

1.Start - Basic information

1.1. Project information

Project title Nordplus preparatory visit in Bergen
Project number NPAD-2019-PV/10051

1.2. Access to the report

Editor access
Read only access

2. Institutions

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3.General information - General information

3.1. Type of project

Type of project:
Preparatory visit

3.2. Project period

Project period 12/2019 - 12/2019

4.Content report PV

4.1. Activities

Activities

Nordplus preparatory visit to Bergen, Norway, took place from December 17th to December 20th 2019. This visit was organized by two project partners: an association "EAPN-Latvia" from Latvia and NGO "FullHouse Collective" from Norway. Two representatives from Latvia took part in this visit: Laila Balga (the EAPN-Latvia Chairperson of the Board and project manager) and Iveta Valeine (Chairperson of the Board of Garkalne women's association "Our Home" ("Mūsmājas"). In Bergen this visit was organized by

Yana Gorbalenya (the leader of FullHouse Collective) in collaboration with Olga Gravem (the leader of NGO "People to People-Norway"). This visit was conducted in Russian and English.

The participants of this visit set themselves the task of exchanging experiences and preparing for the Nordplus Horizontal Program's 2021 project for adults on the implementation of social rights and the promotion of gender equality. With this preparatory visit, the project partners planned to provide opportunities for raising awareness and the use of modern technologies, the transfer of experience in the promotion of gender equality, as well as to plan the preconditions for project partnerships regarding social measures.

In the afternoon of December 17th Laila Balga and Iveta Valeine arrived to Bergen by plane (from Riga) and settled down at the "Scandic Byparken" hotel. Afterwards, the Latvian representatives visited the Bergen Christmas Market.

On December 18th (in the morning) the Latvian representatives met with Olga Gravem and Yana Gorbalenya at the People to People-Norway office. Then the leaders of Latvian organizations were introduced to the partnership opportunities with the Bergen Folkuniversitetet which allows for cooperation on the project which supports the unemployed people and immigrants, and the Helgeseter Center in Sedalen, Bergen municipality, with the possibility of building cooperation on a project which supports people with mental health problems. The leaders of both partner organizations had prepared visits to two social enterprises in Bergen.

On December 18th (in the afternoon), led by Paul Egil Gravem (People to People-Norway representative), Latvian representatives visited the company "Nordnes Verksteder AS" in Bones, where the company director Steinar Sellevoll introduced them to the opportunities and methods for training and employing people with disabilities, the cooperation within the municipality of Bergen and the cross-border cooperation, to the advanced technologies they use and the well-equipped working space and leisure facilities.

On December 19th (in the morning), led by Paul Egil Gravem (People to People-Norway representative), Latvian representatives visited the company "Gronnevikken AS" in Laksevog, where the company director Jan Olav Langeland introduced them to the employment opportunities and methods for people with disabilities, to the cooperation within the municipality of Bergen, to the advanced technologies they use and the well-equipped working space and leisure facilities. A presentation in Latvian was prepared for the EAPN-Latvia representatives' needs.

On December 19th (in the afternoon), under the guidance of Olga Gravem (who is a professional guide), Latvian representatives got acquainted with Bergen's historical and tourist sites.

In the evening of December 19th, in a meeting room of the hotel L.Balga, I.Valeine, O.Gravem and Y.Gorbalenya had a joint discussion. During this discussion they evaluated the results of the activities carried out in Bergen, set the goals of the Nordplus project, planned tasks for each organization for the further preparation of this project, which will be developed in Latvia. This visit ended with a joint supper at the "Egon Bristol" restaurant with participation of all four leaders of partner organizations.

On December 20th (in the morning) Latvian representatives L.Balga and I.Valeine returned from Bergen to Riga by plane.

4.2. Results and outcomes

Results and outcomes

The association "EAPN-Latvia" (the author of the Nordplus project) as a result of this visit achieved the following results:

1) The EAPN-Latvia partnership with NGO "FullHouse Collective" and its leader Yana Gorbalenya was strengthened; EAPN-Latvia also strengthened contact building with the Helgeseter Centre;

2) EAPN-Latvia strengthened its cooperation for future support with Olga Gravem and Paul Egil Gravem (the employees of the NGO "People to People-Norway"), also strengthened its contact building with Bergen Folkeuniversitetet and social enterprises;

3) The agreements on the cooperation in projects have been concluded with Steinar Sellevoll, the leader of the Bergen social enterprise "Nordnes Verksteder AS" and Jan Olav Langeland, the leader of the social enterprise "Gronnevikken AS";

4) A plan has been prepared for the Nordplus Horizontal Program's 2021 project regarding training for adults in the social field; the tasks for the partner organizations EAPN-Latvia and FullHouse Collective related to the attraction of project partners and the project activities in the partner countries have been approved.

5. Mobility report (PV) - Preparatory visits

5.1. Granted mobility

Preparatory visit

Type	From	To	Number of travelers	Duration	Total grant
Preparatory visits	Latvia (LV)	Norway (NO)	2	0m, 0w, 4d	1220
Total			2	0m, 0w, 8d	1220

5.2. Actual mobility

Type	From	To	Gender	Duration days
Preparatory visits	Latvia (LV)	Norway (NO)	Female	4
Preparatory visits	Latvia (LV)	Norway (NO)	Female	4
Total			2	8

Ev. comments to the mobility

No changes.