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HINTERLAND Vitality Check

Examples from typology: *Gaižaičiai – Type Nr. 9*



GAIŽAIČIAI

Inhabitants: 627

Municipality: Joniškis district

County: Šiauliai

Vorderland distance: 40 km.



A voice from Gaižaičiai:

Everything we do using our own forces, joining together efforts of community and township.

Head of township Stanislava Andriulaitienė



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We are type Nr. 9! *What does it mean for our village and what do we have to do?*

Strengthen the strengths!

Demography

- *the township is very small, the population reaches 600. It helps to create positive surrounding for communication.*
- *part of old people is comparatively small.*

Economy

- *Number of farms – 213. Number of services – 3.*
- *Funds of public works program are used effectively.*

Social life

- *Active life of village communities. There are 2 communities.*
- *Search for more possibilities to support and strengthen activity of communities.*
- *Tidy surrounding of village. People are enthusiastic in creating and decorating surrounding.*
- *Young and middle age people are active in community life.*

Reduce the risks!

- *Help for young families.*
- *Improve material basis of school.*
- *Develop alternative activities and increase number of work places.*
- *Social risk. Life of communities could be weakened if we will not make better conditions for them.*
- *It is necessary to increase employment , supporting alternative activities.*



*House of father Stanislovas
Was renovated by community*



Meeting of community



Old building in the village



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We got type Nr. 9!

Look what we have achieved so far:

Main activities:

- *monuments of culture were renewed;*
- *Gaižaičiai school was restaurated;*
- *we are taking care of reconstructure of Gaižaičiai church;*
- *active people were organized to community. Was established house for community.*

Our vision for future

Our village moto:

Lets work ourselves and god will help us!

Next projects:

- *more active solutions of social problems;*
- *establishememnt of new work places;*
- *improve living surrounding and save cultural traditions;*
- *support craft traditions.*



Meeting of community



Monument for Duke Vytautas



Renovated school