

No. LL-00289 "STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY IN CIVIL PROTECTION IN THE BORDER REGIONS THROUGH LOCAL LEADERS" (STAY SAFE)

The project No. LL-00289 *"Strengthening the capacity in Civil Protection in the Border Regions through Local Leaders" (STAY SAFE)*, co-financed by the Interreg VI-A Latvia–Lithuania Programme 2021–2027, is being launched. The aim of the project is to strengthen the skills and knowledge of civil protection in border regions.

The project *"Strengthening the capacity in Civil Protection in the Border Regions through Local Leaders"* is implemented in cooperation with the main project partner – the Latgale Planning Region (Latvia). The goal of the project is to enhance the capacity of civil protection in border regions by developing joint cooperation mechanisms and skilled network of municipalities and leaders of local communities in the Latvia-Lithuania cross border area. The project provides the preparation of educational materials on civil protection, organizing joint civil protection training for employees of the Latgale and Panevėžys district municipalities, local institutions, and the society, testing the developed cooperation mechanism, and organizing pilot cases. The communities of Latgale and Panevėžys districts, healthcare institutions, fire services, police, and military are planned to include to these pilot cases. Confirmations to participate in the project activities have been received from Panevėžys District Municipality Polyclinic, Panevėžys District Fire Service, and Panevėžys County Chief Police Commissariat.

It is expected that the implementation of the project together with the partner – the Latgale Planning Region – will create opportunities for representatives of the Panevėžys and Latgale communities, as well as healthcare institutions, fire services, police, and military, to cooperate, develop joint civil protection mechanisms, share best practices, acquire new knowledge, improve skills, and strengthen civil protection capacities both in Panevėžys district and the Latgale region.

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