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4 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1.

Participation: The event involved 92 citizens, including

60 participants from Grobiņa (Latvia),

11 participants from Skuodas (Lithuania),

11 participants from Mokrsko (Poland),

10 participants from Audru (Estonia)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Grobiņa (Latvia), from 18.08.2013. to 22.08.2013.

Short Description:

The 1st project seminar in Grobiņa “ How can the municipality support small businesses” started with the arrival of the participants on August 18 and introduction activities and joint dinner together.

On the second day the participants presented their organizations. The exhibition of booklets and posters " The Activities of Small Businesses in our Municipality" on small businesses in each municipality was opened. Then the participants visited Grobiņa municipality where they were greeted by the mayor. Then there was a sightseeing tour in Grobiņa lead by the students. In the afternoon Liepāja Business incubator organized a seminar “How can municipalities support small businesses” and the participants joined in by sharing their experience. Afterwards there was a possibility to see the sights of Liepāja and have free time there.

On the third day the participants got introduced to the work of small businesses in Grobiņa municipality related to construction and environmental protection. The participants visited the following small businesses in Grobiņa – ViaS, Grobiņas ziedi, Blu Shock bike and SPMK. 3 of them are managed by young people. The participants also heard how they had started their business. In the afternoon the local tourism club "Oga" organized activities in Curonian Viking settlement. In the evening international evening was organized where the participants demonstrated their national traditions and food..

On the fourth day the participants visited a municipal solid waste management company Liepāja RAS Ltd. where also a simulation game “International fair of construction and environment protection businesses" was organized. The participants took part in a mock construction and environment protection business fair. In the evening the work of the 1st project meeting was evaluated and the activities of the following meetings discussed.

On the fifth day the delegations departed.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 99 citizens, including

12 participants from Grobiņa (Latvia),

69 participants from Skuodas (Lithuania),

10 participants from Mokrsko (Poland),

8 participants from Audru (Estonia)

Location / Dates:

The event took place in Skuodas (Lithuania) from 28.04.2014. to 2.05.2014.

Short description:

The second project seminar took place in Skuodas (Lithuania).

When the delegations had arrived on the first day there were introduction games, sightseeing Mosedis (12 km away from Skuodas where the guest house was) and joint dinner.

The second day started with presenting the homework - the participants talked about entrepreneurship in their regions and experienced businessmen tried to answer some questions how to help young entrepreneurs cope with difficulties, how to attract young leaders, what kind of business could be developed in their regions, how local institutions and organization could be involved or even lead the process of entrepreneurship improvement. The participants were involved in interesting communication games. After that all participants worked in groups and discussed successful business opportunities in their countries and abroad. Lecturers Darius Karaša and Jonas Ignatavičius from „Santaka LT“ organisation conducted the discussion. After lunch the exhibition of booklets and posters in Skuodas Business centre was opened. In the afternoon the exhibition of the booklets and posters on the work of local small businesses in each municipality was opened in Skuodas Business Information centre. Orientation game around Skuodas was organised after that. In the evening the participants got to know the work of local guest house in town Mosedis and had dinner and non-formal atmosphere with sauna.

On the third day the participants visited local Skuodas business companies: UAB „Mittet“, UAB „Skalsa“, A. Kataržio PĮ „Kūlis“, UAB „CkĮ furniture“, UAB Žemaičių virvės“. The entrepreneurs answered the many questions the participants asked about how they had started their business, where they had got experience, etc. In the afternoon visits in local businesses were continued in JSC „MITTET“, JSC „Thermotextile“, JSC „Skalsa“, JSC „MY LAND LT“. In the evening there was an international evening with national food and folk music presentation. Mosedis folk music leader Vita Pajarskienė presented Lithuanian culture with her own folk group and surprised each delegation by singing three songs in three different languages: Polish, Latvian, Estonian.

On the fourth day the participants had a simulation game “International fair of service providing and municipality owned businesses” and went to Klaipeda to visit beer brewery „Švyturys” and had sightseeing in the city. In the evening the work of the 2nd project meeting was discussed and evaluated.

On the fifth day the participants departed .

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 98 citizens, including

12 participants from Grobiņa (Latvia),

- 8 participants from Skuodas (Lithuania),
- 69 participants from Mokrsko (Poland),
- 9 participants from Audru (Estonia)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mokrsko (Poland) from 4.06. to 8.06.2014.

Short description:

The 3rd project meeting “ Young People's Opinion about Chances to Start their own Business” was held in Mokrsko, Poland.

On the first day the participants were greeted by the mayor Mokrsko municipality and the delegations got to know each other through games.

On the second day there was a seminar where the local and international entrepreneurs told about their businesses and introduced their production. The youngsters who participated in the seminar asked them questions how they had started the business, about the problems they encounter. The exhibition of booklets " The Activities of Small Businesses in our Municipality" was opened in Mokrsko municipality. In the afternoon there was a guided tour where the cultural heritage of the region - trail of wooden architecture – was presented. In the evening there was international night where each delegation presented traditional food, folk and disco music. In addition, cultural diversity of the participating countries was presented by means of multimedia presentations and live performances.

On the third day the participants visited local companies and had a possibility to shadow workers of roller blind and gates manufacture, fruit production, raspberry and strawberry seed producers, tea-light and scented candle factory. In the evening the project seminar in Poland was evaluated. Conclusions and ideas for the future were also made.

On the fourth day the participants had a simulation game “International fair of food production, agriculture businesses” on an agrotouristic farm. After lunch the delegations departed from Wielun hotel. Some delegations had sightseeing tours in Warsaw in the afternoon.

On the fifth day the delegations departed.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 100 citizens, including

- 12 participants from the city of Grobiņa (Latvia),
- 12 participants from the city of Skuodas (Lithuania),
- 9 participants from the city of Mokrsko (Poland),
- 67 participants from the city of Audru (Estonia)

Location / Dates:

The event took place in (Audru, Estonia), from 15.09.2014. to 18.09.2014.

Short description:

The last project meeting was held in Audru municipality (Estonia) from Septmebr 15 -18.

On the first day all the delegations met in Riga airport and continued the way to Audru together. On the way they had a sightseeing tour in Parnu, the centre of the region. Then there was a joint dinner and introduction activities.

The second day started with opening of the exhibition of booklets and posters on small bussinesses in each municipaloty and the seminar „How can Different Organizations Help Young People Start their Business". There was a chance to meet representatives of different organizations that can also help young people to start their own business after school. Also student companies participated with their production. After lunch visits in the local enterprises started. The participants visited Liu Boat LLC, Liu Cold Storage, horsefarmSassi Stable , animal food manufarcturer Petbit. After visiting a local cafe the participants saw Audru Racetrack. In the evening there was International evening with national dances and food.

On the third day there were more visits in the local enterprises - Marmorest Furniture Factory, Herbgarden of Tamme Farm, Lavassaare peatbog, Museum of Railway, o Unique Woodwork LLC, Audru Rock LLC, B&B Metalworks, NGO Eassalu-Neitsi Village Companionship. Lunch was served on a train on that day. In the afternoon the participants had another seminar „How can a local municipality help support young entrepreneurs in the countryside?“ where the municipality representatives shared their experience on stimulating young people start their own business. When the seminar finished each delegation evaluated their work during the whole project and expressed a wish to continue the joint project work. In the evening the participants had international games.

On the fourth day the project coordinators discussed the possibilities of future cooperation of the partner municipalities. Before departing Estonia the participants visited Parnu one more time and then left for Riga Airport where the delegations departed.