

	Europe for Citizens
Strand	Democratic engagement and civic participation
Measure	Networks of towns
Priority	Debate on the future of Europe
Deadline	01/09/2016
Organization	Kaunas District Municipality (Lithuania)
Description	Kaunas District Municipality is local authority implementing public administration functions, responsible for managing and delivering a range of public services to local community. Municipality is committed to ensure active participation of citizens in the conduct of public affairs, balance of interests between community and individuals, publicity and responsiveness to the public opinion, respect for human rights and freedoms. Local communities in Kaunas district municipality are considered to be the key driver for democratic and civic participation. Their voluntary work makes a notable input at improving quality of life in the region, civic engagement, preservation of traditions and living environment.
Project title	Sustainable, Eco-friendly and Empowered Local Communities – future of Europe (SEE LC)
Fields	Sustainable development, environmental protection, sustainable consumption, ecology, renewable energy sources, protection of natural and cultural heritage
Description	The main aim of SEE LC is to establish long-term cooperation network of European municipalities by strengthening social and intercultural engagement of local communities in sustainable development, environmental protection and ecology issues in order to foster the transition towards sustainable communities and regions in Europe.
Activities	Each partner will have to organize one 1 or 2 days event in their region – land-art workshop and conference on selected topic (related to project idea: sustainable development, environmental protection and ecology issues). Land-art workshops will be the uniting idea of the whole project in order to have visible effects in all the project partner countries. The idea behind these

	<p>workshops is to choose 1 area (around some natural or cultural heritage object in your region), clean the selected site and create some small scale infrastructure or functional art installations (out of the things found in nature – wood, stones, etc.). Such small scale infrastructure could be benches, tables, waste bins and so on – something creating some recreational zone nearby selected cultural or natural heritage object. They would serve for the needs of local community even after implementation of the project. At the same time, these workshops would show the need to take more care of nature and environment we live in, to make local communities more active in transition towards sustainable regions.</p> <p>Land-art creates awareness, stimulates dialogue, changes human behavior towards environment, and encourages the long-term respect for the natural systems we coexist with. It fosters people to become socially engaged, active, community-based, informs the public about ecological dynamics and the environmental problems we face.</p> <p>Topic for conference – related to sustainable development issues. Speakers in conference – specialist in the selected field, researchers, academics, representatives of local community and local authorities.</p>
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