



**Huta Polanska, Krempna, Poland**



## The Meaning of “Forgotten treasure”

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“Forgotten Treasure”, through European cooperation, will address the importance of activities carried out in local communities by youth groups. Partners from Poland, Hungary, Lithuania and Croatia will exchange their local treasures examples and provide an online platform to engage those who are interested in forgotten treasures in their local area and to give them the opportunity to highlight interesting monuments, places which can be rediscovered.

The target groups of this transnational youth initiative are young people, who are interested in issues related to local area, like promotion of

small, local attractions, developing rural area of their living, looking for new opportunities to develop or improve their entrepreneurial skills.

The other target group is local community - the aim is to show inhabitants that there are still old-new attractions which could be interesting especially for them: do they know about history of such places, do they know how many natural treasures they can find around? This information, which the project is going to provide, can be used by them to make this region more attractive for tourists.

The last target group involves students of local schools, who often do not see a lot of opportunities and places to visit in their area,

and they say this is a boring place without perspectives to develop.

The main objective of TYI Forgotten Treasure is stimulation of activities in the local community among youth from rural or underdeveloped areas, by finding and promoting attractive objects or monuments of their places. Service users will speak about their experience at respective partner workshops, both during, and after project completion.

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting in Huta Polanska

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014, within the framework of the European Project ERASMUS+ “Forgotten Treasure”, the first meeting of the project partners was held in Huta Polanska, Poland.

The meeting was attended by delegations from Lithuania, Poland, Hungary and Croatia. Meeting started with welcome speech from projects coordinator Paulina Telep. She made an introduction to the project and wished everyone to have a good start

and good cooperation.

At this meeting, which was held in good organizational and collaborative climate, issues related to local communities and youth engagement were discussed and, in addition, issues on how to make living in a small communities as fulfilling and multifarious as in big cities. Also interventions and practices were discussed, such as creating web-based tools, for example an online

platform, which will bring together people who are interested in local cultural, historical or other treasures. There was also a discussion about the vision of project's logo and poster.

On 25<sup>th</sup> of November we visited museum of Mangura National Park and had a meeting with special guest from Lemkos ethnic minority.

## Žmogiškųjų išteklių stebėsenos ir plėtros biuras - LITHUANIA



Zmogiškųjų išteklių stebėsenos ir plėtros biuras (ZISP B) was established in 2010 in Siauliai, Lithuania. We have 4 employees and 7 volunteers. In order to fulfil its aims ZISP B has a lot of partners in various areas: social, educational, management.

Main objectives: Observation, analysis and assessment of various social phenomena and processes in the field of social and educational policy.

Creation, adaptation and implementation various innovative social and adult educational initiatives and projects in the field of formal and non-formal education and social work providing training services to professionals and different target groups such like families at risk, offenders, ex prisoners.

Currently the main activities of organization are:

- Development and implementation of local

and international projects mostly with socially excluded target groups.

- Development and accreditation of different programs for post-graduated social workers, social workers assistants, nurses, managers, employers, volunteers.

- Training courses for post-graduated social workers, social workers assistants, nurses, managers, employees, volunteers.

## Gminny Ośrodek Kultury i Rekreacji w Krempnej – GOKiR Krempna - Poland

GOKiR

GOKiR Krempna is a Public Cultural Institution. This is a very small organization with a director and a few volunteers. It was established in 1991 and operates under the management of the local authorities. The main objective of GOKiR is focused on the popularization of culture – encouraging the local community to active participation in cultural events, promotion, creation and protection of culture.

The tasks of the organization include:

- Cultural education of the local community – with special emphasis on

children and youth interested in cultural activities;

- Creating of active participation in cultural life by community;
- Recognition, stimulation and satisfying the needs and cultural interests of inhabitants;
- Cultivating tradition and creating conditions for the development of local folklore;
- Building and organizing teams or groups that participate in local cultural events;
- Assistance and promotion of amateur artists and folk art;
- Collecting, evidence, creation, protection and sharing of cultural goods.
- Institution achieves these tasks by organizing clubs, sections,

(assemblies/work teams) and other form of activities.

