

# Tartu, Rezekne, Pskov: Green Management for Urban Development & Planning in EE-LV-RU Border Capitals

## GreenMan

**Priority 2** 

Common challenges

Measure 2.1

Joint actions aimed at protection of environment and natural resources



## Short summary of the project

**P**roject addresses sustainable management of green areas in most populated cities in Estonia-Latvia-Russia border area: Tartu, Rezekne and Pskov. Green landscapes, incl. natural and artificial ones, inside cities are considered as green areas. It's an integral part of urban districts playing a vital role in preservation of natural environment and providing daily communication between human and nature. Green areas are the only way for many people, especially for children, elderly people, and people with impaired mobility to experience the nature.

**D**uring urban growth green areas undergo different changes, which often lead to neglecting of natural environment and to depletion of greenery. It mainly concerns big cities. And it also concerns Tartu (Estonia), Rezekne (Latvia) and Pskov (Russia), which are considered as the capitals in the Estonian-Latvian-Russian border area and are the target area of the GreenMan project.

Improving the green areas management in Tartu, Rezekne and Pskov will makes the cities more attractive for both their residents and their guests, thus contributing to increasing the attractiveness of EE-LV-RU border area.

## Overall objective

To contribute to increasing greenery and attractiveness of the cities in EE-LV-RU border area for their residents and visitors as a result of effective green management policies, practices and innovations compliant with national green regulations and efficiently applied by local urban actors.

## Specific objective

- To improve efficiency of urban green areas management in Tartu, Rezekne and Pskov;
- ♣ To increase coverage of green areas in the cities by creation of green areas and preparation of technical documentations for future green areas;
- ♣ To improve networking and experience sharing between the specialists dealing with urban green areas management.

## Beneficiary

NGO "Lake Peipsi Project, Pskov" (Russia)

#### **Partners**

Administration of Pskov City / Department of Urban Services (Russia)
Pskov State University (Russia)
Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation (Estonia)
Tartu City Government (Estonia)
Estonian University of Life Sciences (Estonia)
Latvian office of Euroregion "Country of Lakes" (Latvia)
Rezekne City Council (Latvia)
Rezekne Local Municipality (Latvia)
Daugavpils University (Latvia)

### **Expected results**

- joint methodology on how to make urban green inventories developed;
- 2 comprehensive **inventories of green areas** in Pskov and Rezekne performed, greenery identified and 2 **databases** prepared;
- 2 new green areas management systems prepared and 1 updated;
- The **university study course** on green management developed and introduced in 3 participating universities, not less than **200 students** future decision-makers received new and valuable information about urban greenery;
- At least 50 relevant urban actors, mainly from Tartu, Rezekne and Pskov improved their management capacity and received necessary competences to operate at modern and effective level of urban green management;
- 16 Latgale urban actors got new competence at national trainings;
- **Equipment and software** necessary to deal with green areas management and inventories purchased and used; partners' technical capacity in the field of urban green management significantly improved;
- 4 sets of technical documents prepared, namely: in Tartu "Reconstruction of the Mathiesen Park" (1 ha); in Pskov "Restoration of the Botanic Garden" (6,4 ha); in Rezekne City "Reconstruction of North Industrial Zone Park" (2,5 ha), in Rezekne Municipality "Development of Greivuli Recreation Path" (2 km);
- 4 large-scale green areas in Tartu, Pskov and Rezekne created/ restored, namely: the Arboretum (Dendropark) in the center of Pskov restored (5 ha); eco-friendly Children's recreation Area in Raina Park in Rezekne City reconstructed (0,6 ha), the Ancupani Forest Park Cover in Rezekne Local Municipality improved (9,48 ha); the Friendship Alley (1 ha) and small green areas (the Rozarium of Partner Cities and the Natural Trail) in the center of Tartu created.

#### Final beneficiaries

- The whole system of urban green management actors in EE-LV-RU area; not less than 30 institutions and 200 persons.
- The whole population of the target cities not less than 340.000 people and the visitors/ tourists not less than 200.000 persons each year.

#### Duration

24 months

## **Budget**

Total budget: 1 948 194, 78EUR

**P**rogramme co-financing: 1 753375, 30 EUR (90%)

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