

## Project Coordinator:

### **Latvia, Kekava Municipality Sport Agency**

<http://sports.kekava.lv>

Kekava Municipality Sport Agency is founded in 1st February 2009 by Kekava Municipality Council decision. It is a public institution which main aims are: manage municipality sport facilities; provide services that facilitate sport activities; by all means promote healthy lifestyle between community inhabitants especially between youngsters, socially disadvantaged groups, people with disabilities; ensure accessibility of public sport infrastructure to all community members; organize sport activities in municipality etc. Agency provides support to all local sport organizations, clubs not only by supporting them financially but also by organizing non-formal education activities for their leaders, coaches and members. One of the focus groups is school children and seniors. Agency regularly organizes grass root sport events (running, cycling events etc.) and tries to attract to such activities people who have not familiar with physical activities.

Sport Agency has invaluable experience involving local community members into grass root sport activities, however it still wishes to achieve larger numbers of participants – especially, school children, youngsters, seniors and disadvantaged groups. Moreover, Sport Agency organizes different activities in Kekava municipality and supports activities initiated by young people devoted to healthy lifestyle promotion. On a regular basis we are organizing grass root sport activities in different kind of sports (running, cycling, volleyball, basketball, football etc.). During the year 2013 we have organized more than 70 different sport events in our municipality involving more than 8000 community inhabitants (there are ~25 thousand inhabitants in total).

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## **Project Partners (EN)**

### **Croatia, Handball club Moslavina**

[www.kutina.hr](http://www.kutina.hr)

Handball club of Moslavina is 60 years old club based in the town of Kutina. Kutina is small town with 15,000 inhabitants located in central part of Croatia, precisely 70km southeast from the capital Zagreb. Club is a great pride of the town and the entire region because for many years achieved very notable successes at the state level as in youth facilities, such as seniors. Club has five coaches who work on a volunteer level in handball school with about 150 children aged 10-18 years, and one coach in senior team consisting of twenty players who have been raised in the handball club Moslavina. Currently in handball school we have four ages or teams which compete in highest national youth leagues, and senior team again is fighting for re-entry into the highest ranking Croatian handball league.

The main goal of the club is to teach children to participate in sports, and then to live sports and enjoy all the benefits of sport. And handball is just used only as a form of sport. But handball in Kutina is not just a sport, it is a sport with longest tradition and greatest successes and so many children decide to engage in handball.

### **Italy, Società Consortile Rocca di Cerere A R.L**

<http://www.roccadicerere.eu/>

Rocca di Cerere it is recognised under the EU Rural Development Policy 2007–2013 as a Local Action Group (LAG), representing a partnership which brings together public, private and civil society sector organisations from the rural territory of the Province of Enna. (Agira, Aidone, Assoro, Barrafranca, Calascibetta, Cerami, Enna, Gagliano Castelferrato, Leonforte, Nissoria, Piazza Armerina, Pietraperzia, Regalbuto, Santa Caterina Villarmosa, Troina, Villarosa). LAG Rocca di Cerere coordinate the mainstay of the implementation of the LEADER approach. Its responsibilities include the development of local strategies for rural and sustainable development by valorising its endogenous development potential. Local partners include public authorities, universities, research institutions, SMEs and non-profit organizations. Furthermore Rocca di Cerere from 2001 coordinates the European Geopark “Rocca di Cerere”, as a member of the EGN (European Geopark Network) e the GGN (Global Geopark Network), both recognized as an official branch of the UNESCO. Rocca di Cerere has an extensive experience in projects, research, data collection and analysis on rural development, including economic development of rural enterprises,

environment protection, rural tourism and promotion of eco-sport. As coordinator of the Local Action Groups (LAGs) Rocca di Cerere, member staff are highly specialized in coordination and management of European projects, thus ensuring ensuring strong competences in the local coordination of the current project proposal in case of its approval.

## **Lithuania, Raseiniai District Municipality**

<http://www.raseiniai.lt>

Raseiniai District Municipality (Lithuania) is a budgetary institution which administer independent brief by the Constitution and law, commitment to communities and also have to realize state delegated functions.

