

Forest and Coastal Hiking Trails' accessibility improvement for different social groups (EE-LV00013 – Accessible Hiking Trails)

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Project reporting

The 5th period project report has been verified.

Reporting period start date (MM/DD/YYYY)

3/1/2025



Reporting period end date (MM/DD/YYYY)

6/30/2025



Reporting period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 03/01/2025 - 06/30/2025



The sixth project period ends at the end of June.

The fifth period partner reports are due until 14th of July.

Please place emphasis on Work Package 3 in your partner reports.

On activities, investments, site improvements, pilot testing.

All activities of the period should be described, what is the progress, what is planned, when is it planned to be finished, any obstacles encountered, etc.

Estonia-Latvia Programme

Visibility rules and guidelines

Programme visibility guidelines (updated on 31.01.2025.) -
<https://estlat.eu/en/projects/visibility>

Each project partner is responsible for implementing the program's visibility rules in their investment objects.

4.3.1 When the total project budget is over EUR 100,000 and the project involves physical investment or the purchase of equipment, a durable billboard or plaque must be installed as soon as the physical investment or the purchase of equipment starts or purchased equipment is installed.

4.3.3 The billboard or plaque must include the following information:

- The Programme logo, covering 25% of the total width of the billboard or plaque.
- The project title or acronym, together with the project number.
- The start and end date of the project.
- The total budget and the amount of co-funding provided by the Programme.
- An explanation of what has been funded within the project at that specific location.



Project work plan

WP1 Joint development of accessibility solutions

WP1 develops 7 accessibility solutions to be implemented on the Coastal Hiking Trail and Forest Trail for the target groups: disabled people (wheelchair, impaired vision, disabled hiking groups), seniors, families with young children, school-aged youth, and people facing language and cross-cultural barrier. Partners will jointly implement the solutions and methodology for their piloting to be carried out under WP3. The WP1 aim is also to ensure training support for tourist service providers.

WP2 Marketing and promotion

The activities are aimed at cross-border cooperation of partner organisations to promote and market improved accessibility of the Coastal Hiking Trail and the Forest Trail as two cross-border hiking products.

WP3 Pilot actions of the accessibility solutions in the improved sites

The aim is to improve 16 sites for accessibility and to pilot the 7 accessibility solutions developed under WP1. A piloting action implies a piloting hike with the target group, collection of feedback, conclusions for finalisation of the solution, input for training materials, and recommendations for replication.

Sites to be improved on the map: [Google Maps](#)

7 accessibility solutions (1. Wheelchair accessibility solutions. 2. Accessibility solutions for impaired vision. 3. Web cam accessibility solutions (seniors, families). 4. Accessibility solutions adapting hiking for families with young children. 5. Self-guided hiking skills for school-aged youth. 6. Adaptation for foreign language and cross-cultural social groups. 7. Guided hikes for groups of disabled people).

Project activities

Activity 1.1

Involvement of the targeted social groups

Project partners have consulted with some organisations representing the targeted groups already during the project preparation. **Representatives of the targeted social groups will be involved in development, piloting and promotion of the accessibility solutions, and in development of training materials.**

Cooperation will take place throughout the project duration. **The social group experts will ensure an active link between their represented organisations and the project team so that the developed solutions are relevant, usable and beneficial for the potential users.** Through social group organisations the project information will be channelled to their members.

Project communication with the social group organisations will take place **via information exchange in meetings, project events, online communication**, etc. The activity will include promotion of the project and Interreg programme for wider public.

Partner input! Which social group organizations you work with and how do you involve them into your activities?

Start period

Period 1, month 1 - 4

End period

Period 9, month 33 - 36

Activity 1.2

Involvement of local communities

Local involvement is needed to ensure sustainability of the accessibility solutions developed by the project through local awareness and acceptance.

The project will address local NGOs, SMEs, local representatives of the targeted social groups, local guides, local municipalities and other members of local communities.

Local meetings will introduce the pilot solutions for different social groups. Site inspections will be done together with representatives of local communities. They will participate in piloting activities. **Ca 12 regional workshops, seminars and similar events in Latvia and Estonia altogether (ca 15 participants in each event)** will draw public attention to accessibility issues for different social groups and will initiate social involvement - **setting up a hiking trail volunteer movement**. This movement will be based on the already existing network of hiking trail enthusiasts. The activity will include promotion of the project and Interreg programme for wider public.

- **Partner input! How many of the workshops / seminars have been organized?**

Start period

Period 1, month 1 - 4

End period

Period 9, month 33 - 36

Activity 1.3

Development of the accessibility solutions and assessment of their potential uptake

Project partners with the social group experts will specify accessibility solutions for site improvements on the Coastal Hiking Trail and the Forest Trail.

The potential site improvements have been **conceptually formulated by partners** during the project preparation phase based on the observed needs.

Discussions and input from the targeted social groups will lead to the precise specification so that site improvements guarantee such accessibility solutions that are relevant and replicable on a **cross-border scale**. The solutions will be piloted under WP3 and then finalised according to the piloting findings. Each solution will include indications of the actions needed for it to be taken up or **to be upscaled**.

