

Culture-historical environment and traditions is a field, which with the help of innovative, modern methods and initiatives for strengthening of local economy has to be brought to light, thus attracting foreign tourists, as well as inhabitants of big cities.

**“Respect your cultural values, and you will be interesting to the whole world!”**

Information on visitation objects on [www.ludzaspartneriba.lv](http://www.ludzaspartneriba.lv), section Publicity-Video.

For each group, an individual offer is prepared according to their wish list of visitation objects and participation in creative workshops. Possibility of inclusion of other objects.

In the two-day programme, costs of seminars-discussions, object visitation, catering, participation in creative workshops, accommodation are included.

Organizers do not provide with the transport to the venue of a seminar and during the seminar.



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**Association of Lidumnieki rural municipality “Work and Culture Centre Lidumnieki” . Cibla municipality.**

Seminar-discussion Opportunities for tourism development through involvement of home producers and craftsmen, formation of degustation halls in rural area. Initiatives for strengthening of local economy – Problems and solutions. Survey of implemented projects. Ideas for future LEADER projects. Experience exchange.

- Projects: Simplified renovation of Work and Culture Centre Lidumnieki, Improvement of an outdoor space for the association “Work and Culture Centre Lidumnieki”.

Offer of creative workshops:

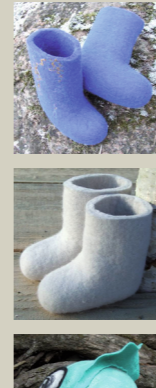
■ **Smiths' workshop**

Activity and acquisition of a trade. Smith's workshop is equipped for training and private work



■ **Acquisition of folk music instruments**

Cultivation of ethnographic singing, playing of folk instruments  
Project “Preservation of folk traditions in Cibla”



■ **Weaving – knitting workshop**

Activity and acquisition of a trade at a spinning-wheel, loom, knitting with and without needles!!! Knitted socks, mittens, scarves, hats – demonstration and introduction to ready needlework made in various techniques Opportunity to see and buy masters' works

■ **Candy workshop**

Confectioner specialized in sweets making  
Opportunity to buy ready products

**Traditional country estate of Latgale region, pigeon farm “Grundulji”**

- Typical country estate of Latgale region located at the very eastern border of European Union next to Degleva village – in Berezovka, on the bank of the river Ludza.

Owner's nursling – more than 30 breeds of decorative and mail pigeons; he gladly demonstrates decorative pigeons' flight and mail pigeons' training to visitors inviting them to let their dreams into the blue sky and spread their inner wings! The hostess offers to try not only traditional Latgalian food made of home-grown products but also delicious sweet tucks – original cakes and pies, home-made candies and various sorts of home-made cheese. It is a great opportunity to try Latgalian culinary heritage.

**Zilupe municipality**

**Country estate "Melturi"** Country estate “Melturi” is a place where environment and landscape is protected. Different workshops for preservation of multicultural environment folk traditions are organized, such as making of felt boots and other felt articles. Visitors can try healthy food of local production, acquire skill of cooking in a Russian oven.

**Craftsmen's farm "Bites"** With a great initiative and ardour, Ivanovi family are trying to renew the best traditions of craftsmen in Zilupe municipality. Birch-bark, forging, floristics workshops are offered. Functional design articles are made using authentic models.

Involving experts of the field, a deep study of the property's biotope is carried out since a big number of protected flora and fauna species are concentrated in a small territory. The family is especially proud of several hoopoe families. For a very short moment at the beginning of linden blossom, there is a possibility of having supper together with bats, which gladly feast at the served treat.

■ **The association “Smaidas”**

Continuing family's traditions, they grow melons and watermelons. Their grandfather while being a student was a trainee of the famous Latgalian selectionist of melons - Sukatnieks.

Seasonal home production is also practiced in the craftsmen's farm. Here you can try and buy pine cone jam and pine bud syrup.

■ **Country estate “Melturi”**



**LUDZA DISTRICT  
PARTNERSHIP**

**PRACTICAL TRAINING SEMINAR  
CONTRIBUTION OF LEADER PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT OF  
LOCAL PRODUCTS AND TERRITORY**

In the territory of Ludza District Partnership



PROJEKTU LĪDZFINANŠĒ  
EIROPAS SAVIENĪBA



EIROPAS LAUKSAIMNIECĪBAS FONDS LAUKU ATTĪSTĪBAI:  
EIROPA INVESTĒ LAUKU APVIDOS



We offer a one-day or two-day training programme

- Acquaintance with the group, presentation "LEADER approach. Association "Ludza District Partnership". Projects implemented by the association "Ludza District Partnership" during the planning period 2007 - 2013, plans for the next Local development strategy."

#### Association of Salnava rural municipality "Kūzuls", Karsava municipality

Seminar-discussion "Opportunities for development of micro and small business in rural areas. Social business. Survey of implemented projects. Ideas for the future LEADER projects. Experience exchange."

- The association has implemented several LEADER projects for development of the location potential: Improvement of the open-air site for recreation and events in Salnava rural municipality, Your leisure time – development of musical skills, Improvement of Salnava park, Church brought up in common understanding and other projects.

Orderly environment helps generate ideas for strengthening of the local economics and social business. In Salnava, projects for development of home production and services have been realized. Development of food craft will diminish the number of disadvantaged population in the local community – people will have an opportunity to earn and offer their manufactured or gathered production to the local processing.

