


Trakai Educational Assistance Authority

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Type of organisation:							
SME	<input type="checkbox"/>	School	<input type="checkbox"/>	University	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Profit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NGO	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (Specify)							

Fields of action :

SMEs
Equal opportunities

Youth
Schools

Universities
Unemployed

Public Authorities

Other (Specify)

Non-formal education provider, Pedagogical psychological services provider
(services for schools and other educational institutions personnel)

Description of the organisation

Trakai Education Assistance Authority take over the provision of non-formal adult education, qualification raising and pedagogical psychological services.

Trakai Education Assistance Authority's vision - Trakai Education Assistance Authority is an open and modern institution, which is oriented in the needs of the region, the tendencies of education, culture politics, news society as well as the strategy of lifelong learning.

Trakai Education Assistance Authority's mission - To create a flexible environment for a lifelong learning, which offers a variety of possibilities for person's personal and professional development, possibilities to improve the qualifications one has as well as to develop new competencies and abilities.

There are 2 departments:

Non-formal education (seminars, qualification courses, conferences, olympiads, competitions, other events)

Pedagogical psychological services

Institution collaborates with Trakai Adults School and other Trakai municipality's schools in activities of projects

Organizes seminars, courses for teachers and other pedagogical workers

Initiates and develops variety of projects and participates in different activities, concerned with education development.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

In 2013-05-30 Trakai District Municipality Council decided to reorganize budgetary institution Trakai Education Centre into two institutions: Trakai Adults School and Trakai Educational Assistance Authority (orig. Trakų švietimo pagalbos tarnyba (TSPT)) - which takes over the provision of non-formal adult education, qualification raising and pedagogical psychological services.

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There are 2 departments:

* Non-formal education (seminars, qualification courses, conferences, Olympiads, competitions, other events) for teachers, specialist who work at schools, other educational personnel

* Pedagogical psychological services

Institution has close collaboration with Trakai Adults School and other Trakai municipality's secondary schools, gymnasiums in activities of projects and education, organizes seminars, courses for teachers and other pedagogical workers.

Initiates and develops projects in different levels and participates in different activities, concerned with analysis, researches, education development and social conditions improvement, provides advice/psychological services especially for youngsters, young families, teenagers.

Projects where **Trakai Education Assistance Authority (as new institution after reorganization)**

took/takes place:

Coordinating institution of LLP Grundtvig Partnership project "Exchange of approaches and strategies for development of eco-awareness" (EcoTASK) project (2012-2014) Since 2012 08 01 was coordinated by Trakai Education Centre, from 20/06/2013 was coordinated by Trakai Educational Assistance Authority.

Partner in the project under Erasmus+ programme KA2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP „VET specialists competencies development in the field of positive parenting teaching (POSITIVE)", project No. 2015-1-LT01-KA202-013480.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area:

Traku svietimo pagalbos tarnyba (en. Trakai Educational Assistance Authority) is the institution in the region providing informal education. As the main objectives of institution are: to organize the qualification improvement work of the members of educational institutions and other communities, to initiate active participation in the educational reform and to help teachers who work with pupils having special needs: to provide information, consultation and recommendations – we actively collaborate with educators, teachers from different educational institutions, involving schools.

The main spheres where we are working in are:

- the advancement of teachers' qualification
- informal adult education
- helping pupils, schools, teachers.

Therefore the project aims and planned results could improve services and could help specialists who are working with pupils, schools' personnel.

The institution also organize various kind of activities: seminars, conferences, courses, workshops, projects where main auditorium is teachers, volunteers from the region, seniors, people with disabilities and others. The Authority is co-operating with all educational institutions in the district. Trakai Education Assistance Authority has lots of experiences organizing the international workshops and lots of skills in managing local and international projects.

Employees of TSPT participates in research and implementation activities in the area of education, information and communication technologies, e-testing platforms, improvements of study processes, especially for schools. As well personnel has long lasting experience in projects coordination (since 2008), development, analysis stage, as well as in dissemination, valorization and exploitation processes.

We also have strong relationships with other educational institutions, such as education centres, schools, VET schools, which participate in the projects as beneficiaries, are involved into our courses, seminars. We actively use e-learning environments for teaching, as well professional video conferencing hardware and software.