- Organizing of leisure and entertainment - in particular GOKiR provides a meeting place for children, youth and adults, creates conditions for recreation and development in groups of common interests and propose various forms of activities, taking into account the needs of specific audience.

GOKiR organizes and supports local events like festivals, concerts, exhibitions. It prepares activities for children – English lessons, individual piano, guitar and violin lessons, as well as courses for adults – computer courses, handicraft workshops.

## Ludbreška udruga mladih entuzijasta – LUMEN – CROATIA

LUMEN is youth non-government organization established 15 years ago with the aim to improve the quality of life of people in our town and region and to bring their social inclusion and activism on higher level. Our goals are also to develop cultural, democratic, social and ecological conscience among youth, to encourage cooperation of young people with different interests and activities and to increase influence of young people on work of local community.

To achieve all that, we organize cultural, ecological, educational and other events, we

promote humanitarian work through many actions and cooperation with other humanitarian organizations, we inform young people about important topics, encourage their inclusion in discussion and solving various problems in our community and we cooperate with other similar associations in our country and wider. We aim to educate young people in mentioned areas in order to give them opportunity to spread everything they have learned.

LUMEN has successfully participated in various projects under the framework of Youth in

Action and ERASMUS+ which have given opportunities to young people (including disadvantaged youth) in programme and partner countries, giving opportunity to improve European multiculturalism and build up friendship and so enrich their European citizenship. Our staff and volunteers have previously worked as support staff and trainers in various local and international projects. LUMEN has been directly involved in organizing youth conferences, training programmes and exchanges, and engaging youths to participate in similar events all over Croatia and Europe.



## Kistarcsa Cultural Association - HUNGARY

The Kistarcsa Cultural Association was launched in 1993. The civic association, which has a membership of 60-80, is committed to contribute to the improvement of the cultural life of our town.

The members of the association meet once a week, when non-formal educational evenings are held.

Amateur performances have already been organised several times, where talented local people could present their skills.

We offer yearly award prizes for which local inhabitants may apply.

Every autumn is held a cultural week.

Since 1998 we have published a local calendar yearly.

Yearly organize folklore

festival for ethnic minorities and a gastronomic festival.

Every year hold national days.

We organise courses, seminars and conferences.

Our members often participate in international projects mainly in youth programmes.

The territory where the association operates is our town, Kistarcsa, but we often co-operate with organisations from the neighbouring settlements, sometimes from the country and we have a wide international cooperation too.



## Projects objectives and strategy



The main objective of TYI Forgotten Treasure is stimulation of activities in the local community among youth from rural or underdeveloped areas, by finding and promoting attractive objects or monuments of their places.

Objectives:

- Developing personal skills – language skills through contact with partners from other countries, entrepreneurial skills through building website which aims at promotion of local areas.
- Building cooperation between youth and local

authorities/ organizations.

- Working in teams.
- Widening lists of local attraction by discovering places, objects, which could be interesting for local community, tourists and other visitors.
- Introducing and developing innovative methods to develop local societies.
- Exchanging experience, practice, opinion between partners – looking for new point of view - how people from other countries see particular problem and solve it – e.g. to promote local attractions, events,

local heritage.

- Improving the transmission of information on local attractions.
- Young people are going to develop their local community and their cultural heritage by discovering or rediscovering places, objects or other things, which could be interesting for local communities, to increase their knowledge about places of their residence and for tourists - to show them that there are more attractions and these places are worth to visit.



## Visiting museum of Magura National Park

*Within the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting we visited museum of Magura National Park in Kremphna which was found in 1995. Partners had the chance to follow the guided tour which showed flora and fauna of national park at different seasons.*



## Workshop “Small communities we live in”

*During first evening of the meeting participants had discussions about advantages and disadvantages of living in small communities. We found lot's of advantages: close relationships and distances, friendly neighbors, community really feels like a community and so on. But there are some disadvantages as well: less opportunity, less leisure activities.*



## Evening „Show me your country“

*One evening was dedicated to present countries that we come from. All participants brought their national symbols, sweets and leaflets about their country. We also played quizzes to see how much we know about each other and to learn more!*

