Improvement of sailing infrastructure and yacht harbours network building in Estonia and Latvia

Project number: EST-LAT55

**PROJECT OBJECTIVE**

Project objective is to improve sailing infrastructure and build network of harbours in Estonia and Latvia to promote East Baltic as sailing destination.

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD**

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**PROJECT FINANCING**

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**PROJECT PARTNERS**

The Project is implemented by the Lead Partner –

1. Kurzeme Planning Region in cooperation with partners from Latvia and Estonia:
2. Riga Planning Region
3. Estonian Small Harbour Development Center
4. Liepaja special economic zone authority
5. LTD “Liepāja Marina”
6. Pavilosta Port Authority
7. LTD “AK Pāvilosta Marina”
8. LTD “New Yacht Marina” (Ventspils harbour)
9. Roja Port Authority
10. LTD "Kurland" (Mērsrags harbour)
11. Engure Port Authority
12. Jērmala Port Authority
13. Riga Freeport Authority (Riga City Yacht Club harbour in Kipsala)
14. Skulte Port Authority
15. Salacgrīva Port Authority
16. AS “Saarte Liinid” (Ringsu un Munalaiai harbours)
17. Kihnu Municipality (Suaru harbour in Kihnu)
18. Parnu Municipality (Varati harbour)
19. LTD "Varbla Holiday Village” (Varbla harbour)
20. LTD “Lõunaranna Investeeringud” (Lounaranna harbour in Muhu)
21. LTD “Koiguste Marina” (Koiguste harbour)
22. LTD “Port of Montu” (Montu harbour)

PROJECT SUMMARY

I Better harbours network (investments activities in the harbours):

1) Safe navigation conditions into harbours: Marking of the port entrance and aquatic area (waters) with proper navigation signs (leading lights, spar and floating lateral buoys, fixed lateral navigation signs);
2) Protection from waves (strengthening of the coast, construction or reconstruction of piers, breakwaters);
3) Dredging works: Ensuring of minimum depth alongside the quays and access way (fairway) 2.5 m;
4) More places: Ensuring properly marked visiting mooring places for small crafts;
5) Clean environment: Ensuring of reception of waste and wastewater;
6) Security: Ensuring of 24h security (fencing, video surveillance systems etc.), Installing of safety post (heaving line, boat hook, life buoy, ladder) and fire safety equipment on the quay, ensuring of emergency kit;
7) Better services for sailors: electricity and drinking water available on the quay, service buildings and their reconstruction for washing facilities and water toilets, sauna etc., installing of lighting in the harbour area and quays,
8) Access information (stands, Wi-Fi, information boards about harbour network, their services and touristic information);
9) Expanding services: installation of slipway / crane and other yacht lifting equipment, building up of yacht storage facilities (outdoor/indoor)

Improved services of harbours in Estonia and Latvia are aimed to create standardized and harmonized service levels in harbours along coastline of Latvia and Estonia (altogether 20 small harbours), which includes safe navigation conditions into harbours, secure environment and good quality level services in the harbor, easy to access and understand information – while planning the trip, as well during the sailing holiday.

II Harbour network marketing activities (Connecting Marinas & Sailors)

1) Participation in the international boat shows in Dusseldorf (Germany), Warsaw (Poland), Helsinki (Finland) and Stockholm (Sweden)
2) Cruising guide, covering all the harbours in programme area as well additional info about the connecting harbours to enter the East Baltic sailing destination and Harbours network map;
3) Networking among the internal target group – sailors from Latvia and Estonia, through the existing regattas, championships, sailing events. (e.g. Moonsund Regatta, Baltic Open etc.) various events, conferences to give the harbours network wider recognition.
4) Online and social media promotion, web page will be optimized, incl. special articles in blogs, magazines etc.
5) Video and drone guiding instructions, how to enter harbours

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