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

7th project partner meeting, October 8th, 2025

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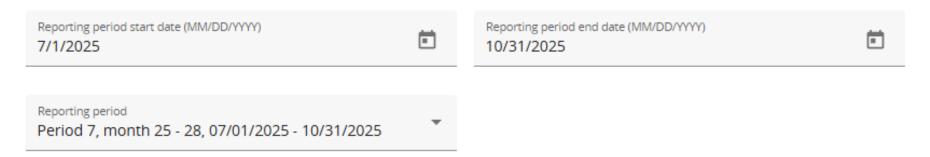
Estonia – Latvia

# **Project reporting**

The 6th period project report is ready to be submitted. Waiting for last FLC approvals.

The seventh project period ends at the end of October.

The seventh period partner reports are due until 14th of November.



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.) - <a href="https://estlat.eu/en/projects/visibility">https://estlat.eu/en/projects/visibility</a>

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.

<u>Cooperation will take place throughout the project duration.</u> 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 – 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)
- 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)
- **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)
- **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 – <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xpiLt2JBmPtq3xyS6yrBtJ98JXFCL1h2CqfpzG">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xpiLt2JBmPtq3xyS6yrBtJ98JXFCL1h2CqfpzG</a> aRYQA/edit?usp=sharing

# Activity 1.4

# Template for writing the accessability solution guidelines

A template for writing the accessibility solution development guidelines can be found in the following Google document - <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cGXR">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cGXR</a> GStoJuS6g2UzJxOitbpn4eZ8wZ7VnjmByhEAk SU/edit?usp=sharing

Name, year, organization: Accessible Hiking Guidelines for using Online Tools, 2025

By NGO "Movement Spontaneous"

Target audience: for example, wheelchairs, people with impaired vision, School-aged youth



#### Estonia - Latvia

Your social expert organization or individual experts, for example: Association of People with Disabilities and Their Friends "Apeirons"

#### Introduction to the solution offered by your organization

A brief introduction – what the guidelines are about, their purpose, how they were developed, and who can use them.

#### **Guidelines Content**

This section (main section) describes the process — how the specific target audience was involved (who they were, how many, their specific characteristics, how they were identified, etc.), how the products developed during the project were tested, how the process unfolded, what challenges arose, how they were addressed, and how expert organizations or individual experts were involved. Other useful information is also included. This chapter can be structured into sub-sections depending on the content of the guidelines.

The guidelines should be illustrated with photographs, pictures, diagrams (if available), and other visual materials. The sources of the images must be indicated. Images should be numbered.

The text should be short, clear, and well-structured, using bold text and bullet points.

#### Recommendations (after/according to pilottesting)

- 1.
- 2
- 3.
- 4. ...

Which organizations can adopt and disseminate this practice in future: for example: named municipalities, state, NGO organizations e.c. How?

# Activity 1.4

# **Training materials and training**

- 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.
- 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, ERTO = 5LV + 3EE) https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhU0NeNcsG48hOzh0cAxI9yADmMTaCOUA
- 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 + ERTO, Setu, Peipsi, Hademeste). How many have been organized?
  - Please fill the table regarding the organized/planned 12 regional workshops, organized/planned 6 practical training seminars for service providers and guides. <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17aLagJQjhvlvBqaaW4Qtwi202Xy8CHEZKsPeFpbs8lo/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17aLagJQjhvlvBqaaW4Qtwi202Xy8CHEZKsPeFpbs8lo/edit?usp=sharing</a>
- 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

End period

Period 2, month 5 - 8

Period 7, month 25 - 28

# Activity 1.4, Training materials and training

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

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yRqui5mv7AV6u80Y GHbOhs9tFx3uTaij6y4K3NM3L-w/edit?usp=sharing

Completed – PLRK (Pärnu wheelchairs), LC (Kuldīga audioguide, LV web cameras), MS (School youth, Cross-cultural social groups), ERTO (Guided group hikes for people with disabilities).

