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**LLI-302 Improvement of efficiency and availability of local public security services in cross border regions of Latvia and Lithuania**

**(SAFE BORDERLANDS)**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**of Visits From 5 Exchange of Experience Visits for Local Public Security Services Providers**

**Project Activity No. A.T1.2:**

“Organization of 5 Exchange of experience visits for local public security services providers”

**Activity Deliverable No. D.T1.2.1:**

„Summary of visits from 5 exchange of experience visits for local public security services providers“

## **I. Experience visit for local public security services providers in Rokiskis**

**Date:** 30.08.2018

**Venue:** Rokiškis District Municipality Administration, Respublikos 94g, Rokiškis

**Time:** 09:30-14:00

The event took place in Rokiškis District Municipality Administration, together with all project partners, their public order and fire safety specialist. From Rokiskis security service provision specialists there were public order and fire safety commanders. Robertas Krasauskas (commander of public order), Dalius Kunigonis and Remigijus Sunklodas (commanders of fire safety). These representatives gave the attendees the presentations about Public order and fire safety in Lithuania.

Commander of public order talked about biggest problems in the region and the city. What types of crimes are committed, how the crimes are being stopped, and how the information about the crimes is being received from the citizens. Commander briefly talked also about the public order statistics in Rokiskis. Commander of fire safety Remigijus Sunklodas prepared presentation about the fire safety in the region. He mentioned all the fire stations, how many firefighters are in the regional teams, what sort of the fire stations there are. The information about fire safety problems and some statistics was also presented. Commander of fire safety Dalius Kunigonis provided the information about the Rokiskis fire safety depo, what sort of equipment there are, how many fire cars they have in main station of Rokiskis, and what all fire safety workers are doing at work.

After all the presentations followed the discussion where all participants talked about common challenges in our regions. Public order and fire safety specialist tried to answer all questions received from others safety specialist. After that the discussion the participants went to Juodupė and Rokiškis fire stations.

First the group traveled to Juodupė fire station, fire safety commanders had told the story about this place, because it's one of the oldest fire station in Rokiškis region. All participants showed interest in this station. After Juodupė fire station the group went to Rokiškis main fire station to see the fire cars, fire equipment, fire masks, and meet the rescuers at the station. Dalius Kunigonis actually showed all cabinets of this station where administration works, where rescuers are eating and where the preparations for the rescue call are being made.

After the visits of the Rokiskis fire stations the experience exchange visit in Rokiskis was successfully finished and all the participants went back home.

## **II. Experience visit for local public security services providers in Akniste**

**Date:** 14.03.2019

**Venue:** Gārsene, Gārsenes parish, „Labieši”, Akniste county

**Time:** 12:30-15:30

The event started in Akniste county Gārsenes parish in Gārsenes castle, with all of project partners, their public order and fire safety specialists. From Akniste municipality to the event came Municipal police officer Ija Ašaka and executive director Jānis Gavars. At the beginning I. Ašaka briefly introduced participants with the Akniste Municipal police structure and work and daily duties. Then she told how everyone who wants can become a Municipal police officer, about daily issues and challenges at work and about the technical issues. J. Gavars added more information on the daily challenges at work and technical issues from municipality's point of view.

After the presentation the discussion session started. All participants asked questions about work, for instance, what kind of equipment municipal police has, how many workers are there, what is the most difficult in daily work. Public order specialist tried to answer all questions received from other safety specialists. After that discussion participants drove to the Ancenes volunteer – firefighters' station.

Representative from the volunteer-firefighters team A. Čāmāns told the participants shortly about history how started volunteer-firefighters in Akniste municipality, about its structure and how the fire safety is implemented in municipality, as well as how the cooperation with State Fire and Rescue Department in Akniste is implemented. The information about problems, challenges was also introduced to the audience. After the firefighter showed the equipment and cares that are on the duty at the Akniste. Then all participants asked question and A. Čāmāns tried to answered them.

After the visit to the firefighters station the experience exchange visit in Akniste was successfully finished and all the participants went back home.