- The community has actively participated in the conferences "Home production" and "Art" within the framework of the project "Preservation of the culture-historical environment and traditions in the territory of Ludza and Rokiskis partnership – experience and challenges for the local inhabitants" (Acronym "Found History"), which was implemented within the framework of the activity "Cross-territorial and cross-country cooperation" of the Axis 4 of Rural Development Programme for Latvia 2007-2013 "Implementation of LEADER approach



■ **Elvira Bleive**, home-producer – cheese producer, opportunity to share one's knowledge and cheese making skills. While making cheese, Elvira repeatedly says that it should be done with light and positive mind and without a hurry – only then you will succeed in cheese making. LEADER project "Development of home production in "Saulstarini", Salnava rural municipality, Karsava municipality. Creative workshops.



■ **Anna's estate**. Place where tea is hand-made of bounty of the nature. **Anna Danca** has been gathering tea herbs for several years, she has worked out her own tea package design and uses every opportunity to visit fairs and share her experience. Creative workshops.



■ Sewing workshop "Kvarbatka"

In the house "Dziles" in Malnava, owner Aina bakes bread and cakes. The baker offers various kinds of bread, for example rye bread and fine rye-bread, which is baked according to ancient traditions on maple leaves, pumpkin bread, bread with sun-dried tomatoes and other traditional and untraditional kinds of bread. In the bakery "Dziles", groups and families are offered to find out secrets of cake-baking and bake a pie, a cake or a delicious pizza together. A huge collection of cake recipes is gathered – wedding and anniversary cakes, as well as a varied offer for your festivity menu.



■ Farm "Kramigi"



■ Bakery "Dziles"

Implemented projects:

- Providing of hairdresser's service for inhabitants of Salnava rural municipality.
- Foundation of a dressmaker's – providing of a social service in Salnava.
- Foundation of the family support centre "Paspārne" for provision of social services in Salnava rural municipality.
- Sewing workshop "Kvarbatka" in Mezvidi rural municipality, Karsava municipality.

#### Janis Sican's farm

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- Collecting of pollen for development of healthy beekeeping production in Janis Sican's farm.

Janis Sican's farm is located in Otrie Mezvidi village in Karsava municipality. Since 2006 the farm has been certified as a biological farm. At the moment, there are 47 bee families. There is a possibility to get acquainted with making of wax candles and try to do it practically. A bee house is made where you can sleep on bee-hives, listen and observe bee life behind the glass walls of the hive.

■ Janis Sican's farm



- Participation in the project: "Preservation of culture-historical environment and traditions in the territory of Ludza and Rokiskis partnership – experience and challenges for the local inhabitants" (Acronym "Found History"). Conference "Home production".

In Kramini neighbourhood, bee families gather honey, which has been awarded several times. At the moment, there are approximately 100 families in the apiary, and the branch has been developed so far that honey is realized also outside Latvia. In the summer, groups of students and other interested people visit the apiary for a tour, where they can find out about the beekeeping branch as well as variety and application possibilities of its production.

Owners offer: a video tour and narration about the life of bees both in the apiary and in a hive; degustation of beekeeping production; making of wax candles; painting in an encaustic technique – with wax crayons and an iron; decoration of presents; organization of educating seminars.

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#### Ludza municipality, Ludza, Ludza Craftsmen Centre

Seminar-discussion "Opportunities for development of home production and home craft in rural areas. Cooperation. Creative workshops on the topic "Art". Survey of the implemented projects. Ideas for the future LEADER projects. Experience exchange. Project "Ancient Latgalian kitchen".

■ Home producer **Marite Lipska**



■ Project "Ancient Latgalian kitchen"

Works of 40 Latgalian craftsmen can be viewed and bought here. You can hear a narration of a guide dressed in an Old-Latgalian garment about the life of the ancient Baltic tribes, origin and history of development of the craft, ancient laws of ethics and work, traditions. You can also see demonstrations of ancient crafts and acquire these crafts. Groups can have lunch of Latgalian cuisine, learn to cook bread and drinks in the skill school of the Latgalian kitchen.

Ludza Craftsmen Centre is a part of the Latgale Culinary Heritage network and a winner of a Culture mark Latvian heritage (Latviskais mantojums), which was awarded to the first 12 cultural tourism objects in the regions of Latvia as a certification that Latvian traditions are cultivated in these places through teaching and showing them to the new generation of Latvia and tourists thus taking care of their preservation and inheritance in different expressions.

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#### Cibla municipality, Cibla, Eversmuiza

Seminar-discussion "Preservation of cultural heritage for the next generations, attraction of young people to studying local history. Problems and solutions." In the building of Eversmuiza, Cibla local history museum is arranged. Manor house building of the 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> century is an architectural monument protected by the state.

Project implemented by the association "Strauts" – Purchase of equipment for modernization of the material depository of the study of Cibla local history.

- Project of association "Ciblas Dzirkstelīte" – Improvement of Cibla municipality Youth centre
- Project of association "Pegazs" – Purchase of a trailer for horse transportation and saddlery for improvement and diversification of leisure time activities.



■ The association "Pegazs"



■ The association "Strauts"



■ Pigeon farm "Grunduji"