## We are waiting to receive written guidelines from -

- KPR (wheelchairs + audioguides??)
- VPR (hiking loops for families with children)
- RPR (wheelchairs (Carnikava) + impaired vision (Jurmala)
- ?? HM (audio guides)
- ?? SMG (audioguides, adaptations for families with children)

# Activity 1.4, Training materials and training

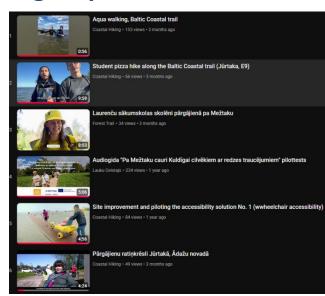
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https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhU0NeNcsG48 hOzh0cAxI9yADmMTaCOUA

Completed – PLRK, MS, LC, RPR, ERTO



We are waiting to receive training videos from -

- KPR (floating wheelchairs)
- VPR (hiking loops for families with children)
- ?? Setomaa (accessability solution for families with children)
- ?? Peipsimaa (web cameras training video).

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN GUIDELINES AND TRAINING VIDEOS – END OF NOVEMBER?? Paraugs** 

# 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 <a href="https://baltictrails.eu/en/forest/hikerfriendly/map">https://baltictrails.eu/en/forest/hikerfriendly/map</a>



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? HF are not updated in website! Additional specialization signs have not been given out?

Please write some information about the activity in the partner reports, otherwise there is only information about LV. Have the accessability criteria been translated to EE?

Next LV HF commission meeting – January 13th, 2026.

# Activity 2.3, Web site and digital improvements https://baltictrails.eu

Accessability subpage

https://baltictrails.eu/en/coastal/route/accessibility

Special interest hikes

https://baltictrails.eu/en/forest/specialization

Audio guides

https://baltictrails.eu/en/forest/day/119

Online webcams

https://baltictrails.eu/en/coastal/map?18&p=CAM&l at=56.5&lng=25.1&z=7&clu=false

Automated Windy.com weather forecast on each section

towns, and potentially uneven rocky or forested sections along the coastline. While some urban and well-maintained hoardwalk areas may be accessible, the overall trail is no fully wheelchair-friendly due to its diverse natural terrain, making it primarily suitable for walkers with moderate mobility. Specific section details should be consulted for precise

#### Route sections adapted for accessibility



#### Baltic Coastal Hiking trail - Wheelchai

cess (off-ramps) to the sea, adapted parking lots



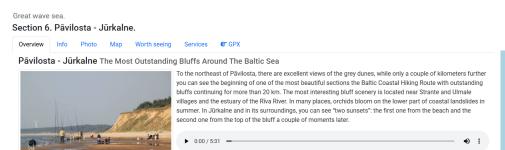
#### Baltic Coastal Hiking trail - For visually

Sections of the route, or parts thereof, adapted with

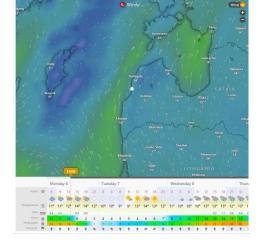
#### Accessibility video playlist on Youtube





























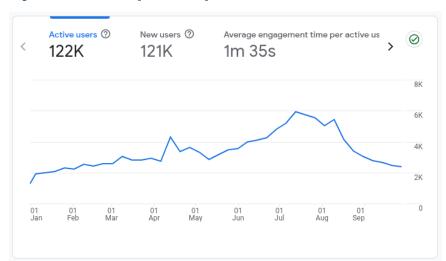


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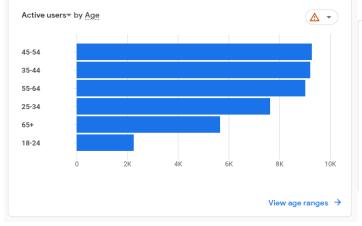
# Website statistics for year 2025 (so far)

A couple of highlights from the 2025 project website statistics:

- More than 120,000 unique users.
- Most users are from the Baltic states, but it is also popular elsewhere.
- Users of a wide range of ages.
- 2/3 of users are women. The majority are mobile users.







