

Project “Development of Innovation centre in Cēsis”

On August 10th, 2020 Cēsis Municipality signed an agreement with The State Education Development Agency on the establishment of the Innovation Center in Cēsis (future Space education centre). It is financed from The EEA and Norway Grants 2014–2021 program “Research and Education” activity “Innovation Centers”. The total cost of the project is 2.15 million euros, of which 1.64 million euros is co-financing from the Norwegian financial instrument, 289,825 euros - co-financing from the Latvian state budget, and 214,684 euros - co-financing from Cēsis municipality.

The aim of the project is to promote the development of knowledge and career choice of learners in the field of STEM, offering innovative solutions for the promotion of education and science.

With the conclusion of the agreement, the implementation of all activities planned within the project has officially started - creation and implementation of new educational programs, educational classes and teacher training programs, organization of children's and youth camps on space, organization of educational competitions, creation and offering of various adventure activity packages for Space education centre visitors, production of 50 interactive centre exhibits, organization of seminars and conferences on STEM education, organization of the Space Festival in 2023, etc.

Within the framework of this project, Cēsis municipality has signed cooperation agreements with the Andoya space center (Andoya) in Norway and Riga Technical University (RTU) on the implementation of Space educational centre ideas. Andoya is ready to assist in the development and implementation of interactive educational activities, classes and workshops on space topics, but RTU will participate in the development and creation of educational exhibits. The agreement also provides for both partners to participate in publicity and target audience involvement events.

The project implementation team consists of project manager Pauls Irbins, Ansis Rezgalis who is responsible for the centre's exhibits , the content of educational programs and classes is created by Miks Dzenis, the project is coordinated by Elīna Mīļā and public relations and publicity in the project is led by Ilze Sestule.

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