Based on previous experience and local consultations, the project team will revise both trails by sections to assess the potential for up-take of the proposed solutions after they are piloted. **Selected trail sections will be inspected on-site for assessment of their relevance.**

Partner input! Please update the table.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xpiLt2JBmPtq3xyS6yrBtJ98JXFCL1h2CqfpzGaRYQA/edit?gid=1435449887#gid=1435449887>

Solutions 1-7	Cooperation partners:	Meeting dates (on-line) with xxx cooperation partners	Meeting dates (face to face) with xxx cooperation partners	Pilote dates and places (named partners participating)	Who takes pictures, reels, films, GPS (place, track) of the piloting process	Which expert of your social group has been contacted?	Who could take over the experience of the solution	Comments
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Activity 1.3, Development of the accessibility solutions – common presentation by groups (and assessment of their potential uptake)

- 1) **Wheelchair accessibility** solutions to facilitate wheelchair hiking on different surfaces. (*KPR, RPR, PLRK*)
- 2) **Impaired vision.** Accessibility solutions for impaired vision (audio guides, special signposting, brail, etc.). (*RPR, HM, SMG, Peipsimaa, LC, KPR*)
- 3) **Web cam accessibility** solutions for trail current condition visualization before the hiking trip (safe hiking planning for seniors, families with young children). (*VPR (only piloting), Peipsimaa, LC*)
- 4) **Young children.** Accessibility solutions adapting hiking for families with young children (short distance hiking loops on trails, attractive and nature educational games and 3D objects while on a hike). (*VPR, SMG*)
- 5) **School youth.** Self-guided hiking skills for school youth. (*MS, VPR, SMG*)
- 6) **Cross-cultural social groups.** Adaptation for foreign language and cross-cultural social groups. (*MS, LC*)
- 7) **Disabled people.** Guided hikes for people with disabilities. (*ERTO, LC, MS*)

Cooperation between partners google table –

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xpiLt2JBmPtq3xyS6yrBtJ98JXFCL1h2CqfpzGaRYQA/edit?usp=sharing>

Activity 1.4

Training materials and training

1. Guidelines (LV/EE/EN) with set of criteria (addressing the targeted social groups) for development of accessible hiking services. The final version will include best practice piloting experiences of the accessibility solutions.
So far 4 have been made. 1) Pärnu accessibility solution, 2) Kuldīga audioguide, 3) School youth, 4) Cross-cultural social groups. RPR Carnikava wheelchair solution soon?
2. Practical hints for hikers on how to use the online solutions (weather stations, web cameras, and platforms etc.) for planning a safe hike. (MS PP4) **COMPLETED**
3. Training video and a methodology on how to guide groups with special needs. (ERTO) **COMPLETED**
4. Short **8** training videos (to include in the guidelines) recorded with experts from the targeted social groups. (KPR, RPR, 2 VPR, MS, LC + Setu, Peipsi, ERT0 = 5LV + 3EE)
5. Practical training seminars for service providers and guides, with participation of social group experts (3 in EE, 3 in LV, ca 20 persons in each). KPR, RPR, VPR + ERT0, Setu, Peipsi, Hademeste).
How many have been organized?
6. Accessibility service icons will be designed for the targeted social groups and added on the web to the Coastal Hiking Trail and the Forest Trail. (LC) **COMPLETED**

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8

End period

Period 7, month 25 - 28

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List of all developed solution guidelines + videos on the project's Google Drive –

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yRqui5mv7AV6u80YGHbOhs9tFx3uTaij6y4K3NM3L-w/edit?usp=sharing>

1) Pärnu accessibility solution

Guidelines -

EN -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ajReJ0xWUc1Mx-kmN8ZYzVwAQIZ0UTQ5/view?usp=drive_link
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Egi2xp2RVubLrN7x6u4qAWylbj8bsbN/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=110918380440367124284&rtpof=true&sd=true

Video -

<https://www.facebook.com/ParnuLaheRotaryKlubi/videos/481675991023057>

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qCR8HUA68tME98C1QaJOf1_rHh3vWuy?usp=drive_link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K31VVO2nLME>

2) Kuldīga audioguide

Guidelines -

LV -

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TtBFzJaUHEIVf4iVR_o0-4LxXSFB-wFWnvC2IsH2W10/dit

Video -

<https://youtu.be/Vd8F0CfzVZQ?si=DCt8gBiFpWTTX1mP>

3) School youth

Guidelines -

LV -

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EN -

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Video -

<https://youtu.be/26r4xo8f9lw>

4) Cross-cultural social groups

Guidelines -

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OYZE-dx-B7nRa4EWwCGN936vF5TvTUoT/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=110918380440367124284&rtpof=true&sd=true

Video -

<https://youtu.be/2rUJZqjUdcU>

WP2

Marketing and promotion

- Activity 2.1, Special interest hikes for social inclusion of the targeted social groups
- Activity 2.2, Hikers friendly sign for accessibility
- Activity 2.3, Web site and digital improvements
- Activity 2.4, Printed map
- Activity 2.5, Video reels
- Activity 2.6, Communication
- Activity 2.7, Cooperation with international hiking community
- Activity 2.8, Promotion items

COMPLETED

Activity 2.2

Hikers friendly sign for accessibility

<https://baltictrails.eu/en/forest/hikerfriendly/map>



HF awarding meetings will take place twice a year in EE and LV online.

Ca 350 services in Latvia and Estonia will be labelled as Hikers' Friendly – accessible.

Total HF objects - 512. LV = 280. EE = 40. LT = 191.

Accessible HF objects - 223. LV = 109. EE = 112. LT = 2.



Estonian partners - are the HF recipients updated on the baltictrails.eu website?
Please write some information about the activity in the partner reports, otherwise there is only information about LV. Have the accessibility criteria been translated to EE?