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Active users<sup>▼</sup> by Gender

• FEMALE

66.2%

	Total	<b>121,962</b> 100% of total
1	Organic Search	86,927 (71.27%)
2	Direct	21,283 (17.45%)
3	Referral	8,749 (7.17%)

# Activity 2.4, Printed map

All activities regarding the printed maps have been completed, except for the distribution of the printed maps, which is ongoing.

During the sixth reporting period, all project partners received the printed maps. The map was printed in the planned 20,000 copies.



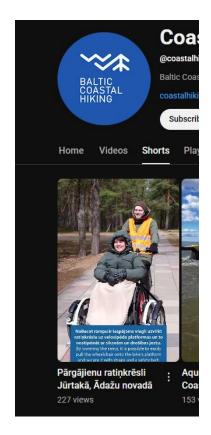


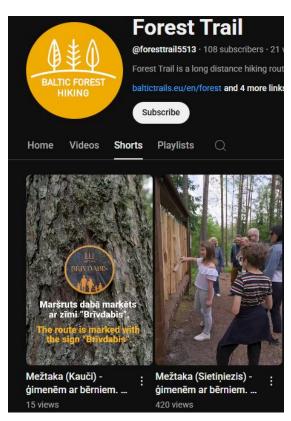
# Activity 2.5, Video reels

- 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.

Coastal Hiking – <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@coastalhiking3131/shorts">https://www.youtube.com/@coastalhiking3131/shorts</a>

Forest Trail – <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@foresttrail5">https://www.youtube.com/@foresttrail5</a>
<a href="mailto:513/shorts">513/shorts</a>





# Activity 2.5, Video reels

# Developed: Estonian reels ERTO -People with cognitive disabilities on Forest Trail https://youtu.be/WU3nbQJT1ck People with intellectual disabilities on Coastal trail <a href="https://youtu.be/v32J49anDJM">https://youtu.be/v32J49anDJM</a> School children on Forest trail https://youtu.be/6Klgjgqilng People with mobility impairment on Costal trail <a href="https://youtu.be/stFySxr5w10">https://youtu.be/stFySxr5w10</a> Accessible beach for wheelchair users on Coastal trail <a href="https://youtu.be/a1drlgf99yA">https://youtu.be/a1drlgf99yA</a> Setomaa -Pre-school children on Forest trail https://youtu.be/zczd2CaYuDA Visually impaired people on Forest trail <a href="https://youtu.be/PyajvFA5jNk">https://youtu.be/PyajvFA5jNk</a> Latvian reels RPR -Hiking wheelchairs on Coastal Trail <a href="https://www.youtube.com/shorts/7SAa-tmNz0">https://www.youtube.com/shorts/7SAa-tmNz0</a> VPR-Hiking loop for fimilies with children on Forest Trail section #8 https://www.youtube.com/shorts/OFwEqaWQeJY

## To be made:

KPR - floating wheelchairs LC/MS - school youth, self-guided hikes / cross-cultural social groups

Hiking loop for fimilies with children on Forest Trail section #10

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/rC0Gaj6WpXc

# 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 (3000eur, ERTO+PEIP), and 1 in LV (3000eur, LC+VPR+RPR+KPR), 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.
  - A national dissemination event/seminar for SME's took place in Estonia, on 27.11.2024., organized by ERTO.
  - Latvian national dissemination event in spring 2026?
- 4. media interviews, participation in media programs and other relevant PR activities by opportunity.

