



## Action Report January, 2021

### Foundation for Diaconia and Social Work of Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church

#### Instructions

Please fill in information in the template monthly. Describe what you have done in your AT-meetings but also the work you did between the meetings.

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#### Project partner No 8

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#### Who participated in the meeting January 12. 2021?

Name	Area of expertise/Organisation
Fea Otter-Üprus	Facilitator, SEMPRE-ACC
Avo Üprus	AT member, Foundation for Diaconia and Social Work of Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church
Agnus- Dei Üprus	AT member, SEMPRE-ACC, marketing manager
Hando Laanet	IT- business owner, Chairman of the Board of Harkujärve congregation
Merle Krigul	AT member, SEMPRE-ACC, social scientist
Aarne Lätte	Volunteer, enabler, contact with local community
Risto Abel	Entrepreneur, developer, Society for Restauration of the Harkujärve Church, contact with local community



## Progress

*What progresses was reported by the AT members during the meeting?*

### **12. 01. 2021.**

AT meeting in the Community Centre,

Participated Agnus Dei Üprus, Fea Üprus, Avo Üprus , Aarne Lätte, Risto Abel,

The meeting was a preparation for the SEMPRE Acc web meeting, January 21.

Discussions were on the subjects the regional/local seminar and the social entrepreneurship ecosystem. The AT and MP members discussed who should be involved and how to document the AL event. It was decided to organise a workshop – if possible, as a physical meeting, in case of severe restrictions via Zoom. It was decided to invite to participate representatives of the Parish, schools, kindergarten, and prisons, also the parents of the children with severe disabilities as end-users.

The problem to be analysed was the activities in the context of inclusive entrepreneurship. What have been the main achievements or what should be done differently? Using there appreciative inquiry method. Also the communicative aspects – to whom and how pass the knowledge about the activities of the Centre. It was decided to compare the present situation with the research done 2 years ago, and also the interviews performed by a Finnish partner Ulla Siirto.

Secondly, it was decided to make videoclips about main activities of the Centre – support services to ex-offenders, children with severe disabilities, reading and tea room, drama studio, flamenco dancing, shin-do, cooking class and bread baking, carpentry studio, guest rooms. Agnus Dei is responsible for selection of the material, videos are made by Urmas Roos. It is also important to reflect the story of Aino Järvesoo, who donated the Church to the community. Aino expected it to be a Lutheran church for families and childres, with an active congregation. SEPRE and SEMPRE ACC have been very strong support in fulfilling these wishes.

### **16.01.21. Sub-AT meeting – ex-offenders**

End-user, an ex-offender Sergei Maškov, supported by the Unemployment Fund, organized computer consultations for the employees of the Community Center, entering Russian text into the materials. Data processing (Excel). This was done as a result of the MP end-users request.

### **27.01 SUB-AT meeting – support for ex-offenders -**

**So called Backpack project:**



The project implementation has been discussed in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice, representatives of prisons and the Baltic Institute for Crime Prevention (leads the project). Action learning was used to monitor, record and evaluate the process, using AL and appreciative inquiry methods. Basic idea was that quite often the detainee leaves the prison, his/her belongings in a black trash bag. First of all, it is unworthy and very uncomfortable. As a solution, the Institute bought 100 backpacks for those released from prison, bags contain also personal consumables and a notebook with the addresses of the possible assisting organizations. These bags are stored in prisons and when detainee is released, the bag is given to him/her. As the results of the discussions it was pointed out that the cooperation with Tallinn prison goes smoothly, with Tartu prison additional work is needed. As due to COVID-19 prisons are closed to all visitors, direct meetings with the prison workers are limited, the only solution is to work with contact persons.

### **29.01 Readers club has got into the wings of the wind.**

Readers club was organised at the request of the book lenders and became popular at once.

Contact free book lending itself has increased greatly, especially by school children. An extremely interesting event took place: "to review a book that I have not read".

### **30.01 The Day of Beauty**

It has become a great favourite of the local ladies and takes place once a month. It serves several aims: bring more people to the Centre, increase the number of services, and to get rent for premises.

## **Difficulties**

*Describe any difficulties reported by the AT members*

Basic difficulty is connected to the COVID -19 that continues to influence direct friendly contacts.

## **How have the AT members contributed?**

*Describe briefly how the AT-members contributed with knowledge and/or experience from their organisations or area of expertise.*

Tasks were divided once again. Agnus is responsible for video clips with Urmas Roos; Fea deals with the Day of Beauty, Avo – general management, Merle – handbooks, meetings, content of the communication events.



## Until next meeting?

*What will the AT members work with until next time? What will be the topic of next meeting?*

Next big event is the regional seminar on SEMPRE achievements. Also the evaluation workshop and business lunch are expected to take place – if possible due to CORONA virus.

## Tools used

*Did you use any of the tools from the SEMPRE handbook or any other useful tools?*

We based on the Theory of Change: this helps to structure project development into logical steps. We foresee milestones and targets with the acceptable accuracy worked out in the nearest future.

We rely on AL principles, we used appreciative inquiry method.

## Additional information

*Is there anything you would like to pass on to the WP Lead, like additional training needs or ideas?*