Next LV HF commission meeting - July 2nd.

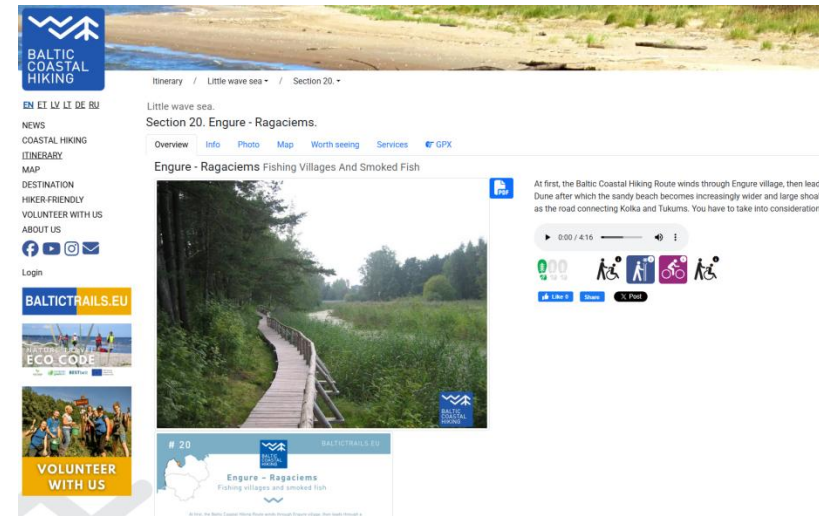
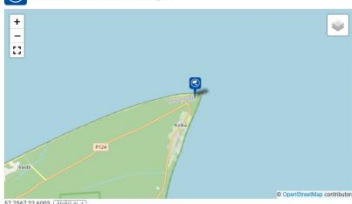
Activity 2.3 Web site and digital improvements

<https://baltictrails.eu>

Continuous updates to the project webpage, including:

- Audio guides developed as part of the project are implemented in the website (work in progress)
- Online webcam integration
- Switch to use Google Tag Manager (for more efficient marketing)
- Started work on WAVE site accessibility fixes

Webkamera Kolkašragā



0:00 / 2:09

Coastal Hiking trail audio introduction

Activity 2.5, Video reels

- **Short (ca 30 sec.) video reels, 5 in Estonia and 5 in Latvia**, will be made for use by partners in social networks and other online resources.
- They will feature representatives of the **targeted social groups actually experiencing hiking** on the Coastal Hiking and Forest Trail. The aim is to encourage and **demonstrate the accessibility solutions** enabling and supporting the hiking experience.
- The video reels will be **made in the improved sites** on the Coastal Hiking Trail and the Forest Trail:

LV 5 reels?

KPR – wheelchairs

RPR – floating wheelchairs

LC + KPR - audioguides (Kuldiga + Kurzeme audio)

VPR – small children / families

LC + MS – school classes

EE: 5 reels (ERTO, Peipsimaa, Setomaa budgetlines)

Content ideas from respective partners until 15.03. – price request (tender?)

– filming May-July

– ready by Aug

Activity 2.6

Communication

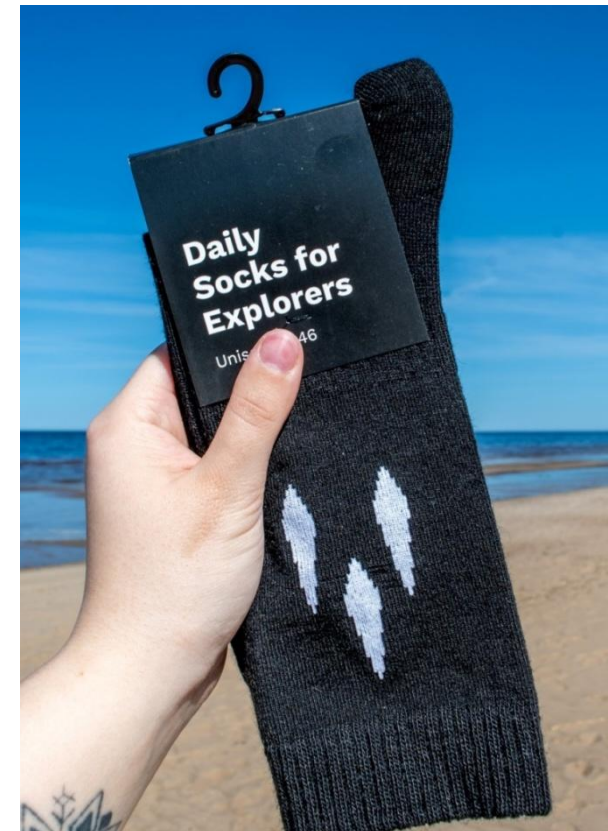
The activity will promote the project progress and its results to public at large, stakeholders, targeted social groups:

1. press releases and social media feeds about the project progress and achievements,
2. **media/fam trips**, 1 in EE, and 1 in LV, ca 10 pers. in each trip, to demonstrate accessibility solutions and produce media coverage to draw society attention to hiking accessibility in general.
3. two **national scale tourism events**, one in EE, and one in LV, 70 participants in each. The aim is to induce **uptake of the accessibility solutions** developed and piloted by the project.
4. media interviews, participation in media programs and other relevant PR activities by opportunity.

Activity 2.8

Promotion items

Promotional items (e.g.: T-shirts, cups, flags, banners, flyers, leaflets, etc.) will be produced to support social inclusion - for distribution in project events such as hiking piloting, the cross-border hikes and other with participation of hiking volunteers and the targeted social groups.