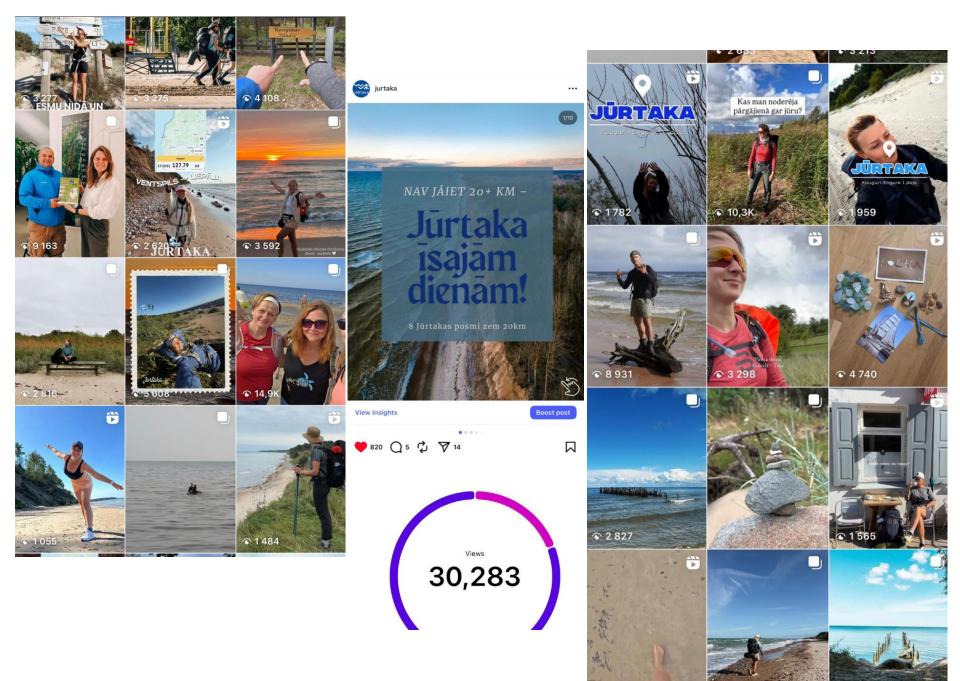


# Activity 2.6 Social networks

Mežtaka Instagram followers - 3605 Mežtaka Facebook followers - 9786 Jūrtaka Instagram followers - 4141 Jūrtaka Facebook followers - 7232

https://www.facebook.com/share/r/14TscMosmt6/

We need to emphasize promoting project progress and achievements on social media, specifically about accessibility!



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# Activity 2.7

# **Cooperation with international hiking community**

- A hiking worskshop will take place in November 2023 in Latvia, with experience exchange from ERA and other international experts about accessibility solutions for coastal areas with sand, dunes and other accessibility challenges. The workshop will include a site visit as an example for possible uptake of accessibility solutions.
- The hiking solution dissemination to general public will take place in the summer of 2024 in Pärnu, with participation of the target group, when the accessibility solution planned in the project will be implemented and demonstrated. Both, the workshop and the dissemination event in Pärnu will be internationally promoted in ERA network. It is expected that at least all Estonian/Latvian partners and directly involved steakholders will be represented.
- Ca 20 (LV) + 20 (EE) persons + 2-5 international participants/speakers, and the target group are planned in each event.
- The project final international conference (ca 150 participants, incl. ca 50 LV and 20 EE) with participation of ERA will be a 2-day event with a practical discussion session. A pre-study tour will be organised for international participants and/or Estonian stakeholders to demonstrate the solutions and encourage their uptake. The event location is planned in Kurzeme region, Latvia.
- Conference topic: practical solutions for accessible hiking, social involvement and inclusion, the role of volunteer movement.
- Project team will also participate in other relevant international hiking events to disseminate project experience, involve in international hiking community, exchange experience (workshops, e-path promo events, the general participation of ERA, etc.).

