

Building Bridges for Gender-based Violence Prevention in Youth

Partnership Building Activity under Erasmus+ Accreditation

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About the Partnership Building Activity

This Partnership Building Activity (PBA) aims to bring together organisations from across Europe working on:

Gender-based violence prevention in the youth sector

Support systems and creation of educational settings for young people and youth professionals on GBV prevention

Gender equality

Comprehensive sexuality education as part of the GBV prevention system

Prevention of discrimination and harmful gender stereotypes

The activity is organised under the Erasmus+ Accreditation framework and will create a space for **meaningful networking, exchange of practices, peer learning, and development of future international cooperation projects.**

The PBA is designed for organisations working **directly with young people** and professionals **working with youth**, including youth workers, educators, teachers, trainers, social workers, psychologists, and community organisers.

Main Objectives

The Partnership Building Activity aims to:

- **Strengthen** connections between organisations active in the fields of gender equality, GBV prevention, and sexuality education
- **Exchange** good practices, methods, and educational approaches
- **Explore** common challenges faced by organisations across Europe
- **Develop** concrete ideas for collaborative projects and initiatives
- **Build** a supportive international network of organisations committed to safer and more inclusive environments for young people

A strong focus will be placed on practical **collaboration building** and dedicated time for **partner networking**.

Therefore we especially welcome organisations interested in long-term cooperation and future joint initiatives under Erasmus+, CERV or other international funding options.



Draft Programme Overview

10.08.

**Arrival day, welcome dinner,
informal networking**

11.08.

**Getting to know each other,
organisational mapping,
expectations, needs and challenges**

12.08.

**Best practice sharing and
thematic workshops**

13.08.

**Partnership development sessions
and project idea generation**

14.08.

**Future collaboration planning and
funding opportunities**

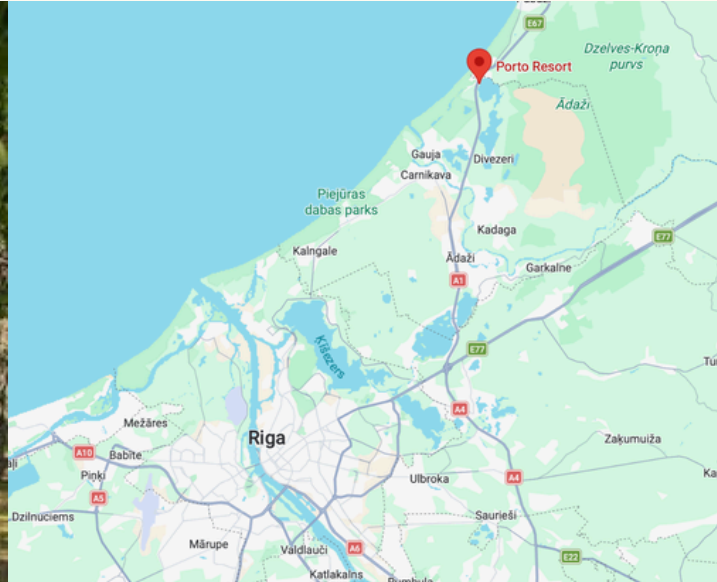
15.08.

**Action planning, reflection,
evaluation, farewell evening**

16.08.

Departure day

Venue



Porto Resort is located in a peaceful natural setting near the sea, providing an ideal environment for focused learning, networking, and collaboration.

Accommodation will be provided in double rooms.

Financial Conditions

The activity is organised under Erasmus+ Accreditation.

The organisers will provide accommodation, meals during the activity, programme activities and materials.

Travel reimbursement according to Erasmus+ distance bands and project rules.

Further practical details and detailed financial conditions and reimbursement procedures will be communicated to selected partners.

Hosting Organisation

MARTA Centre is a Latvian NGO working to empower women and support vulnerable groups through professional social, legal, and psychological services, advocacy, education, and prevention work.

The organisation has extensive experience in:

- Gender equality advocacy
- Violence prevention
- Youth education
- Capacity building
- Community support
- International cooperation projects



Facilitators

Madara Kanasta-Ievina is an experienced trainer and project developer working in the fields of gender-based violence prevention, safeguarding, and youth well-being. As Head of Preventive Programs at the MARTA Centre, she develops and coordinates national and international initiatives focused on creating safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for young people and youth professionals.



Madara Mazjane is a youth work trainer and facilitator with an MSc in Gender Studies, research interests in GBV prevention, and more than fifteen years of experience in non-formal education in the youth sector and international projects related to the issues of GBV and domestic violence. Her work focuses on gender equality, healthy relationships, emotional awareness, and prevention of gender-based violence through participatory and reflective learning methods.

Application Process

Interested organisations are invited to express their interest by completing the application [form](#)

Application deadline: June 17, 2026

Confirmation of selected partners: June 22, 2026

For questions please contact Madara Mazjane via madara.mazjane@marta.lv



*We look forward to building
meaningful partnerships together!*