



Erasmus+ strategic partnership focused on nine socially-oriented Sustainable Development Goals – SociSDG

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PRESS RELEASE

SociSDG consortium invites you to support the Sustainable Development Goals!

Fourth Learning Activity within the sociSDG project took place from February 4th until February 09th 2019 in Riga at the [LatConsul](#). Its participants were members of eight renowned European organizations in the field of SDGs: [The Croatian Institute for CSR](#) (coordinator, Croatia), [Global Impact Grid](#) (Germany), [LUM University](#) (Italy), [Pontis Foundation](#) (Slovakia), [Homo Eminens](#) (Lithuania), [Materahub](#) (Italy), [LatConsul SIA](#) (Latvia), [Datamaran](#) (UK), [Kaleidoscope Futures](#) (UK).

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy inclusion, peace and prosperity. To address and tackle social, economic and global issues, and help countries, governments and societies in combating them, SDGs define global priorities and aspirations for 2030 for the planet to "eliminate extreme discrimination, poverty and put the humanity on a path of sustainability." In order to help companies and contribute to the realization of the SDGs, the UN created "The SDG Compass," as stated "it presents five steps for companies to maximize their contribution to the SDGs." Still, this is only the beginning and we all need more knowledge. This project wishes to be a part of the solution.

[SociSDGs](#) is a project focused on achieving greater awareness and knowledge of adults, companies and decision makers when it comes to the measurement and implementation of social SDGs in business strategies, as well as the overall matter of sustainable development connected to the SDGs.

Considering the fact that the primary goal of the project is adult education and the exchange of the best practices between project partners when it comes to the social SDGs, a five-day learning activity was designed in order to understand and raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goal SDG 1: No poverty - End poverty in all its forms everywhere & SDG 3: Good health and well-being - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

It was impressive and inspiring to listen to solutions for ending poverty and ensure healthy lives and promote well-being

- **Elina Celmina**, director of Social Inclusion Policy Department at [Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia](#) presented the results of Administrative reform in Latvia 2009 and explained structure, legal framework, funding, budgeting as well as benefits of Social security system in Latvia. In Latvia, risk of poverty rate decreased to 21,2% in 2013 from 26,4% in 2008. The highest risk of poverty rate by household have single parents with at least 1 dependent child around 41,1%, than 2 adults with 3 or more dependent children of 27,7%, and the lowest risk of poverty rate have households of 2 parents and 1 dependent child.
- **Inese Vaivare** director of [The Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation \(LAPAS\)](#) showed partners and wider audience in the webinar the best example how government can work hand in hand with NGO to implement SDG into national framework through 4 phases (Mainstreaming, Shock, Failure and We did it). Results of glocalising SDGs into Latvia are published in the report „Sustainable development of Latvia: analysis of „)
- **Martins Valters** project “Age is not an Obstacle” provided us a definition of absolute and relative poverty and what a state can do to solve this problem. Through the example of the project „Age is not an obstacle“

financed by NordPlus Adult, project partners and wider audience via webinar were able to learn the good example how to enhance the quality of lives of retired persons in Baltic countries.

