

TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECT FICHE

The name of the organisation:	VSA Lithuania "Guboja"
Type of the organisation (tick the right answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration • Private • Consultancy • NGO • Education and training organisation • Employment agency or service • University, research institution • Social economy institution • Others (please specify what)
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Country:	Lithuania
Region:	Vilnius
Subject of the Project:	"Mentally disable, socially risky and socially excluded people integration into work market"
Stage of implementation (tick the right answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project idea (project is planed from 2011.10.01 to 2013.10.01) • Grant awarded (project is not implemented, but co-financing granted) • Project implementation (please indicate dates of implementation)
Title of the Project:	„People with mental disabilities integration into work market trough participation in national Colour Music Orchestra“
Approximate budget of the Project TNC Budget:	Not stated yet (work in process)
Duration (in months) of the project:	24
Duration(in months) of the transnational cooperation:	6
Thematic scope of the project (tick the right answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptability of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs • Access to employment and modernization of labour market institutions • Social inclusion of different groups of people • Education, science and human capital development • Others (please specify)
Target group for transnational cooperation (tick the right answer):	<p>Unemployed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including long term unemployed <p>Persons not actively at work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including those who are learning in school or university <p>Employed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including farmers • Including self employed • Including those employed in micro scale enterprises • Including those employed In SME enterprises • Including those employed In big enterprises • Including those employed In public administration • Including those employed in NGOs • Including those in particularly unfavoured conditions <p>Other persons: ethnic or national minorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including immigrants • Including handicapped persons • Including persons from rural areas <p>Enterprises to be supported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro enterprises • SME • Big enterprises
Brief description of the transnational cooperation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Justification of the need of the transnational cooperation (problems to be solved) - General/detailed objectives - Main activities - Expected outcomes (effects) Please indicate the added value of transnational cooperation (in the Polish Operational Programme Human Capital the added value means objectives and products possible to achieve only in cooperation with foreign partner(s) (ca. 25 sentences).	<p>VSA Lithuania "Guboja" is a non-governmental organisation founded in 1992. It is a member of the International VSA Arts (as from 1992) and associated member of the Lithuanian Social Welfare Association (as from 2000). The object of the organisation is to help young people and adults with mental disabilities to develop their intercommunicative relations and practical abilities to make them happier and their lives more interesting, while making the process of integration and adaptation more efficient and rapid. VSA Lithuania "Guboja" offers programs promoting participants' self-sufficiency and independent living. Through the programs in the music, visual, performing and literary arts, participants are introduced to alternative ways of viewing their world. Every year about 2000-4000 disabled and able people (of which about 1500 are youngsters) participate in the projects of VSA Lithuania "Guboja"</p>

In 1998, VSA Lithuania "Guboja" founded the Lithuanian National Colour Music Orchestra, in which 60 persons (of which 45 are disabled, mainly young people from various regions of Lithuania; the core is made of the youngsters from 6 educational establishments of the disabled) are performing according to the method of colour-based education (such method is based on the use of colours instead of standard music notes, in such a way making easier the disabled to learn playing). The orchestra annually holds 10-25 cultural and educational events (concerts, creative workshops, music camps, festivals, etc.) all over Lithuania, actively performs abroad (the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Latvia, etc.).

At the moment VSA Lithuania „Guboja“ is making an EU project about mentally disabled, socially risky and socially excluded people integration into work market. The project is named „people with mental disabilities integration into work market trough participation in national Colour Music Orchestra“.

- **Objectives:** One of our aims at the moment is to prepare technical personnel and additional helpers for National Colour Music Orchestra work activity. Most of these workers would be people with mental disabilities.
- At the moment we are facing **problem** of finding lecturers in Lithuania who could perform qualification improvement courses for specialists working in this project. The aim of these courses is to provide knowledge of what methods should be used to integrate people with mental disorder more effectively.
- **Activities:** During project implementation process in 2012 we would like to organise qualification improvement courses for specialists working with this project. These courses could be held in one of EU countries or we could invite a lecturer from EU to come to Lithuania.
- Our **expectations** are that after these training courses specialists could achieve much better results while helping people with mental disabilities and more people would be integrated into work market. These outcomes would confirm the success of the project.
- International collaboration and qualification improvement courses could be held in exchange of best practices, field visits and similar forms of international cooperation.

Note: While sending the filled in Project fiche you agree for publication on NSI web site and disseminate it to potential transnational partners for the purpose of effective implementation of transnational cooperation projects