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# **Wheelchair accessibility solutions to facilitate wheelchair hiking on different surfaces**

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**Partners:** Kurzeme Planning region, Rīga Planning region and Pärnu Bay Rotary Club

## Activity 3.3

**Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.1 (wheelchair accessibility) on the Coastal Trail section #20, at Apšuciems–Klapkalnciems.**

Responsible partner :  
Kurzeme Planning Region

## Result to be carried out

**Two specially designed beach wheelchairs will be made available** at Apšuciems village for people with mobility issues who would like to experience coastal hiking on the beach. 5km of the beach between Apšuciems and Klapkalnciems villages offer surface that is suitable for hiking experience in beach wheelchairs specially designed to make travelling across sand possible. The accessibility solution will contain the beach wheelchairs and **two wooden pathways** at specific sites to adapt the trail surface. The accessibility **solution will be piloted with the target group** (ca 15 pers. from LV, ca 3 pers. from EE).

## Activity 3.4

### **Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.1 (wheelchair accessibility) on the Coastal Trail section #25 “Vecāķi – Carnikava”.**

Responsible partner :  
Rīga Planning Region

## Tasks to be carried out

**Two specially designed outdoor wheelchairs will be made available** at Carnikava Local History Center for people with mobility issues to enable coastal hiking experiences on varied surfaces – forest paths, gravel, snow, and mud. The solution will allow adaptive hiking on different surfaces on the Coastal Hiking Trail Section #25 “Vecāķi – Carnikava” allowing to use of different local alternatives included in this section – the promenade, the beach, the forest paths in the Piejūra nature park. The accessibility solution will contain wheelchairs that are specially designed for outdoor experiences and universal design elements for necessary adaptations. **The accessibility solution will be piloted with the target group** (ca 15 pers. from LV, ca 3 pers. from EE).

## Activity 3.7

**Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 1 (wheelchair accessibility) on Pärnu beach, the Coastal Trail section #34 "Uulu - Pärnu".**

Responsible partner :  
Pärnu Bay Rotary Club

## Tasks to be carried out

Accessibility solution will be implemented and piloted for hikers on wheelchairs to access the sea for bathing on Pärnu beach, the Coastal Trail section #34 "Uulu - Pärnu". **A special accessibility complex will be installed containing floating wheelchairs, a special lift for lifting from a wheelchair to a floating wheelchair, a technical assistance room, and a rolling road. The accessibility solution will be piloted with the target group (ca 15 pers. from EE, ca 3 pers. from LV).**

# Common challenges

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- Find the best solution for your beach, outdoor wheelchair
- Find the best solution for beach accessibility



# Methodology

**Research for best wheelchair solutions**

**Consultations with accessibility experts**

**Information exchange with partners (phone calls, e-mails, online meetings)**

**Decision making**

**Piloting/Testing in action**

# NEXT STEPS



**Decision about best beach wheelchairs has been made**



**The best wheelchair for forest paths, gravel, snow, and mud in progress**



**Pathways solution to reach water is in progress**