



**Pilot-project „Development of public management capacity of the new-formed Daugavpils amalgamated municipality under conditions of economic crisis, based on the experience of rural local governments of Denmark” (Nr.1-2/NOR/08/112-27)**

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***Short project description***

The main Project aim is to develop public management capacity, which could help to provide improvement of public services quality and to promote initiation of good management principles in the conditions of economic crisis, on the base of exchange of experience, knowledge, information and good practice between “new-born” Daugavpils amalgamated rural municipality of Latvia and not far ago developed Guldborgsund Kommune of Denmark. The majority of project’s activities will take place in Daugavpils district, which has one of the lowest development indicators in Latvia, what means that the implementation of ATR is threatened in this area without additional support activities, especially in the present conditions of economic crisis. In the frames of the project the new-formed public management capacity will be developed by concentration of the existing social capital, i.e. experience and knowledge of municipal staff, by improving concept of newly elected politicians about optimal functioning principles of public management, by using world (Danish mostly) good practice experience and innovative methods, in order to achieve improvement of public services quality and initiation of good management principles even in exclusively unfavourable conditions. The following activities have been chosen for initiation of project’s aim: *Development of management functional model and financial capacity strategy for Daugavpils amalgamated rural municipality*, worked out by working groups of representatives of local municipalities and Council’s members. *Joined meetings of working groups for Development of management functional model and financial capacity strategy for Daugavpils amalgamated rural municipality*, facilitating by Danish experts on self-governmental affairs. *Organization and implementation of 5-day intensive study tour to Denmark on corporative experience on local governmental reform in Latvia and Denmark. Public deliberation of management functional model and financial capacity strategy for Daugavpils amalgamated rural municipality*, by meeting for local inhabitants and by discussion in the website of Daugavpils district. *Presentation of management functional model and financial capacity strategy for Daugavpils amalgamated rural municipality Daugavpils at meeting of Latgale planning region for Latgalian self-governments and other interested.*

Project results:

1. Management functional model and financial capacity strategy for Daugavpils amalgamated rural municipality developed.
2. Organized joint meetings of working groups on development of management functional model and financial capacity strategy for Daugavpils amalgamated rural municipality– 3 days.
3. 5-day intensive study to Denmark on corporative experience on local governmental reform in Latvia and Denmark for 20 representatives of working groups and politicians.

4. Organized public deliberation of management functional model and financial capacity strategy for Daugavpils amalgamated rural municipality by using meetings and Daugavpils district's website [www.drp.lv](http://www.drp.lv).
5. Organized presentation of management functional model and financial capacity strategy for Daugavpils amalgamated rural municipality Daugavpils at meeting of Latgale planning region for Latgalian self-governments and other interested– 100 participants.