Among the many functions carried out by the municipality of preschool education, children and adult non-formal education organization for children and youth organising function, involvement in employment, skills acquisition and retraining issues, child and youth protection and so on. The main area of activity is public administration – activities of entities of public administration regulated by laws and other legal acts, which are intended for the implementation of laws and other legal acts: Adoption of administrative decisions, control of the implementation of laws and administrative decisions, provision of administrative services established by laws. According to the regulations of the institution's activities is prepares long and short term social, cultural, agricultural, investment's demographical, ecological, and other projects; coordinated questions of social, culture, education, youth, sports areas, it supervises the activities of these objects, when in need, takes over the function of the client, takes care of the cultural, education, social politics level of the residents. One of its main tasks is to realize the municipality's cultural, education, social politics in the areas of ethno-culture, cultural heritage, youth, tourism, sports and development of the common culture in residents.

## **Turkey, Izmir Governorship**

<http://www.izmirab.gov.tr/>

Izmir Valiligi (İzmir Governorship) (Turkey)

Izmir Governorship coordinates all activities in Izmir such as education, health, security, crisis management, environment, public works, culture, tourism, etc.

In this project Izmir governorship is represented by IZMIR GOVERNORSHIP EUROPEAN UNION

AND FOREIGN RELATIONS CENTER and The Provincial Directorate of Youth Service and Sports and youth centers that both are structures within governorship.

Purposes of this center are to help Izmir to produce projects in order to use EU funds, to make these projects improved both numerically and contextually, to share experiences, information and technologies with Izmir and the cities of EU member countries, to bring Europeanization dimension and new improvements of public administrations and civil society in Izmir, to help public institutions and NGOs (non-governmental organizations) seeking partners, to provide technical support if any difficulty encountered.

The Provincial Directorate of Youth Service and Sports and youth centers carry out lots of projects and accordingly set up some Action Plans in youth and sports domains by cooperating with NGOs, Universities, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies, Governorship of İzmir and other institutions. In this context, the youth centers, which work under the Provincial Directorate of Youth Service in İzmir, are interested in developing policies on social, cultural, and sports in parallel with the physical and mental health. In addition to this, the centers are responsible for implementation of those acts mentioned below and monitoring the process.

As well as playing table tennis bocce, football, volleyball, chess, and doing combat sports such as karate, judo and taekwondo, and athleticism, gymnastic, cycling, swimming, tracking, there are also other facilities such as drama, painting and music classes in the area of art in the Atatürk Youth Centre.

As a public institution, Atatürk Youth Centre's employees and youth leaders are pleased to being a part of a project. The center's principal aim is to make a contribution to the members' and all participants' lives in a positive way. We believe that, we will be able to achieve our aims and target to help young people to keep them healthy by amusing in their leisure time, according to participants' interests and abilities. Hereby we would like to be a part of HEPA project and conduct it in Atatürk Youth Centre.

## **Poland, Foundation Institute for Regional Development FIRR**

<http://www.firr.org.pl>

Foundation Institute for Regional Development FIRR (Poland) is Polish non-profit NGO with a status of the public benefit organisation. FIRR interest is related to groups in situation of social exclusion, especially disabled people. We put our effort to enable those groups to fully participate

in cultural, public, civil, economic and all other activities. We are strongly involved in the activities improving their educational, employment and social opportunities by providing them with a variety of courses. We enable the acquisition of skills necessary for independent life and to entry into the labour market. We constantly take care of developing a capacity of organisation and expanding fields of our activity to provide a high quality of services for our beneficiaries. We make sure that our actions correspond with real needs and expectations of people with disabilities. Our vision is that disabled people are active for life, not only on the labour market, but also in challenges of daily life. That is way we put strong efforts in developing soft competences, communication skills, team building by organising, for example, sports' activities. We cooperate with qualified trainers of martial arts and provide individual and group self-defense trainings.