

## HITZARGIAK – Languages illuminating each other

### Supporting Cultural Awareness and Self-Esteem among Latgalian Youth

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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1	<b>Name</b>	Association Student's Centre of Latgola
2	<b>Language</b>	Latgalian
3	<b>Working area</b> (education, communication, teaching, leisure, administration...)	Culture, Civil society participation, Regional and local development
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#### DESCRIPTION OF GOOD PRACTICE

1	<b>Description of the practices</b>	Supporting Cultural Awareness and Self-Esteem among Latgalian Youth
2	<b>Brief description of the practices</b>	<p>The Students` Centre of Latgola (LgSC) exists already from the beginning of 20th century 90ies. On November 2, 2005 it was registered in the Register of Association and Foundations by the Enterprise Register of the Republic of Latvia. On July, 2008 it obtained a public benefit status. The aim of LgSC activities is to facilitate in youth the awareness of European citizenship and encourage their involvement in development of cultural environment, economic and social environment in Latgale municipality, coordinate elaboration and implementation of related projects.</p> <p>LgSC tasks are: 1. Coordinate elaboration and implementation of projects related to achievement of goals set by Association; 2. Unite youth from Latgale who are captivated by the organization`s aims; 3. Promote education of youth from Latgale on civil society issues and promote youth civil co-participation; 4. Support training of youth from Latgale and facilitate the return of new specialists to Latgale municipality; 5. Facilitate youth integration in the processes of formation and development of Latgale municipality cultural environment; 6. Promote the public discussion about formation process of development of cultural environment, economic and social environment in Latgale municipality, related problematic issues and development promotion possibilities; 7. Preserve and promote Latgale municipality heritage of cultural history by raising the awareness of it, study and making it more available to Latvian and European public; 8. Organize various awareness, informative and recreational events: seminars, courses, conferences, camps; 9. Promote interest of Latvian society, local municipalities and state institutions about solutions of Latgale main problems considering the specifics of its cultural environment, economic and social environment.</p>



3	<b>Precedents</b> (reasons, needs...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To promote national awareness among young people</li> <li>To foster preservation of cultural diversity and ethnic identity in a multicultural community</li> <li>To sustain a positive image of Latgale region</li> </ul>
4	<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To spread and promote cultural, economic and social development of Latgale region, implement projects related to it</li> <li>To unite students of Latgalian origin and promote their cooperation</li> </ul>
5	<b>Main and close working areas</b>	National awareness, language (orthography and status), education (summer schools) and culture (literature and music)
6	<b>Collaborating entities and their working areas</b>	LaKuGa portal, Music Wheel Festival, LaLaDra Tour
7	<b>Implementation period</b>	Official organization since 2005; public benefit status since 2008

## FILE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BEST PRACTICES

8	<b>Expansion</b> (number of influenced people, internal and external expansion...)	Regional level (more than 3 cities/regions)
9	<b>Investment</b> (economic, time, people...)	Volunteer work, in the framework of various project activities
10	<b>Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased awareness of self-identity among Latgalian youth</li> <li>Engagement of Latgalian youth in organising and participating in activities and projects</li> <li>Involvement of teachers in actualising the issues of Latgalian language, history and culture in schools</li> <li>Opportunities for positive personalised experience related to Latgalian language, music, poetry, celebrations, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>The most successful projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth seminars in "Atzolys" [Sprouts]</li> <li>Publishing of collection of fairy tales and stories with the happy end "Es soku. Tu soki. Puosokys par krīzi" [I say. You say. Fairy tales about crisis]</li> <li>Realization of activity program on financial support to Association Student's Centre of Latgola 01.04.2008.-31.03.2011</li> </ul>
11	<b>Documentation, reference material</b>	<a href="http://latgale.lv/lg/files/download?id=782">latgale.lv/lg/files/download?id=782</a>
12	<b>Presentation video</b>	
13	<b>Other relevant information</b>	