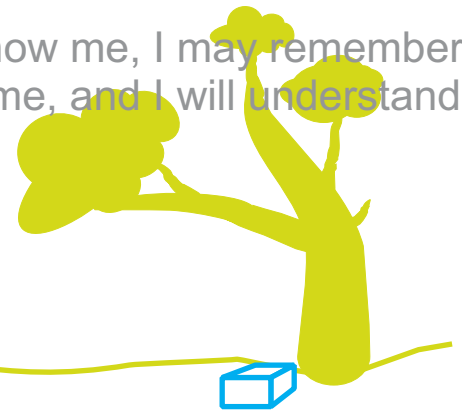


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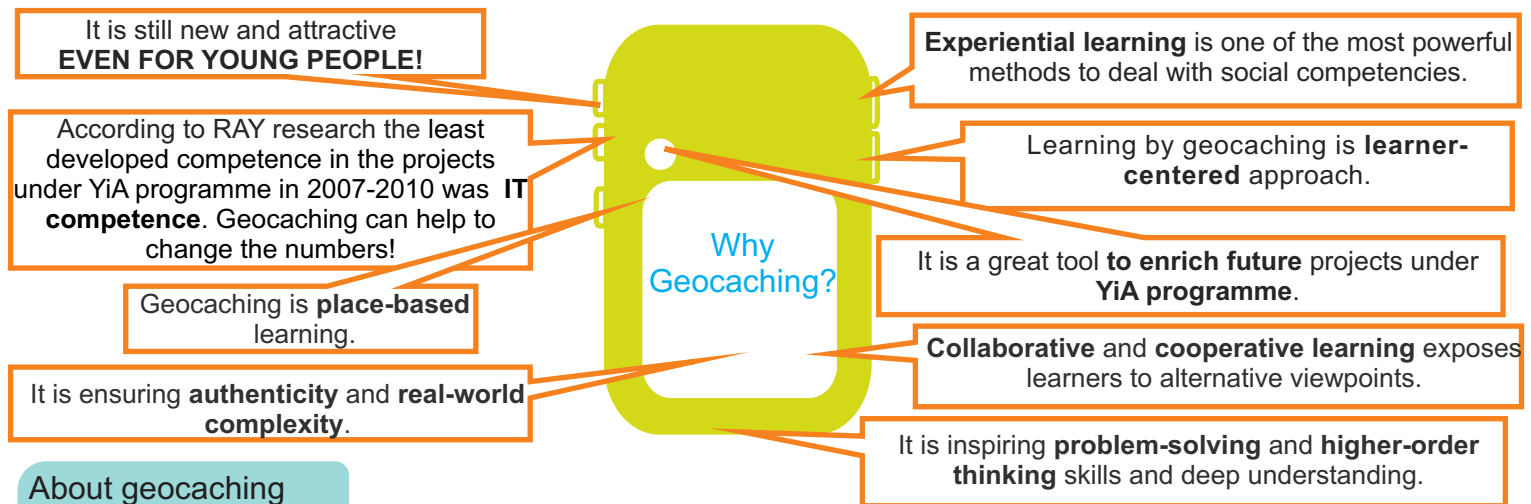
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Context of the project

In current situation very often a stakeholders of youth work (NGO's, trainers, youth workers, youth leaders) feels a lack of new innovative, interactive and attractive methods to deal with different topics and to give an opportunity for young people to develop the Key competences for Lifelong Learning in Europe. Not all “old” methods appropriate to new challenges. Thus, youth work providers missing methods that can help to develop digital and basic competences in science and technology. The recent development of European educational field shows that programs has to engage local communities broadly. Youth's organizations from Lithuania **Lentvario parko renesansas** (Lentvaris park renaissance) and **Kūrybinės raiškos centras** (Centre for Creative Expression) in cooperation with partners from Germany **Evangelische Akademie Sachsen-Anhalt e.V.**, who has extensive experience in using geocaching in work with young people in Germany decided to bring, test and spread this new tool in a field of European youth work.

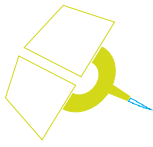


About geocaching

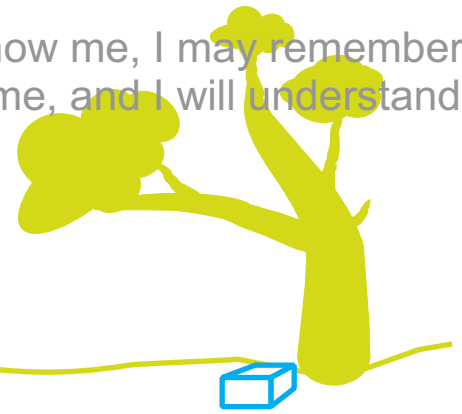
Geocaching is an outdoor activity in which the participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", anywhere in the world. A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook where the geocacher enters the date they found it. Larger containers such as plastic storage containers can also contain items for trading, usually toys or trinkets of little value. Geocaching is often described as a "game of high-tech hide and seek," sharing many aspects with benchmarking, trig pointing, orienteering, hunting, letterboxing, and way marking. Geocaches are currently placed in over 100 countries around the world and on all seven continents, including Antarctica. After 10 years of activity there are over 1.2 million active geocaches published on various websites devoted to the activity.