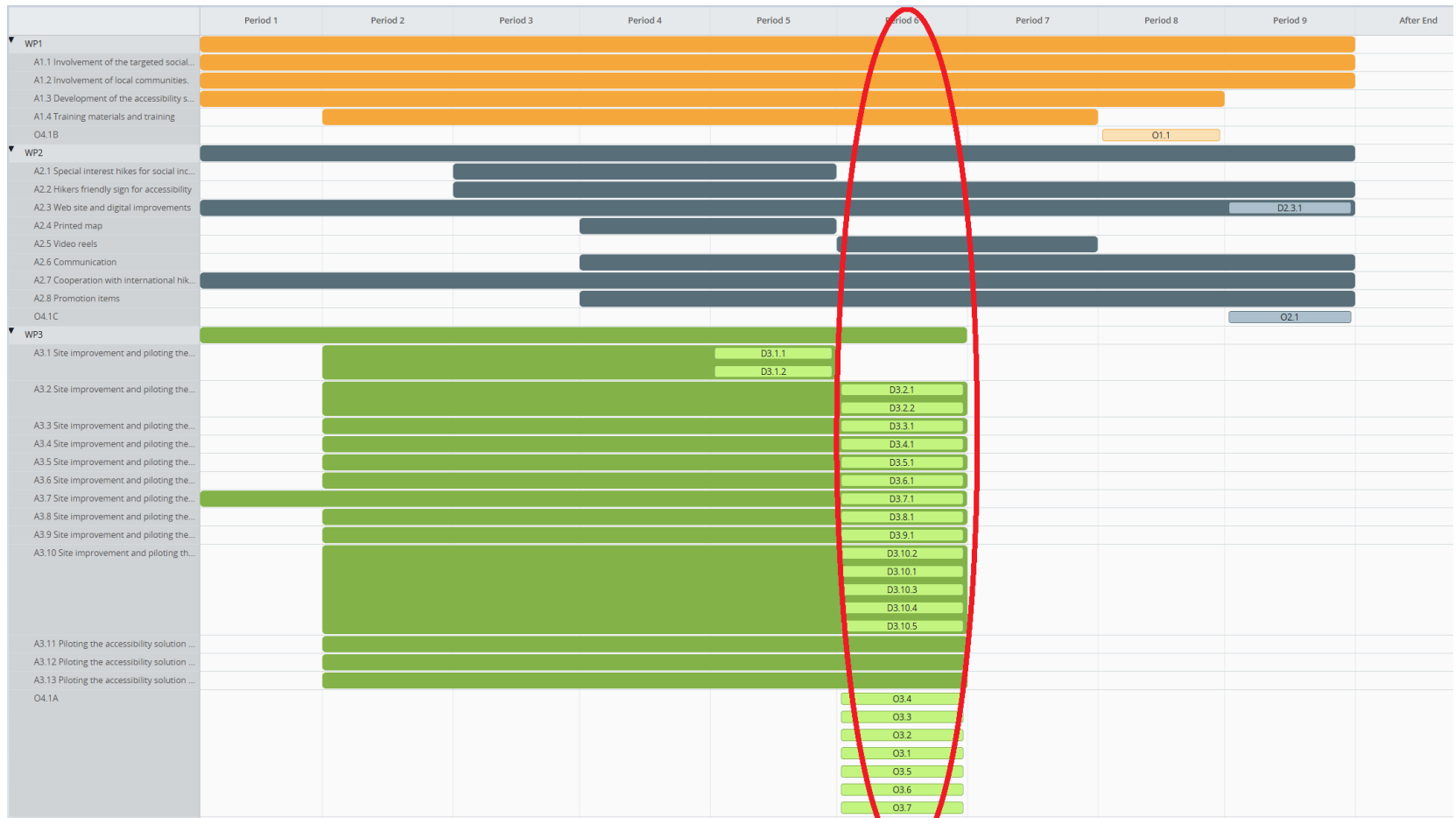
Start period
Period 4, month 13 - 16

End period
Period 9, month 33 - 36

WP3

Pilot actions of the accessibility solutions in the improved sites

The project application indicates that all WP3 activities, investments and pilot testing will be completed by the end of **period 6** - 30.06.2025.



WP3

Pilot actions of the accessibility solutions in the improved sites

Activity 3.1, Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.4 (adaptations for families with children) on the Forest Trail sections #8 "Caunītes-Valmiera" and #12 "Strenči-Spicu tilts".

Activity 3.2, Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 3. (web cam solutions) on the Coastal Hiking #29 "Tūja-Svētciems" and the Forest Trail #7 "Cēsis-Caunītes"/#8 "Caunītes-Valmiera".

Activity 3.3, Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.1 (wheelchair accessibility) on the Coastal Trail section #20, at Apšuciems-Klapkalnciems.

Activity 3.4, Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.1 (wheelchair accessibility) on the Coastal Trail section #25 "Vecāķi - Carnikava".

Activity 3.5, Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.2 (impaired vision) on the Coastal Trail section #21 "Ragaciems-Dubulti"/the Forest Trail section #100 "Bigauņciems-Dubulti".

Activity 3.6, Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 2 (impaired vision) on the Coastal Hiking Trail section #31 "Ikla-Kabli".

Activity 3.7, Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 1 (wheelchair accessibility) on Pärnu beach, the Coastal Trail section #34 "Uulu - Pärnu".

