

**Programme:** Interreg V-A Latvia – Lithuania Programme 2014-2020.

**Project:** LLI-302 “Improvement of efficiency and availability of local public security services in cross border regions of Latvia and Lithuania”.

**Project acronym:** “Safe borderlands”

**Project duration:** 01.04.2018 – 31.08.2020 (29 months).

**Lead partner:** Zemgale Planning Region (LV), www.zemgale.lv

**Project partners:**

* Vecumnieku local municipality (LV), www.vecumnieki.lv ;
* Rokiskis District Municipality Administration (LT), www.rokiskis.lt;
* Aknīste local municipality (LV), www.akniste.lv;
* Birzai district municipality administration (LT), [www.birzai.lt](http://www.birzai.lt);
* Tērvete local municipality (LV), [www.tervetesnov.lv](http://www.tervetesnov.lv);

**Project target is** to improve the efficiency and availability of services by making services faster, simplified, available.

**Planned project activities:**

1. Improved public service efficiency by providing preventive activities:
* The placement of video cameras and their interconnection with observational stationary systems in 5 municipalities;
* Road safety measures (speed display, road signs);
* To strengthen the capacity of local authorities for firefighters (purchase of 1 fire truck and dron).
1. Strengthening cooperation and capacity:
* Joint training on LV and LT on the legislation and institutions of the other country in the field of public safety;
* Experience exchange trips to partner cities, including a trip to Sweden, taking advantage of good practice;
* Working groups among all involved institutions - volunteers, municipalities and state institutions;
* Citizens' safety advancement activities in each partner city;
* Booklet on Differences Between States on Security Issues.
1. Implementation of new cross-border cooperation solutions:
* study on cross-border co-operation solutions
* Cooperation agreements between 6 cross-border municipalities on cooperation on public safety issues.

**Results to be achieved in the project:**

* 2 training seminars on similarities and differences in public security services in Latvia and Lithuania;
* 5 local trainings organized to improve the response to life-threatening situations;
* 5 stakeholder workshops / workshops organized to improve co-operation between municipalities and public authorities on public safety issues;
* 9 educational campaigns on safety and risk prevention for local people were organized;
* A study on cross-border co-operation solutions was conducted;
* A booklet on differences in security issues in Latvia and Lithuania;
* Improved performance of 5 municipal security services due to: installation of a video surveillance system consisting of installation of 87 video cameras in municipalities; 1 fire truck and dron purchase; speed display and information signs for video surveillance;
* 3 bilateral co-operation agreements between 6 cross-border municipalities on cooperation in the field of public safety have been concluded.

**Overal Project budget:** 543 262,45 EUR ( including ERAF co-finance 461 773,08 EUR)

**Partner budget (your budget):** 129 778,46 EUR (including ERAF co-finance 110 311,69 EUR)

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