





Improvement of higher vocational education in the field of transport and logistics

T & L

Priority 1 Socio-economic development

Measure 1.1 Fostering of socio-economic development and encouraging business and entrepreneurship









Short summary of the project

The proposed project deals with the development of the potential of the labour market within the field of transport and logistics (further in the text "T&L") in the bordering areas of Russia and Latvia. Due to the common history project areas face similar problems, such as an increasing tendency of young people leaving the region, especially its rural areas. Currently there are no higher vocational education programs which would offer the qualifications suitable to meet the requirements of the servicing and maintenance of modern commercial freight vehicles available in the project territory. Accordingly, there is a shortage of appropriately trained T&L workforce.

On the other hand, the region has a potential for socio-economic growth within T&L that is the development of international transport corridors, logistics and transport services.

Therefore the idea of joint regional approach towards the solution of the common problem was brought about. It was decided to improve the vocational training program in T&L and develop it into an international education program, providing it also in the distance learning format.

In order to ensure that qualifications of the workforce meet the demands of the modern economies, the project promotes cooperation of educational institutions and businesses.

The project aims to tackle the problem of incompatibility of the workforce within T&L as one of the perspectives for socio-economic growth of the Programme area. Thus the project is contributing to the socio-economic development and improvement of employment prospects, especially for young people.

Overall objective

To develop the potential of the labour market within the field of transport and logistics in the bordering areas of Russia and Latvia thus improving the attractiveness of the project area and minimizing the depopulation of it.

Specific objectives

- **T**o develop the cooperation between colleges and business associations in the field of transport and logistics
- **T**o improve the existing vocational training program based on the current needs within the field of transport and logistics
- **▼** To broaden the accessibility of the improved vocational training program within the Latgale and Pskov regions

Beneficiary

Malnava College (Latvia)

Partners

- State Budgetary Educational Institution of Pskov Region "Pskov Agricultural College" (Russia)
- Academic Park (Latvia)

Expected results

- Development of cooperation:
 - 2 round table discussions
 - o 1 conference
 - 2 informal networking events
 - An outline of the most urgent problems in T&L sphere and ideas for the improvement developed a result of all the events
- Capacity of project partner organisations and their teachers increased through improvement of training programs, and their updated knowledge about T&L
- **Improved** international vocational **education program**, which complies with the needs and trends of the T&L industry, available to the project partners and current/potential students **in three languages**
- **Upgraded technical grounds** of the partners of the project organized for running the vocational training;
- **Necessary** central and peripheral **equipment** for storage and management of distance learning facilities
- **Distance learning tool** for the vocational study program

Final beneficiaries

- **100** students enrolling each year in the educational program developed within the project
- **↓** Up to 50 enterprises able to employ appropriately educated stuff
- ♣ Local governments of the project territory
- ♣ Inhabitants of the boarder region

Duration

18 months

Budget

Total budget: **219 616,60** EUR

Programme co-financing: 197 654,94 EUR (90%)
Project co-financing: 21 961,66 EUR (10%)

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