

### Partner Search Form

<b>Identification of the applicant</b>	
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Short presentation of your organisation (key activities, experience)	<p>Klaipeda community association (KBA) established and active since 2018 unites 7 local communities in Klaipeda city so far, and represents about 12 000 citizens living in the member communities (Klaipeda city - 150 000 inhabitants total). Organization was established seeking to foster active citizenship and involvement in democratic processes of European Union, sharing knowledge and understanding at the community level, by development citizen participation in decisionmaking, formation of new local communities and co-ordination of their activities in Klaipeda city; community skills, strength and influence building in a view of sustainable development through an interaction and open dialogue between local government, community and business. Our main roles in Klaipeda city are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased citizen participation in civic and European Gen Deal activities.</li> <li>• Strengthened civil society, advocacy and democracy watchdog role.</li> <li>• Enhanced capacity and sustainability of civil society and participation in active democratic change in EU.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of the project</b>	
Action, Measure in the framework of „Europe for Citizens” Programme	<p>Strand 2: <b>Democratic engagement and civic participation.</b> All measures:</p> <p><b>Town Twinning, Networks of towns, Civil Society projects</b></p>



Timetable of the project	Open to proposals
Short description of the project, including its aims	<p>KBA are interested in projects aimed at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Counterfighting the effects of pandemic crisis at local level and EU co-operation level, by finding practical solutions and best methods for local wealth building and to act against poverty, wage stagnation, low productivity, loss of jobs, emigration, underinvestment and widening inequality of income and wealth in Lithuania and other EU countries.</li><li>2. Participatory budgets, participatory governance and e-Democracy tools (CONSUL, DECIDIM and others) for civic engagement. We are interested to participate in active sharing best practices, different experiences and approaches of other EU countries, communities and organizations.</li><li>3. Community Strength Building programmes focused at bringing up the strength and influence of city communities up to the level of becoming an equal partner for discussion with local government and local business. Building up the co-operation networks with advanced local communities and regional, national and EU umbrella organizations - thus expanding partnerships, creating the base for new social contract on local levels, leading to more sustainable EU cities and better quality of life. In this context of social contract, community strength is understood in the extent to which citizens, government and businesses engage in community networks, as well as in extent to which individuals inside the local community provide personal support to each other through bonds of neighbourhood, friendship and voluntary work initiatives.</li></ol>
Role of the partner organisation in the project	Open to proposals
Comments from the applicant	We are interested to participate as a project partner