### **III. Experience visit for local public security services providers in Biržai**

**Date:** 16.05.2019

**Venue:** Biržai castle arsenal, Biržai, Lithuania

**Time:** 12:30-16:00

Biržai district municipality administration project manager Jurga Bagamoloviene and Zemgale planning region project manager Arturs Pencura welcomed meeting participants, shortly introduced meeting agenda and reminded overall aim of the Project, shortly overviewed implemented activities and aim of the workshop.

Senior specialist of Public order department of Biržai district municipality administration Virgilijus Kulbis presented everyday work of the public order specialists, described the main responsibilities, introduced participants with the ways and methods disabled people are involved into the process of ensuring public safety in Biržai district. He also invited to discuss this issue and look for new possibilities to integrate people with disabilities by involving them directly into the process of ensuring public safety. Later the discussion session started.

Representative of the State Police department, Biržai police department, Dainius Čepas talked about the everyday work of the police officers, described the main responsibilities and invited to discuss the problems officers encounter in their everyday work in borderland area.

Discussion about the problems, misunderstandings and obstacles policemen encounter in their everyday work in borderland area took place.

After the discussion second session the experience exchange visit in Birzai was successfully finished and all the participants went back home.

#### **IV. Experience visit for local public security services providers in Vecumnieki**

**Date:** 03.07.2019

**Venue:** Vecumnieki, Rigas street 5, Vecumnieki parish, Vecumnieki county, LV – 3933

**Time:** 10:30-15:00

The event start in Vecumnieki House of Culture, with all of project partners, their public order and fire safety specialist. The Head of the Public Order Department of the Vecumnieki local Municipality Edgars Polis told about the work of the Public Order Department, the cooperation experience with other state and municipal institutions (social service, orphan's court, State Police, educational institutions, probation service, administrative commission, etc.). The presentation was followed by discussions with the participants of the event, comparing the Powers of Attorney and possible actions of the municipal police, the State Police and municipal order services in different cases in Latvia and Lithuania.

The next part of the event was the visit to the State Fire and Rescue Service department in Vecumnieki. The guests were welcomed by Commander Visvaldis Janelis and Maris Plēsniēks, who previously was the post commander of the post. The SFRS representatives showed the department, firefighting machines and equipment, told about daily work and cooperation with the order department and volunteer firefighting units in Skaistkalne and Barbere.

The insight gained in the work of the local public order and security services provided more information to the project participants about the possibilities to solve various issues related to security both in the territory of Latvia and in cross-border cooperation with institutions of the Republic of Lithuania.

After the visit to the state firefighters station the experience exchange visit in Vecumnieki was successfully finished and all the participants went back home.

## V. Experience visit for local public security services providers in Tervete

**Date:** 06.11.2019

**Venue:** Tērvete, Rehabilitation center, Tērvete parish, Tērvete county, LV – 3730, Latvia

**Time:** 10:30-14:30

The event started in Rehabilitation Center „Tērvete”, with all of project partners, their public order and fire safety specialist. Linda Mierlauka, Head of Tērvete County Development Department gave an insight into the history of the establishment of Tērvete County, the largest companies, the most popular tourism and cultural activities and the investments made by the municipality in infrastructure development and building renovation. Jānis Kozuliņš, Head of Tērvete’s Municipal Police shared experience on the already existing video surveillance monitoring system in Tērvete county, on the main functions and tasks of Municipal Police. Modris Vazdiķis, Head of Tērvete’s Municipal Firefighting Service presented the long history of the municipal Fire Fighting services, about the involving youth in various sports activities of firefighters.

Valdis Grīnvalds, Chairman of the Board of RC „Tērvete” talked about the rehabilitation opportunities in the center, about the offered services. The participants visited the rehabilitation center later.

The next part of the event was the visit to the Municipal Firefighting Service department in Tērvete. The guests were welcomed by volunteer firefighter of Tērvete’s Municipal Firefighting Service. He demonstrated to the partners the fire service infrastructure - the fire station, which is currently undergoing reconstruction, and the new fire truck purchased as part of the project.

To this event was invited the Joniskis district municipality local public services providers based on internal agreement and planned main result in the project - joint integrated cross border procedure for local safety management and response.

The participants were introduced with Tervete practical work in the Municipal public order providing and Municipal Firefighting services providing.

After the visit to the Tervete volunteer firefighters station the experience exchange visit in Tervete was successfully finished and all the participants went back home.