- Investments in infrastructure to increase partner organization capacity to supply business education related services.

Development of sustainable LLL infrastructure - 3

SUB-Activity B: Development of engineering skill development in lifelong learning:

- Understanding and transfer of the best practice of Europe and creation of the module system (FAS model concept) in engineering skill training.
- The establishment of Engineering technology skill centres – improvement of existing facilities or establishment of centres to ensure Engineering skill training in partner organizations.

Development of sustainable LLL infrastructure - 4

SUB-ACTIVITY C: Creation of courses for
engineering skill development

PR and Cross border collaboration network - 1

-aimed to increase the exchange of experience,
practice and achieved results among partners,
project target groups and the overall society.

PR and Cross border collaboration network - 2

SUB-ACTIVITY A: Creation of the cross border collaboration learning platform, that ensures effective exchange of experience among partners and other parties involved:

1. Mobility schemes development and implementation (fieldwork of lecturers and lifelong learning systems administrators spending up to 3 days in other partner premises).
2. Virtual collaboration platform works as entrance into distance learning platform. Distance learning platform provides ground for courses developed within project.

PR and Cross border collaboration network - 3

SUB-ACTIVITY B: Public Relations and Result
dissemination:

Target groups of this sub-activity include mass media,
local, regional and national authorities, potential and
current entrepreneurs and business organizations

Partners

- Kurzeme planning region administration;
- Ventspils University College;
- Riga Technical University Liepaja Branch;
- Kaunas University of Technology;
- Klaipeda University;
- Kaunas Regional Innovation Centre.