# 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.





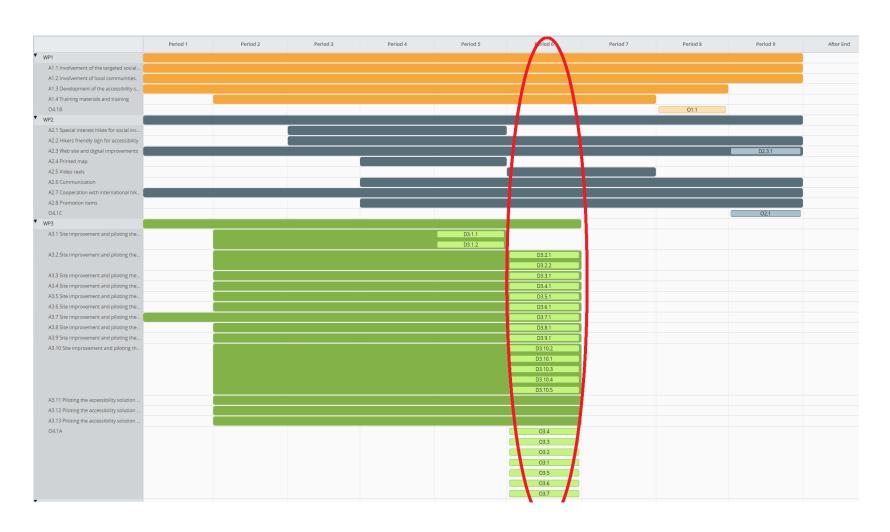


Start period Period 4, month 13 - 16 End period Period 9, month 33 - 36

# 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.



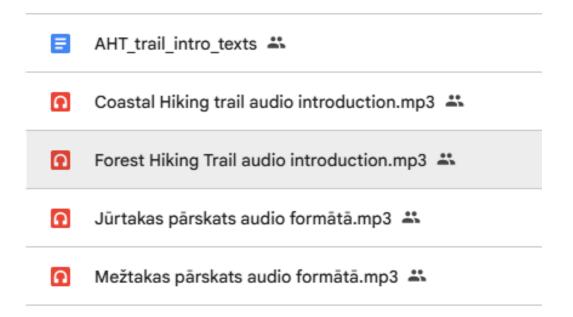
# Sample intro texts about the trails for audio guides

We have collected audio guide intro text samples in one place, you can use them when creating your own audio guides. Forest trail sample is from the Kuldīga audio guide created by LC. Coastal hiking trail sample is from the Kurzeme audio guides created by KPR.

Google drive folder for audio guides - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ugAxFpHVaKdGGLVaggl3CWk 3Wds0PnN?usp=drive link

Welcome to the Forest Trail, part of the European long-distance hiking route E11. This trail passes through Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania in the Baltic States...





### 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 "Vecāki 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 "Bigaunciems-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 (wwheelchair 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–Värska.
- 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).

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

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 "Bigaunciems-Dubulti".

Start period

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

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

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 "Bigaunciems-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).

Developed by **PP5 RPR**.

# 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 HikingTrail (#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**.

facilities. Accessibility solution No. 2. (impaired vision) implemented and piloted with the target

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

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-Värska.

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–Värska 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 Värska 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**.

D.3.8.1

# 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.

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.

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 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 Emajogi 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 abscence of show or ice, the weather – clowds or sunshine, etc. The lake landscape is unique and very beautiful therefore it is important to improve its accessibility for the targeted social groups.

# Developed by **PP10 Peipsimaa**.

D.3.10.1	Deliverable tote Improved site 12 - Forest Trail section #28	Description  1 web cam-weather station installed at Tifreda, Mustive municipality and streaming on the babitistralis eu. Accessibility solution No. 3. implemented and picted 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	Concessor  1 web can weather station installed in Mustice municipality and streaming on the balactralists at Accessibility solution No. 3. implemented and piloted with the target group. Audio guides installed. Accessibility solution No. 2 (implemented and piloted with the target group.	Delivery period Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025 - 30.06.2025.
D.3.10.3	Deherois tile Improved site 14 - Forest Trail section #25	Designation  1 web carm-weather station installed in Perputaire municipality and streaming on the balticitation and Accessibility solution No. 3. implemented and plotted 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 side Improved site 15 - Forest Trail section #24	Description  1 web carm-weather station installed in Lucryla municipality and streaming on the basicitalistical 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 5de improved site 16 - Forest Trail section #21/22	Depotation  I we'd cam-weather station installed in Rapina municipality and streaming on the ballistrails eu. Accessobility solution No. 3. implemented and piloted with the target group. Audio guides installed. Accessibility solution No. 2. Impaned vision implemented.	Delivery period Period 6, month 21 - 24, 01.03.2025 30.06.2025.

# Next project partner meeting

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

March 2026?