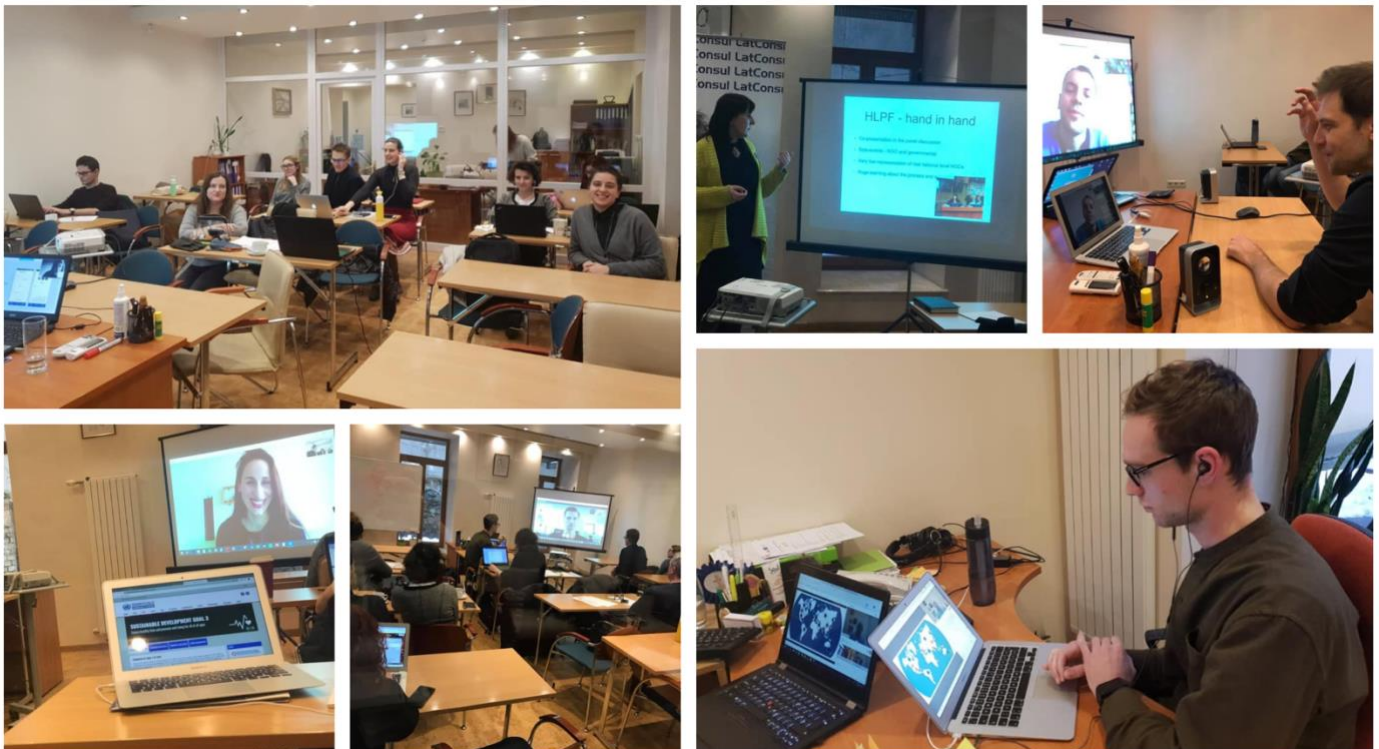
- Learning activity also features a tour of to the [Free Riga](#), a Riga example of abandoned building activation projects guided by **Jazeps Bikse**
- **Dominykas Karpovic** told us a story about community building and basketball club „[Palangos Kursiai](#)“
- **Jugne Jonusaite** from [Healthstate](#) proved the statement that „You are what you eat“
- **Justas Kucinskas and Severas Svedas** from [Movement Vilnius](#) reminded us the importance of play
- **Artiomus Sabajevas** from [Teenshapers](#) introduced the holistic approach to solving the obesity problem
- **Anton Nikitin** from [Vilnius Transport](#) showed the connection between city’s infrastructure and citizens health
- **Kristina Medziausyte** from [Ministry of Health of The Republic of Lithuania](#) talked about mental health and its connection to our well-being

During the learning activity, a webinar on the SDG1 and SDG3 have been held and recorded.

Here you can watch a recording of webinar:

- [SDG1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAmHEcPLAbg): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAmHEcPLAbg>
- [SDG3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDJZnsJC6WI&t=1s): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDJZnsJC6WI&t=1s>

Webinar provided information about best practice of SDG1 and SDG3 and their integration in the business models.



FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The following learning activity will take place in **Bratislava**, from June **03rd to 07th 2018**.

If you have any questions for the consortium, feel free to write to us at info@idop.hr.

You can find additional information about the project on the website www.socisdg.com or connect through our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).