Klaipeda University (LT)

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Type of organisation:

SME	☐	School	☐	University	X	Public Authority	☐
Training	☐	No Profit	☐	NGO	☐		

Other (Specify)

Fields of action :

SMEs	☐	Youth	X	Universities	X	Public Authorities ☐	
Equal opportunities ☐		Schools X		Unemployed	☐		

Other (Specify)

Description of the Organization

Klaipeda University – is multidisciplinary national and Baltic Sea Region research and studies leader, promoter of cultural heritage, and lifelong learning centre integrated in international academic networks. Klaipeda University was established on January 1, 1991 with three faculties. Today University has five faculties: the Humanities and Education, Marine and Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Health Sciences, and Academy of Arts; it also has a study institute (Continuing Studies Intitute) and a research institute (Institute of Baltic Sea Region History and Archaeology). Rapidly developing University today is home for over 4500 students. There are 118 three-cycle study programs providing the student with research-based modern knowledge and technological based on higher univeristy education level and higher

education qualification, develops fully educated research projects, has the scientific and academic partners in Europe and elsewhere in the world, and is also involved in a dozen international funds, programs and networks.

Socio-economic circumstances formed rapid development needs for Klaipeda University. The University is located in the part of Lithuania with a population of over 470 thousand residents where industrial and business potential is sighificant, miritime sector is rapidly developing. Klaipeda University was established in a spesific coastal area of Lithuania from economic, cultural and geopolitical point of view, in the only port city where from Lithuania opens wide prospects for maintaining relations with the Baltic Sea countries and other parts of the world.

Rapidly developing Klaipeda University has more the 4,500 students, 109+ independent auditors, 1,200 staf, including nearly 700 professors, associate profesoor, lecturers and researchers, including 59% PhDs and/or recognised artists working in: 5 faculties, 1 academy, 1 study institute, 1 scientific research institute.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

KU researchers involved in national and international science, research and art projects as well as regional cooperation programs such as the „Interreg", „Nordplus Neighbour", „Ersamus+", the Baltic Sea region, the South Baltic region and the South Baltic region international cooperation programs. University scientists have actively participated and continue to be part of FP6 and FP7 programs in the following areas: sustainable development, global change and ecosystems, biodiversity, land and sea transport development, socio-economic impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems, energy, environment (including climate change), information and communication technology.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

Together with national and international partners have many years of experience in the project implementation. The University conducted a number of social-oriented project, amog them social exlusions, education, increasing accessibility, promoting equal opportunities and others. Projects such as „Development of educational techniques in vocational education and training (DETVET), „National Olweus bullying prevention in Lithuania", „Development and implementation of competences of the professionals working with the welfare of child and socially excluded children", „Development of music teacher qualification system trough innovative methods and forms", „Future music teacher study programme improvement and increasing internationality (KUMUPED)", „Development of senior pupils musical creativity trough music computer technologies".

Contributions that can be provided to the project

Klaipeda university will be in charge together with UniSiena and Teatro Stabile di Grosseto to prepare the templates for the creation of the intellectual outputs and take care of defining the contents from the scientific point of view, monitoring of the production of the intellectual outputs, coordinating the project partners' activities. Take care of the projects financial management. These activities will be carried out on the basis of the previous scientific and project making experience at Klaipeda University.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Dr. Sandra Rimkutė-Jankuvienė – project researcher, a lecturer at the Music Department of the Klaipeda University Academy of Arts since 2005. She is a member of board of Lithuanian music teacher association, a member of European association for music in schools (EAS) and member of board of Lithuanian pupils music olympiad. She has an experience in working in projects in the field of music creativity development, new music pedagogy study programmes development, implementation opportunities for lifelong learning innovative methods and forms. Academic interest and research areas: the development of music creativity, music computer technologies and general music education, music education process problems and its solving opportunities, music teacher training, and methodology of social reasearch. Sandra Rimkutė-Jankuvienė has experience in implementing projects since 2008 funded European Structural funds (2008-2010 project Nr.ESF/2004/2.1.0-03-319/BDP-59/LMTA-06/01, and 2011-2014 project Nr. VP1-2.2-ŠMM-07-K-02-047), managing and implementing researcher teams' project funded The Research Council of Lithuania (2013-2014 project Nr. MIP-079/2013).