



Cross Border Athletics

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Priority 3 Promotion of people to people cooperation

Measure 3.2 Cooperation in spheres of culture, sport, education, social and health





Short summary of the project

Sport development has been named as one of the priorities in city development plans of both partners. The main condition for sport development is not only equipment and sport facilities, but also promotion of healthy international competition in sport, that will improve young athletes' achievements.

It is well known that athletics is the base for any sport, and Smiltene's problem lies directly in this sector, as city does not have a proper jogging track in the stadium, which is essential for young athletes. There is also a lack of international cooperation, as young athletes do not have appropriate conditions for it. Participation in international competitions is problematic because of different levels of athletes' preparation and opportunities. That is why it is necessary to seek cooperation opportunities in municipalities with similar situation, which can be found in neighbour countries.

Porhov has very similar problems; the jogging track reconstruction is badly needed, but currently prevented by lack of funds for its full repair, as well as renovation of the sport complex in order to host international contests.

The project will build cross-border cooperation in sport development, identifying children and youth as the main target group. It will increase the level of competence of athletes, coaches and sport-related people in track and field disciplines, by learning and using the experience of other countries, thereby improving the achievements of specific sport disciplines along with the promotion of sport and active lifestyle among children and young people. The project aims to launch a long-term cooperation between local sport schools in municipalities of Smiltene and Porhova, using experience and resources of both countries.

Overall objective

To encourage children and young people in sport activities, particularly in athletics, using cross-border cooperation between Latvia and Russia as a healthy sport competition promoter, thereby contributing to the expansion of active life opportunities for the young generation.

Specific objectives

- ✚ To contribute to the development of sport complexes in Smiltene and Porhov in order to provide lasting opportunities for children and young people in the field of athletics
- ✚ To enhance the opportunities of children and young people to demonstrate their abilities in international athletic competitions in Russia and Latvia
- ✚ To raise the competence of sport coaches and athletes in athletics through acquaintance with foreign expertise by inviting groups of foreign sport experts, thus giving home athletes and coaches opportunities to attend expert training and demonstrations at home sport grounds
- ✚ To build and further develop international children and youth cooperation in one of the most popular sports in the world - athletics, getting at the same time acquainted with partner country's sport and cultural traditions and bridging the language barrier effects.

Beneficiary

Smiltene Region Council (Latvia)

Partner

Porhov District Administration (Russia)





Expected results




Enhancement of technical capacity

- Reconstructed athletic runway in Smiltene's stadium (8 jogging tracks for straight-running and 4 jogging tracks for circle-running)
- Laid surface for athletic runway in Porhov (6 jogging tracks for straight-running and 4 jogging tracks for circle-running)

Cross-border sports events network

- 2 international athletics competitions in Smiltene and Porhov, for 2 days each (for 120 children and young people from Porhov and Smiltene and up to 200 supporters)
- 2 practical exchange trainings for 1 day each (10 Porhov sport experts visit Smiltene and 10 Smiltene sport experts visit Porhov), including theoretical acquaintance with sports system in partner country and practical demonstration trainings led by guest-coaches with guest athletes for 60 interested children and young people of each hosting municipality

Final beneficiaries

-  **More than 700 children and young people of the partner municipalities**
-  **Professional sportsmen**
-  **Inhabitants of the project territory**

Duration

18 months

Budget

Total budget: **220 000,00** EUR

Programme co-financing: 188 100, 00 EUR (85,5%)

Project co-financing: 31 900,00 EUR (14.5%)

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