More about geocaching:

<http://www.geocaching.com/>
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geocaching>



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Aim

To enable 24 trainers, youth workers and youth leaders use geocaching as a young people experiential learning tool.

To reflect on experiential learning:

- ✎ Principles and theories of experiential learning
- ✎ Outdoor education
- ✎ To share participants experience
- ✎ Result of experiential learning in geocaching (social and IT competences)

To introduce GPS navigation equipment:

- ✎ GPS history
- ✎ GPS coordinate system
- ✎ Key pad
- ✎ Mapping system

To create informational internet website for people and organisations, who use geocaching in youth work.

Objectives

To prepare at least 2 projects under “Youth in action” programme using geocaching.

To analyze possibilities to use geocaching as a method to deal with these topics:

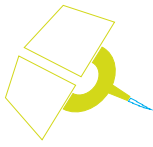
- ✎ Local communities development
- ✎ Intercultural learning
- ✎ “Green” skills and habits of youth workers
- ✎ Cultural heritage exploration and preservation
- ✎ European citizenship

To experience geocaching practically and theoretically:

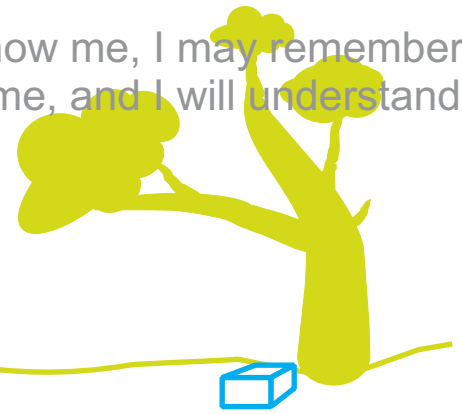
- ✎ The phenomenon of worldwide treasure hunting game
- ✎ Understand the principles of geocaching
- ✎ Hide and locate geocaches
- ✎ Learn about types of geocaches
- ✎ Use geocaching internet platform (www.geocaching.com)

Participants (target group):

- ✎ Trainers, youth leaders and youth workers, who are directly working with young people.
- ✎ Interested to learn a new educational experiential learning tool geocaching.
- ✎ Willing to cooperate and ready to implement Action 1 (Youth in Action) projects, using geocaching as method. (Practice period)
 - ✎ Able to communicate and work in English.
 - ✎ Having basic computer skills.



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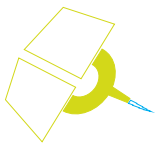
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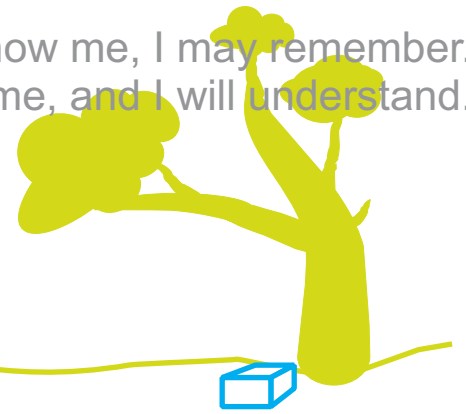
1 day	2 day	3 day	4 day	5 day	6 day	7 day	8 day	9 day
Breakfast								
	Getting to know each other Introduction to the training: - Aims and objectives - Context of the training - Program of the training - Expectations and contributions	Introduction to GPS technology	Experiential learning (Principles and theories, outdoor education)	Exploring Vilnius by geocaching Geocaching.com	CREATING geocaches (possible topics: Communities development, ICL, “Green” skills, European citizenship)	Trying out created caches REFLECTION	“Youth in Action” presentation Planning practice period	Departure of participants
Arrival of participants	Group building (Group task and first geocaching experience) Treasure assessment groups (Reflection groups)	TASTING geocaching (multi-cache prepared by trainers) REFLECTION and geocaching idea	8 EU key competences (How geocaching reach the key competences?) Treasure assessment groups (Reflection groups)	FREE TIME in Vilnius	CREATING geocaches (possible topics: Communities development, ICL, “Green” skills, European citizenship) Treasure assessment groups (Reflection groups)	Workshops (How to create creative cache, story writing, places to hide caches)	Evaluation of the training Closing ceremony	
Welcome evening	Sauna evening	Organisations treasure (organisations)	Night geocaching	Free evening	Contribution of participants	Visit to Trakai	Farewell party	

Practice period

During the practice period (~9months) participants will implement different local or international activities using geocaching as a method. They will be invited to share their experiences in e-learning platform. According to participants practice period success additional evaluation meeting might be organised in 2012, Lithuania



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Financial conditions

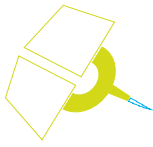
Participant fee is 30EUR. It will be paid in cash during the training course.

