



## Partner Search from Latvia

Programme:	Europe for Citizens Programme - Action 1 – Active Citizens for Europe, Measure 1.1 – Town Twinning Citizens’ Meetings. <a href="http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2012/index_en.php">http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2012/index_en.php</a>
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Organisation:	<p>Kekava Municipality Culture Agency (Latvia) was founded in 29 October 2008 by Kekava Municipality Council with aim to unite all Kekava region culture institutions (libraries, museums, tourist information centre, culture centres etc.) and to introduce common system in order to create, preserve and disseminate cultural values in whole municipality as well as develop tourism in our region. Culture agency organizes culture activities in Kekava region and supports activities initiated by all kind of local non-governmental, formal and informal organizations devoted to culture, art, informal learning, leisure as well as artistic initiatives by amateurs and professionals. Agency forms base for professional and amateur dancing, singing, theatre groups in Kekava region. Altogether there are 42 amateur culture groups in Kekava region. Beside administrative aim Kekava municipality culture agency has several qualitative objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to provide platform (resources&amp; knowledge) for new initiatives made by local community youth in the field of culture and rise participation and involvement into municipality activities;</li> <li>- to provide opportunities to spend leisure time meaningfully especially for youngsters coming from disadvantaged families;</li> <li>- provide vocational training for adults;</li> <li>- provide professional guidance for youngsters.</li> </ul> <p>Agency has experience as lead partner within Europe for Citizens and other programmes as well as vast project management experience. Kekava municipality have following twin towns – Bordesholm (Germany) and Gostyn (Poland), Nilufer (Turkey), Braslav (Belarus), Pskov (Russia).</p>
Project idea:	Kekava Municipality Culture Agency is looking for European partners interested in participating in a project proposal “ <b>Discovering common cultural heritage in</b>

	<p>the crossroads of Europe” <b>DECULTEU</b> within the Europe for Citizens Program Action 1 – Active Citizens for Europe, Measure 1.1 – Town Twinning Citizens’ Meetings.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to exchange experiences between project participants (local community members), non-profit organizations coming from different European countries interested in ancient history and culture research and its role discovering common cultural heritage in Europe as well as develop sustainable informal ties between citizens.</p> <p>The project aims are: 1) experience cultural diversity and discover common cultural heritage in Europe; 2) involve the local community in the planning and implementation of the project; 3) raise public awareness and interest of local inhabitants about domestic and overseas ancient history, cultures and traditions thus promoting cultural and linguistic diversity; 4) participate in common cultural performances (folk dance, folk music, craftsman performances etc.) and seminar “Discovering common cultural heritage through European ancient history, culture research”; 5) participate in Daugmale Castle Hill festival activities (concerts, open air craftsman fair), which moto is “learning by doing” – participants will have an opportunity to experience and reconstruct ancient, medieval age life styles, music, as well as look on reconstruction of ancient castle hill siege from different European countries. Video trailer from last year festival you can see here <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&amp;v=1iP-9ZYLOfE">http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&amp;v=1iP-9ZYLOfE</a> .</p> <p>It is expected that the project will involve municipalities from at least 4 participating countries.</p> <p>If you find this proposal interesting, please do not hesitate to make contact for further details at the latest the <b>25<sup>th</sup> of January 2012</b>.</p>
Partners searched:	Kekava Municipality Culture Agency would welcome interest from towns/municipalities or their twinning committees or other non-profit organisations (associations, ancient/medieval age clubs etc.) representing local authorities interested in folk dance, music, research of ancient, medieval ages history, culture, life styles etc.
Financial aspects:	Project will cover 70- 80% of transportation costs (depends on total participant number, most economical and available means of transport have to be considered from point A to B) and 100% accommodation and meals.
Project period and venue:	The project activities will take place from June 14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> 2012 in Kekava municipality – Kekava, Daugmale (Latvia).
Number of participants:	The number of participants that is expected to be sent by each partner organization is 10-30 persons, gender equality have to be observed.

If you find this proposal interesting, please do not hesitate to make contact for further details at the latest the **25<sup>th</sup> of January 2012** and I will send you form **PART A** about your organization which you will have to fill in.