Activity 3.8, Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 4 (adaptations for families with children) at the Petseri Northern Camp on the Forest Trail section #20 Kolodavitsa–Vārskā.

Activity 3.9, Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 2 (impaired vision) in Kurzeme Region on the Coastal Hiking Trail sections#1-#21, and the Forest Trail sections #87-#100.

Activity 3.10, Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solutions No. 3 (web cam solutions) and No. 2 (impaired vision) on the Forest Trail sections #21-30# in Peipsimaa region.

Activity 3.11, Piloting the accessibility solution No. 5 (self-guided hikes for school-aged youth).

Activity 3.12, Piloting the accessibility solution No. 6 (adaptation for foreign language and cross-cultural social groups).

Activity 3.13, Piloting the accessibility solution No. 7 (guided group hikes for people with disabilities).

COMPLETED OR ALMOST COMPLETED

Activity 3.1 Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.4 (adaptations for families with children) on the Forest Trail sections #8 "Caunītes-Valmiera" and #12 "Strenči-Spicu tilts".

Title

Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.4 (adaptations for families with children) on the Forest Trail sections #8 "Caunītes-Valmiera" and #12 "Strenči-Spicu tilts".

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8, 01.11.2023. - 29.02.2024.

End period

Period 5, month 17 - 20, 01.11.2024. - 28.02.2025.

3-7km hiking loops will be installed improving two sites on the Forest Trail to make hiking more accessible for families with young children, seniors and other groups not fit for long distance hiking but still willing to hike the Forest Trail. To make the hike more attractive for families with children, a digital game for each loop will be developed and installed on the site using informative tablets with QR codes at the start/end points of both loops. The game can be activated only on site and the children will play the game while moving along the loop. Through the digital game children will learn some facts about the forest, hiking, flora and fauna, etc. The trail loops will be marked. The accessibility solution will be piloted with the target group (ca 10 pers. from EE, ca 20 pers. from LV) on the improved site. Investment description is provided in the Investment section of this WP.

Developed by **PP3 VPR**

Running number	Deliverable title	Description	Delivery period
D.3.1.1	<div>Deliverable title</div> Improved site 1 - the Forest Trail section #8.	<div>Description</div> A hiking loop installed and equipped with a game. Accessibility solution 4 (adaptations for families with children) implemented and piloted with the target group on the improved site 1 - the Forest Trail section #8 "Caunītes-Valmiera".	<div>Delivery period</div> Period 5, month 17 - 20, 01.11.2024. - 28.02.2025.
D.3.1.2	<div>Deliverable title</div> Improved site 2 - the Forest Trail section #12.	<div>Description</div> A hiking loop installed and equipped with a game. Accessibility solution 4 (adaptations for families with children) implemented and piloted with the target group on the improved site 2 - the Forest Trail section #12 "Strenči-Spicu tilts".	<div>Delivery period</div> Period 5, month 17 - 20, 01.11.2024. - 28.02.2025.

Activity 3.2 Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 3. (web cam solutions) on the CH #15 “Saunags-Kolka”/#16 “Kolka-Ģipka” and the Forest Trail #7 “Cēsis-Caunītes”/#8 “Caunītes-Valmiera”.

Title

Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 3. (web cam solutions) on the CH #15 “Saunags-Kolka”/#16 “Kolka-Ģipka” and the Forest Trail #7 “Cēsis-Caunītes”/#8 “Caunītes-Valmiera”.

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8, 01.11.2023. - 29.02.2024.

End period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Web cams will be installed to stream the real time weather conditions on the trail: 1) by the cape Kolka on the Coastal Hiking route between sections #15 “Saunags-Kolka” and #16 “Kolka-Ģipka”, 2) on the Forest Trail, between sections #7 and “Cēsis-Caunītes” and #8 “Caunītes-Valmiera”, near the guest house “Caunītes”, a Hikers' Friendly tourist service provider. The cameras will be streamed on baltictrails.eu web site. Seniors, families with children and other groups for whom weather might be an obstacle, will be able to check the weather and trail condition and to make sure before the planned hike if the trail is accessible to them, e.g., no ice or mud, no heavy rain or wind. Installation of web cams will improve accessibility and safety of hiking.

Investment description is provided in the Investment section of this WP.

Piloting the accessibility solution No. 3 with a group hike is justified as follows:

- Quality of feedback for improvements.

The hiking trail is very popular, therefore the piloting hike will be open to public to attract different target audience profiles: domestic LV and Estonian participants for cross-border spectrum, families with children in different age groups, seniors in different age groups and with different hiking abilities. The participants will be asked to evaluate, by means of a questionnaire, their experience using the webcam info for planning and preparation (e.g., what to wear, what to bring along), and whether the webcam info has been reliable enough and helped to estimate the real conditions on the trail. This type of data can be obtained only by on-site hike. The feedback data will be used to improve the accessibility solution, and to disseminate the info for uptake.

- Dissemination

Invited participants will be those potentially interested in the uptake of the solution. They will have an opportunity to see how the solution works and ask questions to the project team about webcam technical solutions and exchange experiences. The piloting hike will be featured in our social networks as an innovative social activity.

