



*Tartumaa Arendusselts*

# International LEADER Youth Seminar – building the future village

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# Introduction

- **Tartu Rural Development Association is a LEADER local action group (LAG) in Tartu County, South Estonia;**
- **Members: 106**
- **Inhabitants: 39 309**
- **Area: 2470,13 km<sup>2</sup>**
- **2009-2010 selected Leader projects: 260**
- **the main aim of the association is to develop a rural living environment in the partnership of three sectors;**
- **5 key areas: local communities, young people, environment, entrepreneurship and cooperation networks;**



# Project introduction

- Title: International LEADER Youth Seminar – building the future village
- Applicant: Tartu Rural Development Association
- Total budget: 3515 EUR
- Support: 3164 EUR
- Duration: August 2010
- Participating countries: Slovakia, Slovenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia



# Why we decided to carry out this project?

- Offer to young people attractive and developing opportunities for spending their free time;
- receive the information about the future vision and thoughts of young people;
- information received was used as an input for renewing the strategy of Tartu Rural Development Association.



# Project activities

- During the project young people:
  - worked in mixed groups;
  - created a vision of future village (where everything is possible);
  - planned constructing the best part of that village, divided roles and used different materials to build it on about 1 square meter plywood plate;
  - each group gave a video interview about the main characteristics of their village;
  - future village models were exhibited in the biggest shopping centre in Tartu city in August 2010.



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# Process

- Creativity trainer Harald Lepisk (<http://trainings.ee/in-english>) was leading the process;
- adults (youth workers, youth attendants) had the instructions on paper to facilitate the process – keep track on time, motivate participants to create, answer questions to arise;
- each adult (group facilitator) was guiding one group.





# Instructions to group facilitator

- Individual work – young people will think over question: “**What do you have in future village?**” individually;
- discussion in pairs – to initiate conversation among participants, question: **What are the things you can do in future village?**”;
- creating a common understanding – bringing all the different ideas together and finding common understandings;
- planning resources – guiding young people to think how they are going to do it, dividing roles.



# Reflections from building future village

- Open to the world;
- future school;
- common learning;
- active participation in decision-making processes;
- diverse opportunities;
- aesthetic environment;
- natural and ecological;
- it must be fun!



# Dziękuję!

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