

## Outputs

**3 nature therapy training courses** (animal-assisted therapy, phytotherapy, hydrotherapy, etc) **for 18 social workers** organized in Daugavpils (Latvia) and Pskov (Russia)

**2 international 7-days summer camps "Back to Nature"** organized for 64 children of large and one-parent families in Daugavpils and Pskov regions. Different **nature therapy courses** for each child: reittherapy, canistherapy, phytotherapy, sand therap provided by professionals

**9 social sites** became more accessible for local inhabitants, children with special needs and visitors:

- **Children House - Shelter "Priedīte"** (Latvia): modern sloping was constructed;
- **Social Care Day Centre** for persons with mental disabilities **in Daugavpils** (Latvia): wheelchair ramp constructed;
- **2 outdoor playgrounds** for children with special needs in Dagda and Vecdome (Latvia);
- **Day center of Livani Social Department and Family Support Center in Ilūkste** (Latvia): the premises were reconstructed and equipped for social rehabilitation;
- **Beljsko-Ustjensk children house in Porhovo and Bobrovsk children house in Pechory** (Russia): rooms for the nature therapy training were reconstructed and equipped;
- **Center for Curative Pedagogy and Differential Learning in Pskov** (Russia): sensory garden for children with special needs was created.

**1 e-exhibition "You and Me - Friends Forever"** of drawings made by children and animals/pets created and distributed via 7 partners' websites, YouTube, other mass media

**56 press releases** and **articles** published in local media and local web sites; **2 informative e-leaflets** "Touching nature" (in RUS and LV); **2 educational photo-video** materials on Nature therapy (in LAT and RUS)

**7 project profiles** elaborated and published in each partner website





*International summer camp "Back to Nature"*



*Sand therapy workshop*



*Outdoor playground for children (Latvia)*



*International summer camp in Daugavpils*

## RESULTS

**Theoretical and practical experience of 18 social workers from Latvia and Russia** improved to use innovative methods of nature therapy in daily work with children

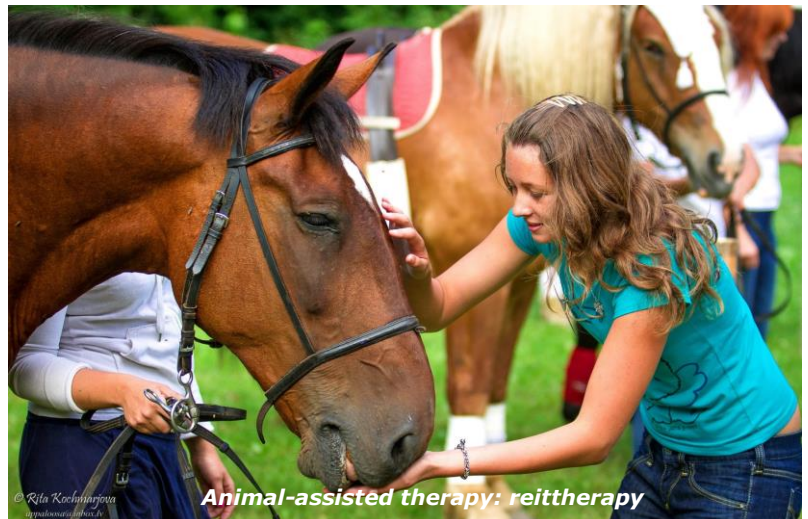
**Strengthened professional** and personal networks between LV and RU social workers

**Children** of large and one-parent families, children with special needs **discovered nature** accompanied by animals, got new interests, rehabilitation.

**Raised awareness** on nature therapy as a unique rehabilitation method was improved both for individuals (parents) and professionals

**Social environment accessibility** for children with special needs and social risk groups ensured

**Thematic digital materials** about nature therapy methods are **widely available** for local and regional audience to raise awareness about the healing effects of nature - physical, psychological and social factors of positive effects on the human organism



*Animal-assisted therapy: reiththerapy*



*Outdoor playground for children in Latvia*



*Wheelchair ramp, Social Care Day Centre in Daugavpils*