

Latvia – Lithuania

Interreg Latvia-Lithuania Programme Monitoring Committee Meeting

On September 11, 2025, members of the Interreg Latvia-Lithuania Programme Monitoring Committee together with Mr. Csaba Hende, a representative of the European Commission (DG REGIO) visited Upytė Traditional Crafts Centre in Panevėžys District. This visit was one of the part of the two-day programme of this Monitoring Committee, the aim of which was to get acquainted with the Interreg Latvia-Lithuania Programme projects implemented by Panevėžys District Municipality in their implementation locations.

Three projects were presented:

- project **LLI-539 „Craftsmanship as Tourism Product without Borders”** (Tour de Crafts), implemented in 2022, the main activities of which were focused on theoretical trainings, creative workshops for local craftsmen, sharing of experience and good practices;

- project **LL-00100 „Digital Craft Tourism”** (D-tour), currently being implemented, during which – by the end of 2025, two digital exhibitions are planned to be installed: traditional Aukštaitija region ribbon weaving at the Flax Museum and traditional folk music instruments at Upytė Traditional Crafts Center barn, Panevėžys district;

- ongoing project **LL-00289 „Strengthening civil protection capacities in border regions through local leaders”** (Stay Safe), which aims to strengthen civil protection capacities in border regions.

The guests also got acquainted with the activities of Upytė Traditional Crafts Center as well as craftsmen working there and other projects underway, and wove friendship bracelets.

The reception was organized by Miglė Bražėnienė, Head of the Investment and Foreign Relations Department, Remigijus Vilys, Senior Specialist of the Education, Culture and Sports Department, Sandra Ramonėnienė, Senior Specialist of the Legal Department, managers and craftsmen of the Ėriškiai Cultural Center and Upytė Traditional Crafts Centre.

Moments from the meeting in photos.







The Interreg VI-A Latvia–Lithuania Programme 2021–2027 aims to contribute to the sustainable and cohesive socioeconomic development of the Programme regions by helping to make them more competitive and attractive for living, studying, working and visiting.

www.latlit.eu