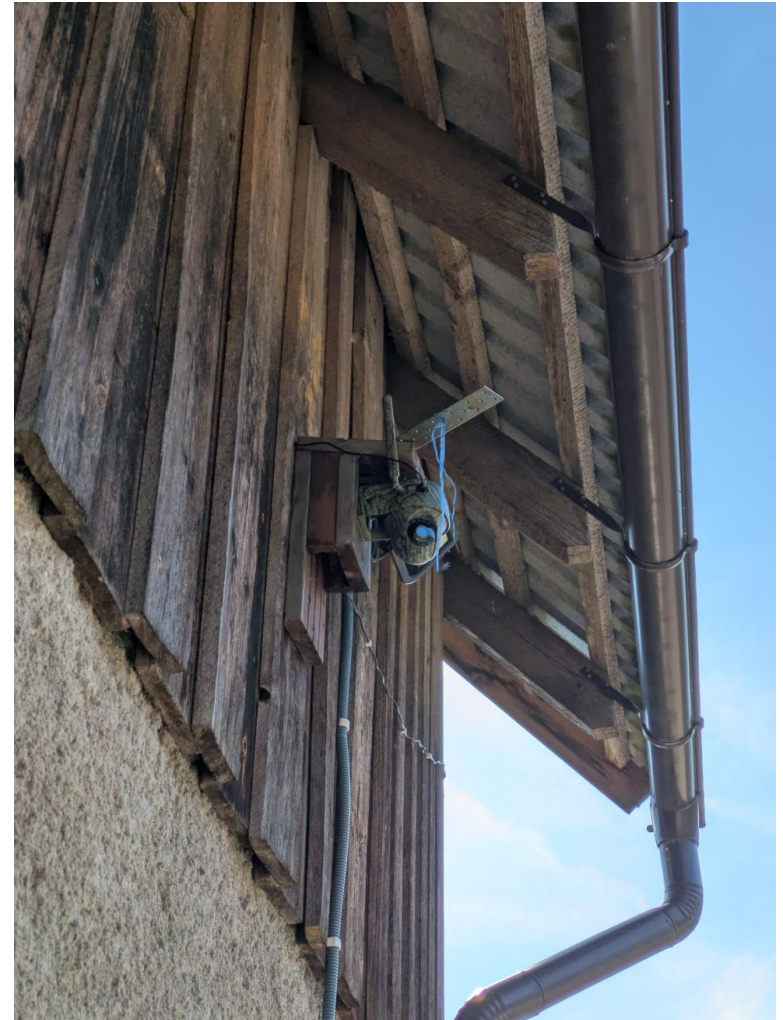
- Cost efficiency

The number of participants in the group does not significantly impact the costs. The costs of announcing the hike, inviting the participants, guide services, preparation and distribution of the questionnaire and data processing, etc. does not significantly grow if there are more participants. We believe it is cost-efficient in terms of the range and quality of feedback data it will bring, as well as for the dissemination of the project and accessibility solution.

Developed by PP3 VPR/LC

D.3.2.1	Deliverable title Improved site 3 - the Coastal Hiking Trail section #15/#16.	Description Web camera installed by the cape Kolka on the Coastal Hiking route between sections #15 “Saunags-Kolka” and #16 “Kolka-Ģipka” and streaming on the baltictrails.eu. Accessibility solution No. 3. (web cam solutions) implemented and piloted with the target group (ca 25 pers. from LV, 5 pers. from EE).	Delivery period Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.
D.3.2.2	Deliverable title Improved site 4 - the Forest Trail section #7/#8.	Description Web camera installed by the guest house “Caunītes” and streaming on the baltictrails.eu. Accessibility solution No. 3. (web cam solutions) implemented and piloted with the target group. Piloting will be combined with activity 3.1. with the same pilot group.	Delivery period Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Activity 3.2, web cam solutions on the CH #15 “Saunags-Kolka”/#16 “Kolka-Ģipka” and the Forest Trail #7 “Cēsis-Caunītes”/#8 “Caunītes-Valmiera”.



Activity 3.3

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

Title

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

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8, 01.11.2023. - 29.02.2024.

End period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Two specially designed beach wheelchairs with two life jackets 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, life jackets, one wooden pathway at Apšuciems beach to adapt the trail surface, changing cabin in Apšuciems, sun decks in Apšuciems and Klapkalnciems to make sun bathing possible. The accessibility solution will be piloted with the target group (ca 15 pers. from LV, ca 3 pers. from EE). Investment description is provided in the Investment section of this WP.

Developed by **PP2 KPR.**

D.3.3.1

Deliverable title

Improved site 5 - the Coastal Hiking Trail section #20.

Description

Beach wheelchairs, life jackets, wooden pathway available for users at Apšuciems village, sun decks installed at Apšuciems and Klapkalnciems. Accessibility solution No. 1 (beach wheelchair) implemented and piloted with the target group on the improved site 5 - the Coastal Hiking Trail section #20.

Delivery period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Activity 3.4 Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.1 (wheelchair accessibility) on the Coastal Trail section #25 “Vecāķi - Carnikava”.

Title

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

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8, 01.11.2023. - 29.02.2024.

End period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Two specially designed outdoor wheelchairs will be made available at Carnikava local history centre for people with mobility issues to enable coastal hiking experiences on varied surfaces - forest paths, gravel, snow, mud. The solution will allow adaptive hiking on different surfaces on the Coastal Hiking Trail Section #25 “Vecāķi - Carnikava” allowing to use different local alternatives included in this section - the promenade, the beach, the forest paths in the Piejūra nature park. The accessibility solution will contain the 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). Investment description is provided in the Investment section of this WP.

Developed by **PP5 RPR**.

D.3.4.1

Deliverable title

Improved site 6 - the Coastal Hiking Trail Section #25.

