



## THE CENTRE FOR LEADER PROGRAMME AND AGRICULTURAL TRAINING METHODOLOGY

### ANYKŠČIAI LOCAL ACTION GROUP

### INVITATION

*You are kindly invited to attend the international conference “10 years of LEADER in Lithuania” which is held on 15-16th of October, 2014 in Anykščiai, (Anykščiai Arts Incubator, J. Biliūno str. 53, Anykščiai, Lithuania).*

From 2004 when Lithuania joined the European Union (hereinafter - EU) innovative LEADER initiative was launched in Lithuania. The conference “10 years of LEADER in Lithuania” is dedicated to draw attention to LEADER approach, its significance and impact to Lithuania and celebrate the decade in the EU.

During the conference participants will discuss the importance of the EU funding for people, rural communities, rural development, business, culture and infrastructure. There will be also noted the contribution of LEADER initiative to the rural development processes that led to partnership of the local government, business and social partners in order to improve the quality of life in rural areas. Also the conference will be a great opportunity for Lithuanian and foreign LAGs to discuss implementation of LEADER approach, share experiences, discuss how to overcome the difficulties encountered, review future prospects, exchange ideas and discover new opportunities for the use of the LEADER instruments.

In order for rural areas to continue to prosper during 2014-2020 financial period it is necessary not only to discuss ten years of LEADER experience in Lithuania, but also find innovative and promising actions opportunities. Ten years of experience in the implementation of the LEADER method defines the main purpose of the conference- identifying LEADER as a tool that continues to unite rural people and their initiatives.

Agenda of the conference is attached.

On the behalf of organizers,

The Centre for LEADER Programme and Agricultural training Methodology  
Director Lina Gumbrevičienė

**For further information please contact:**

**Simonas Pusvaškis (coordinator), tel. (+370 633) 60 317, email: [simonas.pusvaskis@zmmc.lt](mailto:simonas.pusvaskis@zmmc.lt)  
Please inform about Your decision to participate in the conference till 5th of October.**