



Project “Joint management measures for waters in the Lielupe river basin border region”

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Project partners:

Zemgale Planning
Region
(Lead partner)



Bauska Local
Municipality
Council



Dobele
Municipality



Rundale Local
Municipality
Council



Pakruojis District
Municipality
Administration



Directorate of
Biržai Regional
Park



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Forum - Lithuania



Water is a very important resource to provide our everyday's life quality – we are drinking it, using it in our households; we are swimming, boating, fishing and resting near the waters. Therefore **water quality** is a crucial issue for each individual.

Latvia and Lithuania historically have been bound up by waters of the **river Lielupe** beginning from its confluents Musa and Memele flowing from the South to the North. For recent years the both neighbouring countries have been allocating efforts to improve the water quality in Lielupe river basin as former behaviour towards water management has resulted in the situation that rivers and streams in the river Lielupe basin are not anymore assessed as having good quality water.

We – partners from Latvia and Lithuania – have united our efforts in the **GrandeRio project aiming** to improve environmental status of the Lielupe river basin by implementing joint measures. **Territory** for our actions covers Zemgale region with Bauska, Dobele, Rundāle on the Latvian side and Biržai Regional Park and Pakruojis district on the Lithuanian side.

To achieve our goals we will:

- elaborate a study on the existing solutions and practices on rain water, drinking and sewage water management in rural settlements;
- organise cross-border seminar on the existing practices on the water management solutions and a workshop on practical steps for clean-up actions;
- propose the criteria and technologies for investment for rural areas in future;
- make the inventory on the river water quality by boating, sampling and application of express tests;
- organize local meetings and campaigns for individual house/land owners to encourage undertaking the improvement measures;
- disseminate environmental information via web-site, calendar, maps;
- organise a summer school for students from Latvian and Lithuanian schools located in the Lielupe basin;
- elaborate recommendations for amendments in Lielupe/Musa/Memele river basin management plans;
- clean river and lake banks and set up local recreation sites.

We will cooperate with: local inhabitants, municipalities, schoolchildren, representatives from different NGOs and other interested parties.

For further information please visit:

<http://lielupe.balticrivers.eu>