

# Comenius Regio partnership program Project meeting Mus, Turkey

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# Education in Harku Municipality

- ▶ 3466 children (under age of 17) – over 20% of population
- ▶ 4 schools
  - Tabasalu (938)
  - Vääna Mõisakool (85)
  - Harkujärve põhikool (163)
  - Vääna-Jõesuu kool (66)
- ▶ 2 youth centers + 2 village centers

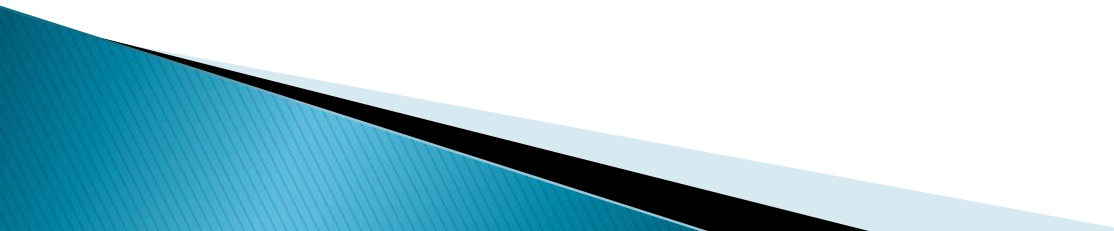
# Challenges (I)

- ▶ Earlier project (2011) defined problems:
  - Dropping out of school
  - Learning and behavioral problems
  - Activity disorders, children with special educational needs
  - Weak support system (state – lack of professionals and funding)
  - Lack of parental support and supervision
  - Addiction problems
  - Parents priorities (work related stress, mortgages)
  - Broken families
  - Domestic violence
  - Families with low income (no possibilities to offer free time activities, low motivation to participate)
  - Social exclusion and violence in school


# Challenges (II)

- ▶ Recession (2008–2009) started work related migration (today appr. 100 000 estonians work abroad, mainly Finland)
  - ▶ Municipal childrens protection office deals with 30 students per year who drop out from school
  - ▶ 9 students in 2012 were directed to juvenile commitee
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# Project purposes

- ▶ Need to address arisen problems with systematic approach and regular activities
  - ▶ Support for teachers– professional skills to manage new situations
  - ▶ Social skills and motivation for children – to make them see positive options, take interest in their future
  - ▶ Cooperation between school and home ( 3 participants – teachers, students, parents)
  - ▶ Harmonic, friendly, learning-minded school environment
  - ▶ To exchange knowledge and experiences with others
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# Participants

- ▶ Harku municipality
    - Head of the department of education and culture (Ervin)
    - Child protection specialists (Helve, Daire)
  - ▶ Tabasalu Gymnasium
    - Development manager (Kersti)
    - The teacher of 8th grade (test class)
    - All the teachers (involved in trainings and group sessions)
  - ▶ NPO Ruacrew
    - Organization involved with mobile youth work
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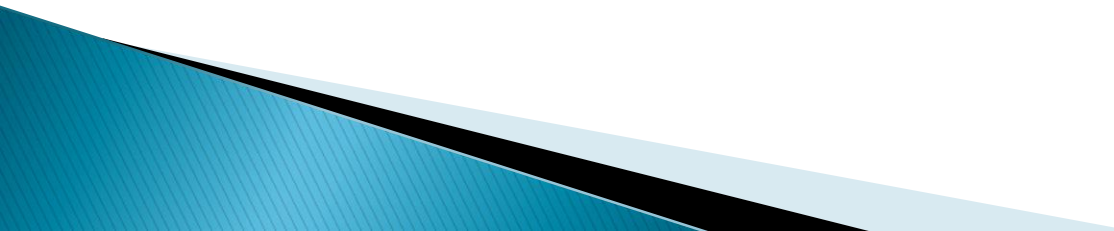
# Activities (I)

## ▶ Teachers

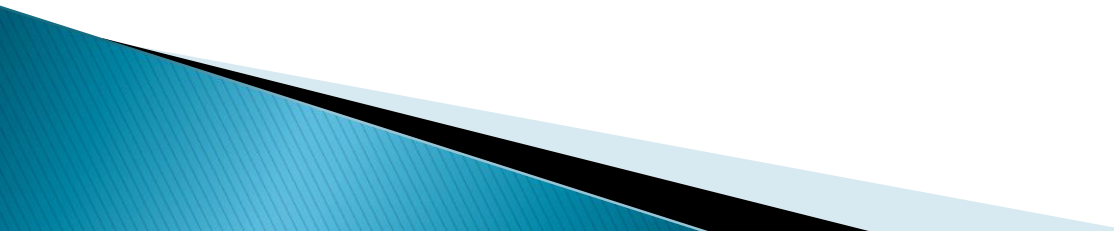
- Supervisions (group sessions, finding solutions to every day problems, agreeing on good practices)
- Trainings (expert pshycologists)

# Activities (II)

## ▶ Students

- Seminars and workshops
  - Study visits to universities and trade schools
  - Trainings
  - Career counseling
  - Involved with all project activities (incl. visit to Turkey)
  - Student activity day
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# Activities (III)

- ▶ Materials for parents, meetings, getting input and feedback
  - ▶ Survey for students and teachers in the beginning and at the end of project
  - ▶ Problem solving manual – good practices
  - ▶ Special edition newspaper
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# Cooperation

- ▶ Addressing mutual challenges
- ▶ Learning from each others good practices
- ▶ Positive emotions and new knowledge of different culture and geographical location

**Thank you!**

