# Project: Forest and Coastal hiking trails'accessibility improvement for different social groups

EE-LV00013 – Accessible Hiking Trails



Estonia – Latvia

#### PARTNER: RIGA PLANNING REGION Pilot actions of the accessibility solutions in the improved sites:

 Investment 3.4 - purchase of 2 specially designed outdoor wheelchairs in Carnikava suitable for all trail surfaces and installation of universal design elements supporting accessibility (e.g., specific markings, info plates, beach access mats); Budget – 19 000 EUR

2) Investment 3.5 - 2km part of the Wellness Nature Trail in Jurmala equipped with accessibility elements for people with visual impairments (e.g., info in braille, guided ropes, audio-guide with navigation instructions), as well as signs on the beach to the nearest WC with baby changing table accessible for disabled persons. Budget – 7 000 EUR

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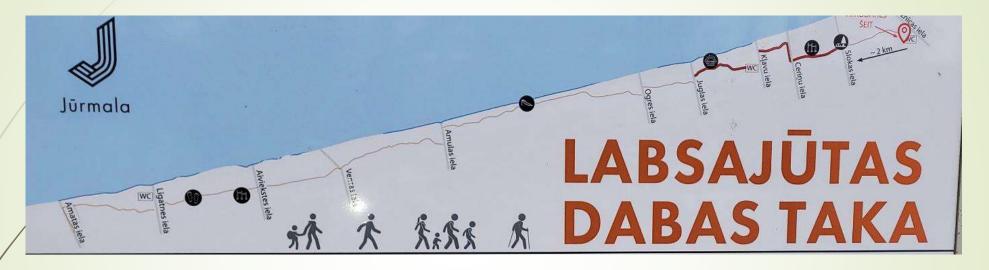
**Pilot actions of the accessibility solutions in the improved sites:** 

Progress:

- June 2024 decision by Jūrmala city council about the participation in the project aditional improvements;
- August 2024 meeting with Jūrmala municipality representatives about possible solutions;

March 2025 – site visit with accessibility expert – NGO Apeirons; March 2025 – written suggestions for the improvements; April 2025 – cooperation agreement with municipality prepared; May 2025 – organising price survey for audio guide recordings; May 2025 – agreement signed about the video of the testing event. June 2025 – installation of QR codes, tactile maps, July 2025 - testing event.





- 2 km long trail along the coast (forest part)
- part of Coastal hiking trail / Jūrtaka section 21. Ragaciems -Dubulti.

 10 existing information stands with various information – health care, advice on breathing exsercises, excercises for legs, Jūrmala architecture, nature etc.





- Create audio guide on IZI.travel platform
- Use the existing texts to duplicate the information already on the info stands
- Create small plaques with QR codes to be attached to the existing stands (on the wooden parts)







- There is only one permanent toilet on the route, others are portable and are only placed there during summer;
- Create tactile map of toilet facilities to be attached at the entrance of the permanent toilet





 Possibly create tactile map of the trail to be attached to the existing stand at the beginning of the trail





# **THANK YOU!**

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