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HINTERLAND Vitality Check

Examples from typology : type Nr. 3 Čekiškė



Čekiškė

Number of inhabitants: **2100**

Name of Municipality:

Kaunas municipality.

Name of County : **Lithuania**

Vorderland dist. (dist. center) :

Kaunas 50 km



A voice from name of village :



„In our locality there are many gravel roads, but biggest part of inhabitants complaints goes to the strip Lebedžiai – Vilkija. This strip is necessary to asphalt, because the houses aside are wetter in dust,- says mayor. Inhabitants of Liučiūnai are not satisfied of the quality of water and outflows removal prospects, there for this is one of the tasks for community. Our community very one, but sometimes the help of municipality is necessary,”- says

local mayor Mečislovas Zavedskas.



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We are type Nr. 3!

What does it mean for our village and what do we have to do?

Strengthen the strengths!

Demography

- *There are much youth in Čekiškė and Liučiūnai, strong secondary school. Average of teachers' age - 40 year. 5 teachers came back to work here after high school.*

Economy

- *Even there is no industry factories, agriculture is developed quite good. There are 4 big farms – over 200 ha; some farms: 100-200 ha; 2 certified dairying farms. Some farmers used EU support from structural funds. There is no free lands.*

Social and cultural life

- *There is acting rest-home. Comfortable connection with Kaunas town. Active cultural life – acting 2 village chapels, folk theater, women ensemble. Active community in Liučiūnai. “Dvarelis” serve rest and disport services for local inhabitants and for guests: there is feast hall, bathhouse, sauna, sleeping place.*



Village road...



Plan of Čekiškė village



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Reduce the risks!

Demographic risk.

- *Much young people leave in foreign countries to work. Death-rate is higher than birthrate.*

Economic risk.

- *Lack of working place. Because of hard work in agriculture, youth do not want to work. Industry is not developing. Lost of motivation, because of working conditions and low income. It is necessary to modernize agricultural manufacture, supply new technique, use the support from EU structural fund in active way.*

Social risk.

- *Low people activity. Lack of youth free time activities. Locality is far from cultural center. Public links are poor developing. Institutional barrier between Kaunas town and district localities.*



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We got type No. 3 !

Look what we have achieved so far :

1987 Country chapel and Lord dance collective "Volungė"

1991 – vicinity center

1993 Established Čekiškė old people care home, in 2002 it moved to new accommodation

1995 – locality center

1996 - 12 January Town blazon is sealed by president decree

2000 - Created children theater "Pasakėlė" and needlework club "Kraitė"

2001 - Adults drama collective "Pelėda" became a winner in review of Kaunas district adults drama collectives – in festival "Village light".

2002 - Country chapel "Volungė" established CD "Native echoi", in 2003 - "Oh, you men, men"

2004 – Heritage day of Europe

2004 - Established Čekiškė locality council of community

2005 - Established Čekiškė IT center

2005 – 405 year for Čekiškė town, Chapels competition „Play accordion, play“.

2005 - „Šuliai forest chapel reconstruction and environment arrangement“.

2005 - "Locality field, sport areas establishing and renewal of old ones, effectively spreading resources.



Čekiškė IT center



Čekiškė Holy Trinity Church



Monument for Independent signatory,
Prime Minister (1919), philosopher,
chairperson, lower, editor, profesor Pranas
Dovydaitis



Lime avenue – road to Dubysa river



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Our vision for the future :

Vision: Čekiškė – favorable for tourism and rest, cherishing cultural heritage and open for innovation, - with ecological electricity manufacture wind powerhouse on Liučiūnai hills.

Other projects:

- **ZUM/KB/2006-033 Liučiūnai village community center Community – own land creator “**



In the best farmers and most beautiful homestead Čekiškė district festival.



Country chapel "Volungė"



Čekiškė auto-modelers:
Resolution overcome possibilities



Municipality leaders visited Čekiškė old people care home



Tree kings in Čekiškė: even village-man can create a festival

In 2000, Čekiškė auto-modelers, won a lot of individual medals and overcome competitors from dig towns, in association in two stage credit won first place and got „Baltic glass“. In 2003, inhabitants of Čekiškė was third, in 2004 - fourth, in 2005 – third.