2010-2012 personnel from TSPT (ex-institution of Trakai Education centre) was actively involved as partner into LLP Leonardo da Vinci Partnership project "Creating active learning material for science educators of vocational education") which aim was to develop active learning based on science education materials for professional vocational development of science educators and test it with learners, course participants. Main activities were to share the experience on active learning materials which are used by educators, to gather and describe information communication technologies (ICT) based science learning concerned with vocational learning material, to provide practical detailed examples (as educational path) of the learning material and exercises, which allow to improve critical and creative thinking skills in education, to share active learning experiences of learners and academic staff; to apply their methods in other countries institutions and to compare the learners' behavior, to share new trend active learning science materials between the participating countries.

TSPT personnel were the authors of the final product: e-book, which provided practical examples of effective use of Active Learning Applications in Science, presented Partners countries Education system, Active methods applied in schools in Science subjects, Active learning implications, findings, research in ICT based education in Science.

2012-2014 personnel from TSPT successfully coordinated LLP Grundtvig project: Exchange of approaches and strategies for development of eco-awareness (EcoTASK) which aimed to analyze and present environmental awareness-raising methods and tools, collecting and using the best international practice, also to create learning space that allows users to develop sense of saving of nature, spirit of innovative creativity, to feel like active participants which could make changes of the global environment, to learn, to share experience and take action in purpose to preserving the environment. The purpose was to share

international experience and to get good practice from country to country, to expand the public mind, to show that you can live in a modern, luxury world without making harm for the environment.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

- Local administration of the project activities and finances ensuring correct management, as well fluent collaboration with project coordinating and managing institutions.
- Involvement of schools and other associated partners of the project and ensuring collaboration with them.
- Participating in research in project area
- Producing needed reports
- Participating in project dissemination, evaluation, quality ensuring activities
- Developing project results

Reasons of involvement in the project

Project activities which we are going to develop and results which we are going to achieve are important for Trakai Educational Assistance Authority as institution (collaboration in international level, experience, as well from the content point of view, as well better and wider collaboration with local schools which we are going to involve into project as beneficiaries) and for personnel who collaborates with different educational institutions including schools. It is important to deepen the knowledge and to get known more about attractive ways how to teach science subjects, to acknowledge with pedagogical approaches, to participate in research, in creation of transnational network of secondary schools, to know about motivation ways for students, etc. As well personnel will deepen the knowledge in international collaboration and communication activities (into project activities we are going to involve administration personnel, psychologists, teachers).

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Vida Drąsutė has Master degree in Informatics (Programs Engineering) got in 2007 at Kaunas University of Technology. Finished Phd studies in Informatics Engineering at KTU and it is expected Dr. degree in 2016. She works in Trakai Educational Assistance Authority as specialist of projects development and as main position she works as project manager and academic assistance in KTU Faculty of Informatics in Multimedia Engineering department, as well lecture of Information Technologies subjects.

She is experienced in research field connected to formal and non-formal education improvement, innovations in studies processes, development analysis especially of e-learning possibilities, adaptation of different methodologies in various education levels, development of critical thinking in educational context, learning encouragement in educational institutions, organization of courses, collaboration with different educational institutions such as schools, vocational schools, universities, education centres, etc. Her doctoral dissertation as well is connected with learning improvement and innovation creations in studies process.

She is a board member of Lithuanian Distance and eLearning Association.

She also is experienced in projects coordination and management since 2007 while she has managed and coordinated Centralised and Decentralised projects under Lifelong Learning programme, since 2014 projects under Erasmus+ projects. As well is experienced in EU Structural Funds projects, participated in many researches, in conferences as speaker and as moderator, organized and moderated workshops in local, national and international levels

Rasa Dikevičienė graduated at Vilnius Art Academy in 1991, she got art pedagogue qualification. In 2003 she graduated Vilnius Pedagogical University and got Master degree in Education (program Education management). 2006-2012 she was vice-director for education in Lentvario Motiejaus Šimelionio gimnasium and as well chairperson of prevention group. The main duties were to be responsible for non-formal education development and improvement ways, different events organization, basic and secondary education oversight, management of school examination system, students 'and teachers' data registers and

other administrative and management duties. As well previous and entire responsibility is to develop different projects, reports, plans, reports. 2002-2004 took place in the International Socrates Comenius project "Regional identity in Europe, one of the organizers. As well as the preparation of the regional and district projects, camps for children. Curated social sciences and arts methodological groups.

Since 19/06/2013 she is a director of Trakai Educational Assistance Authority. Since then she is experienced in research field connected to formal and non-formal education improvement, innovations in studies processes, development analysis especially of e-learning possibilities, adaptation of different methodologies in various education levels, development of critical thinking in educational context, learning encouragement in educational institutions, organization of courses, collaboration with different educational institutions such as schools, vocational schools, universities, education centres, etc.