Description

Outdoor wheelchairs available for users at Carnikava, universal design elements installed. Accessibility solution No. 1. (all surface wheelchair) implemented and piloted with the target group on the improved site 6 - the Coastal Hiking Trail Section #25.

Delivery period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Activity 3.5	Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.2 (impaired vision) on the Coastal Trail section #21 "Ragaciems-Dubulti"/the Forest Trail section #100 "Bigauņciems-Dubulti".
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Title

Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No.2 (impaired vision) on the Coastal Trail section #21 "Ragaciems-Dubulti"/the Forest Trail section #100 "Bigauņciems-Dubulti".

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8, 01.11.2023. - 29.02.2024.

End period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Impaired vision accessibility solutions (examples: info in braille, guided ropes, audio-guide with spoken text and navigation instructions) will be installed on a 2km hiking trail (on beach in Jurmala), a local route alternative on the Coastal Trail section #21 "Ragaciems-Dubulti" and the Forest Trail section #100 "Bigauņciems-Dubulti". Accessibility signs pointing to the nearest WC, noting that it is accessible for disabled persons and has a baby changing table will be installed on the beach. The accessibility solution will be piloted with the target group (ca 15 pers. from LV, ca 3 pers. from EE). Investment description is provided in the Investment section of this WP.

Developed by **PP5 RPR**.

Deliverable title	Description	Delivery period
D.3.5.1 Improved site 7 - Coastal Hiking Trail #21/Forest Trail #100	The trail equipped with the selected solutions(info in braille, guided ropes, audio-guide with navigation instructions). The signs Accessible Toilet and Baby Changing installed on the beach in Jūrmala. Accessibility solution No. 2. (impaired vision) implemented and piloted with the target group.	Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Activity 3.6 Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 2 (impaired vision) on the Coastal Hiking Trail section #31 "Ikla-Kabli".

Title

Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 2 (impaired vision) on the Coastal Hiking Trail section #31 "Ikla-Kabli".

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8, 01.11.2023. - 29.02.2024.

End period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Accessibility solution for people with impaired vision will be implemented and piloted on the Coastal Hiking Trail (#31 "Ikla-Kabli") in Häädemeeste municipality. The solution will include an audio guide for listening on site, information signs and boards for sightseeing and service places adjusted for visually impaired persons, short wooden trails over spots of soft sand, and some resting facilities. The audio guide will highlight the Livonian (Liivi) topic as part of the local cultural heritage as this cross-border area, together with Northern Latvia, is the historical Northern-Livonia.

The accessibility solution will be piloted with the target group (ca 20 pers. from EE, ca 5 pers. from LV). Investment description is provided in the Investment section of this WP.

Developed by **PP8 HM**.

Deliverable title

Improved site 8 - the Coastal Hiking Trail #31.

D.3.6.1

Description

The trail equipped with audio guide, information signs, short wooden trails and resting facilities. Accessibility solution No. 2. (impaired vision) implemented and piloted with the target group.

Delivery period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Activity 3.8 Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 4 (adaptations for families with children) at the Petseri Northern Camp on the Forest Trail section #20 Kolodavitsa-Värška.

Title

Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 4 (adaptations for families with children) at the Petseri Northern Camp on the Forest Trail section #20 Kolodavitsa-Värška.

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8, 01.11.2023. - 29.02.2024.

End period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

The former Petseri Northern Camp of the Estonian Defence Forces (established in 1926), is one of the worth seeing sites on the Forest Trail section #20 Kolodavitsa–Värška in Setomaa region. To attract families with children on a hike, attractive objects of the former camp (e.g., a shooting range, artillery camp) will be visualised in 3D format, based on historical photos and showing the objects as they were at the time when the site was functioning as a military training camp. To split the distance and have a rest on a hike with children, a resting place for hikers on the shore of Õrsava lake, and **5 resting benches** along the trail from Õrsava lake to Värška will be installed and **equipped with audio guides introducing the Forest Trail section** and the sites worth seeing on a hike.

The accessibility solution will be piloted with the target group (ca 30 pers. from EE, ca 10 pers. from LV). Investment description is provided in the Investment section of this WP.

Developed by **PP9 SMG**.

Deliverable title	Description	Delivery period
D.3.8.1 Improved site 10 - the Forest Trail section #20.	3D visualisations, small infrastructure equipped with audio guides. Accessibility solution No. 4. (adaptations for families with children) implemented and piloted with the target group on the improved site 10 - the Forest Trail section #20 "Kolodavitsa-Värška".	Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Activity 3.9

Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 2 (impaired vision) in Kurzeme Region on the Coastal Hiking Trail sections#1-#21, and the Forest Trail sections #87-#100.

Title

Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solution No. 2 (impaired vision) in Kurzeme Region on the Coastal Hiking Trail sections#1-#21, and the Forest Trail sections #87-#100.

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8, 01.11.2023. - 29.02.2024.

End period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

GPS supported audio guide hosted on available platforms will be produced for part of the Forest Trail section #92 "Snēpele-Kuldīga". The audio guide will introduce the trail section, and will help the users with impaired vision to navigate through part of Kuldīga on the Forest Trail. Audio guides will also be produced for the hiking trail sections in Kurzeme: 21 records on the Coastal Hiking Trail and 13 records on the Forest Trail. For these sections, the GPS feature will not be used as the signal is not always reliable in nature areas. The audio guides will provide information in English and Latvian about the respective trail section.

