**The first meeting of “Re-Gen” URBACT local group took place**

Daugavpils City Government specialists of education, development planning and international cooperation, as well as specialists in youth work, met at the URBACT local group (ULG) first meeting within the "Re-Gen" project on February 7th to discuss the goals of the project and determine the local activities to be implemented within the framework of the ULG, as well as to discuss how to involve young people in city development planning and activities organized by the municipality.

Considering that the project tackles the challenge of how to "revive" abandoned/ unused public spaces in the city's neighborhoods with sports and recreational activities, taking into account the issues of social inclusion and reducing carbon dioxide emissions, and how to promote the involvement of young people in urban development planning and promote civic participation, the coordinators of the ULG presented their vision of what activities could be implemented within the framework of the project, involving project's target group – youngsters aged 10 to 18 years, stimulating a discussion between the representatives of the Development Department, Daugavpils City Education Department, Youth and Sports Department, as well as with representatives of the Children and Youth Center "Jaunība" and its leisure time clubs of city’s neighbourhoods. Based on what was discussed during the meeting, it will be decided on the further course of action groups, topics and methods, as well as project activities, in order to successfully develop the integrated action plan.

The project “Re-Gen” is implemented within the program European territorial cooperation program "URBACT IV". Within the project, a cooperation network of 9 cities has been established – Verona (Italy), Albacete (Spain), Daugavpils (Latvia), Vila du Conde (Portugal), Corfu (Greece), Pula (Croatia), Dobrich (Bulgaria), Milan (Italy), Lezha (Albania). The total costs of implementing the Re-Gen project in the Daugavpils Local Government are 78,660.00 euros, of which 80% or 62,928.00 euros are ERDF co-financing.

More information about the project read [**HERE**](https://www.daugavpils.lv/en/city/development-of-the-city/international-projects/publiskas-artelpas-pielagosana-sporta-aktivitatem-pilsetvide-jauniesu-lidzdalibas-veicinasanai-re-gen-nr.20269) or [**https://urbact.eu/networks/re-gen**](https://urbact.eu/networks/re-gen)

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