



### 4 Key Priorities 2021-2027

- INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY
- DIGITAL Transformation
- GREEN Environment and fight against climate change
- ACTIVE PARTICIPATION in Democratic life
- Included in the award criteria:
  - Assessed at the level of relevance and design of the project
  - Assessed at the level of the Accreditation/ECHE process

# Barriers in accessibility and outreach

**Disabilities** - physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder someone's full and effective participation in society on the same footing as others

**Health problems** - health issues including severe illnesses, chronic diseases, or any other physical or mental health-related situation

**Barriers linked to education and training systems** - individuals struggling to perform in education and training systems for various reasons, early leavers from education and training, NEETs (people not in education, employment or training) and low-skilled adults may face barriers

**Cultural differences** - people with a migrant or refugee background — especially newly-arrived migrants -, people belonging to a national or ethnic minority, sign language users, people with linguistic adaptation and cultural inclusion difficulties

# Barriers in accessibility and outreach (2)

**Social barriers** - social adjustment difficulties such as limited social competences, anti-social or high-risk behaviours, (former) offenders, (former) drug or alcohol abusers, or social marginalisation; a single parent, a caregiver, a breadwinner or an orphan, or having lived or currently living in institutional care

**Economic barriers** - economic disadvantage like a low standard of living, low income, learners who need to work to support themselves, dependence on the social welfare system, in long-term unemployment, precarious situations or poverty, being homeless, in debt or with financial problems

**Barriers linked to discrimination** - discriminations linked to gender (gender identity, gender expression, etc.), age, ethnicity, religion, beliefs, sexual orientation, disability, or intersectional factors (a combination of one or several barriers)

**Geographical barriers** - living in remote or rural areas, on small islands or in peripheral/outermost regions, in urban suburbs, in less serviced areas (limited public transport, poor facilities) or less developed areas in third countries

## Top 4 barriers from reports:

- Social barriers;
- Economic barriers;
- Disabilities;
- Barriers linked to education and training system.

### **Inclusion support**

- Inclusion support for organisations:
  - 100 EUR

- Inclusion support for participants:
  - Clothing;
  - Shoes;
  - Specific work clothes;
  - Suitcases, etc.

## **Inclusion and Diversity**

- Strategic framework objectives:
  - To increase the share of participants with fewer opportunities under Key Action 1 by 1% in HED, 5% in ADU, SCH and VET by 2027;
  - To ensure the share of approved applications addressing I&D priority of 25% on average per each Call.



VET **15%** (By 2024)







## Viduskurzeme primary school – development centre

2023

#### Mission

Welcoming and inclusive environment for children and young people with neuropsychiatric and mental development disorders



#### Vision

As a result of an accepting attitude, the learner is involved in learning and upbringing processes, prepered for integration into society and labor market

# 4 Vocational education programmes

Housekeeping

housekeeper

Forestry – forest worker

Woodworking
- wood
material
handler

Catering service – kitchen worker

## **Vocational education**

Work – based learning

**Practice** 

Foreign practice (Erasmus+)

Student training companies



Part of vocational education

Learning in companies near school or accommodation

1st special school in Latvia

Cooperation with employers' confederation

Starting from May 2022, employers get paid

Easier integration into the labour market



In total 50

Austria 13

Finland 8

United Kingdom 3

Lithuania 23

Germany 3



#### **Selection of students**

# Criteria

Student motivation

Charakteristics

Class attendance

Grades in subjects

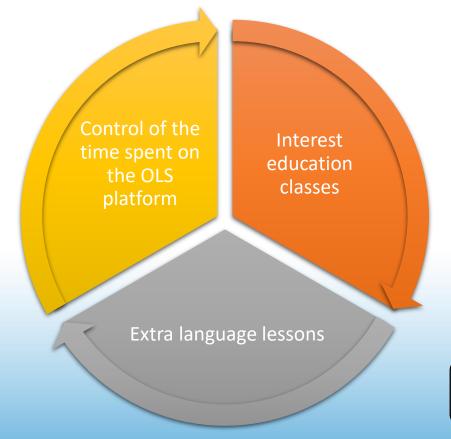
 Recommendations of the boarding school teachers / class teachers and the nurse and psychologist of the educational institution

 Students prepare and submit motivation letters and CVs

• Individual discussions with applicants

## reparing students for practise

1. Improving language skills



- 2. Student discussions with:
- Teachers of professional subjects;
- Career counselor;
- Class teacher;
- Psychologist.

3. Class teachers discussions with students parents



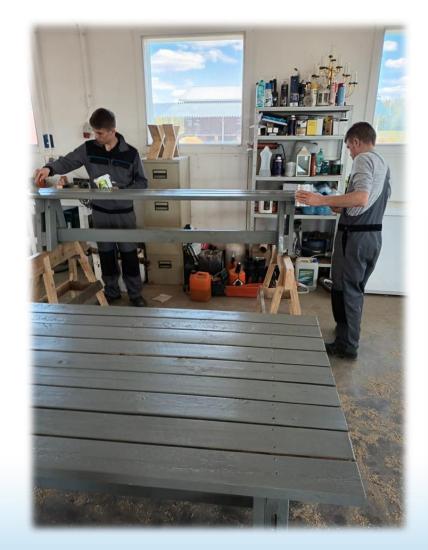






Cooperation with Vilnius Radisson Blu Hotel for the past 5 years has given our students and the accompanying teacher the opportunity to get acquainted with the latest equipment and work methods in public catering

Woodworking students in Finland, educational institution Loimaa Evankelinen Kansaopisto





Erasmus+

Forestry students in Finland, educational institution Loimaa Evankelinen Kansaopisto











## Thanksgiving events for entrepreneurs



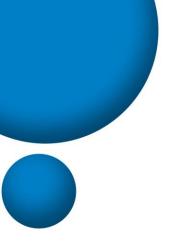






## Day of qualification exam









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