Participants will have to cover 30% of their travel cost. Reimbursement will be done to the sending organization's bank account after the hosting organization will receive participants travel tickets.

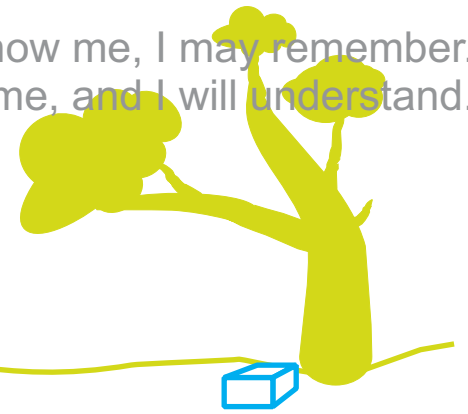
Here you can find partner organizations and limit for travel cost per person:



Country	Organizations	Number of participants	max 100% travel cost per person	max reimbursement per person	Participant fee per person
Poland	UNESCO initiative center	3	210	147	30
Germany	The Protestant Academy of Saxony-Anhalt	3	300	210	30
Italy	Youth4youth	3	500	350	30
Romania	ROMFRA	3	350	245	30
Latvia	Lūzumpunkts	2	40	28	30
Latvia	ALESS	1	40	28	30
Hungary	Úton	3	290	203	30
Lithuania	Lentvario parko renesansas LPR	2	-	-	30
Lithuania	Kūrybinės raiškos centras KRC	1	-	-	30
Czech Republic	Tmelnik o.s.	3	300	210	30
Greece	EUROPEAN VILLAGE	3	400	280	30



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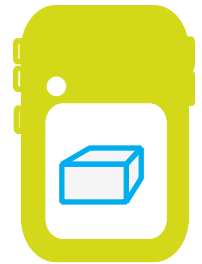
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Venue

The seminar will take place in the training centre “Daugirdiskes”, 50km. from Vilnius, surrounded by lakes, forests and incredible silence. You can find some photos at www.facebook.com/daugirdiskes (only for FB registered users). The venue has pretty simple standard, it is usually hosting youth events, seminars or exchanges. You will live in shared rooms of 2 – 4 beds, each room has restroom; towels and washing service is provided. Even though we will live far from civilised world, there is mobile and internet connection (in the working and dining rooms). Training centre has sauna and small lake for refreshing after the long working day.



How to apply for the training course?

-  Fill the application form, which you can find in .doc format next to this info-pack and send it to **write-to-me@povilasplukas.lt**
-  Deadline for applications is **30 of September 2011**
-  Selection of participants will be completed by **1 of October 2011**

Background information

About hosting organisations in Lithuania



Youth organisation “Lentvaris park renaissance” is movement which consolidates young people eager for changes in their town life. The organisation was established in 2006. Main goals of organisation are spreading the idea of preserving cultural heritage among young people; help developing young people of Lentvaris social, personal, educational skills through non-formal education; uniting youth from Lentvaris (especially involving cultural minorities); getting intercultural learning experience.



Kūrybinės raiškos centras (Centre for Creative Expression) is a non-formal education organisation (established in 1999), which educates active, tolerant, critical and learning citizens. Organisation pays a lot of attention to the activities that contribute to the development of local community.

Centre for Creative Expression is composed of youth leaders and youth workers who organise different projects targeted to young people from 15 to 30 years old. Organisation has vast experience in organising international youth projects; many of them were financed by the EU programme “Youth” and “Youth in Action”.

www.krc.lt
www.youtube.com/krc.lt

Partner responsible of context of the training



The Protestant Academy of Saxony-Anhalt is a non-profit organization, supported by the Protestant Church of Central Germany with the participation of the Protestant Church of Anhalt, the state of Saxony-Anhalt and federal funds. The academy organizes conferences, seminars, study tours, workshops, lectures and evenings for people of all age groups within and outside the church at both national and international level. Therefore it contributes to social debate and decision making, as well as international understanding.

The Protestant Academy of Saxony-Anhalt has been involved for many years in international and intercultural youth work. In addition to youth exchanges and youth democracy projects, we provide regular information on opportunities to do an international volunteer service. The aim is to encourage young people to implement their own projects.

www.junge-akademie-wittenberg.de/geocaching