The accessibility solution will be piloted with the target group (ca 30 pers. from LV, ca 10 pers. from EE). Investment description is provided in the Investment section of this WP.

Developed by **LP1 LC** and **PP2 KPR**.

D.3.9.1

Deliverable title

Improved site 11 - Forest Trail section #92, Kurzeme region on both trails.

Description

Part of the Forest Trail trail section #92 equipped with a QR code to start the voice application of GPS supported audio guide. Trail sections in Kurzeme equipped with audio guides. Accessibility solution No. 2. (impaired vision) implemented and piloted with the target group.

Delivery period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Title

Site improvement and piloting the accessibility solutions No. 3 (web cam solutions) and No. 2 (impaired vision) on the Forest Trail sections #21-30# in Peipsimaa region.

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8, 01.11.2023. - 29.02.2024.

End period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

The activity will cover Forest Trail sections in Peipsimaa region. **5 web cameras** will be installed on municipal lands to stream the real time weather conditions on baltictrails.eu web site. **15-17 audio guides** will be installed on the existing Forest Trail signposts in Peipsimaa region. The web cam solutions will be piloted with the target group by using all cameras to access trail conditions and choosing for a pilot hike (ca 30 pers. from EE, ca 10 pers. from LV). **The audio guides installed at the same sites as webcams will undergo testing in a joint pilot action.** The testing reports will be used for improvements, if necessary.

Investment description is provided in the Investment section of this WP.

Justification of the cameras in the improved sites is as follows:

1. Improved site 16 - Forest Trail section #21/22 in Räpina municipality.

The web cam will stream the real time meteorological information from the Mehikoorma village, Räpina municipality in southern Peipsimaa. The weather conditions here are in general similar to the southeast of Estonia.

2. Improved site 15 - Forest Trail section #24 in Luunja municipality.

The web cam will show the water levels in the River Emajõgi and the operation of the local ferry which is the only way to cross the river on this section of the Forest Trail route.

3. Improved site 14 - Forest Trail section #25 in Peipsiääre municipality.

The webcam will show meteorological conditions in the central part of the Peipsi region - on the eastern coast of Lake Peipus. Strong winds are common here, and during the winter, there may be a snow cover. During the summer, the sun shines brightly. The camera will provide visibility of road conditions depending on the weather. This will help seniors and families with children make better decisions about going out in specific weather conditions, as well as choose appropriate equipment - clothing, footwear, etc.

4. Improved site 13 - Forest Trail section #28/29 in Mustvee municipality.

The web cam will show the trail surface on the former narrow-gauge trail line in the surroundings of Avinurme and the weather conditions in the northern part of the Forest Trail in Estonia.

5. Improved site 12 - Forest Trail section #28 at Tiheda, Mustvee municipality.

The web cam will show the situation on the Lake Peipsi – the height and intensity of waves, the trail conditions on the lakeside – its width, relief, surface condition, vegetation. In winter – the presence or absence of show or ice, the weather – clouds or sunshine, etc. The lake landscape is unique and very beautiful therefore it is important to improve its accessibility for the targeted social groups.

D.3.10.1	Deliverable title: Improved site 12 - Forest Trail section #28	Description 1 web cam-weather station installed at Tiheda, Mustvee municipality and streaming on the baltictrails.eu. Accessibility solution No. 3. implemented and piloted with the target group. Audio guides installed. Accessibility solution No. 2. (impaired vision) implemented.	Delivery period: Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.
D.3.10.2	Deliverable title: Improved site 13 - Forest Trail section #28/29	Description 1 web cam-weather station installed in Mustvee municipality and streaming on the baltictrails.eu. Accessibility solution No. 3. implemented and piloted with the target group. Audio guides installed. Accessibility solution No. 2. (impaired vision) implemented.	Delivery period: Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.
D.3.10.3	Deliverable title: Improved site 14 - Forest Trail section #25	Description 1 web cam-weather station installed in Peipsiääre municipality and streaming on the baltictrails.eu. Accessibility solution No. 3. implemented and piloted with the target group. Audio guides installed. Accessibility solution No. 2. (impaired vision) implemented.	Delivery period: Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.
D.3.10.4	Deliverable title: Improved site 15 - Forest Trail section #24	Description 1 web cam-weather station installed in Luunja municipality and streaming on the baltictrails.eu. Accessibility solution No. 3. implemented and piloted with the target group. Audio guides installed. Accessibility solution No. 2. (impaired vision) implemented.	Delivery period: Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.
D.3.10.5	Deliverable title: Improved site 16 - Forest Trail section #21/22	Description 1 web cam-weather station installed in Räpina municipality and streaming on the baltictrails.eu. Accessibility solution No. 3. implemented and piloted with the target group. Audio guides installed. Accessibility solution No. 2. (impaired vision) implemented.	Delivery period: Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

Developed by **PP10 Peipsimaa**.

Activity 3.13 Piloting the accessibility solution No. 7 (guided group hikes for people with disabilities).

Title

Piloting the accessibility solution No. 7 (guided group hikes for people with disabilities).

Start period

Period 2, month 5 - 8, 01.11.2023. - 29.02.2024.

End period

Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025. - 30.06.2025.

In cooperation with trained guides, the piloting hike will test the methodology and the result of training events for guides under WP1 on how to guide group hikes for people with disabilities. Pilot testing with a group of ca 20 persons (15 from EE, 5 from LV).

Developed by **PP6 ERTO**.

Next project partner meeting

**Next and last project partner meeting - in Estonia,
Setomaa.**

When? February 2026?



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