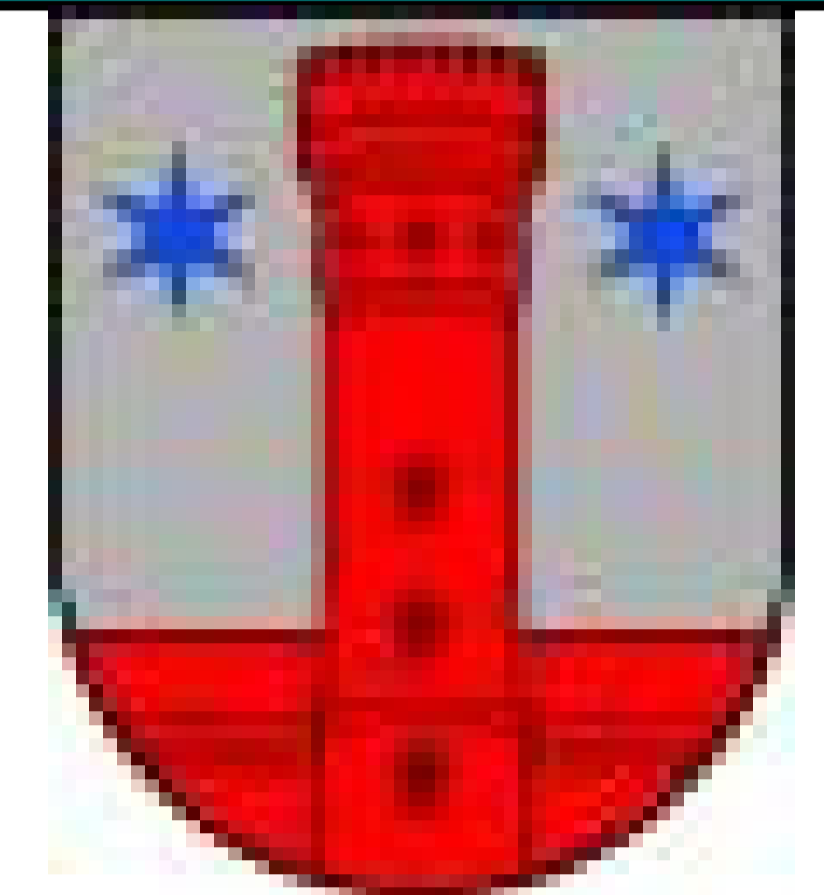




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HINTERLAND Vitality Check

Examples from typology: type **No. 9 Raudonė locality**



Raudonė

Number of inhabitants **1850**

Name of Municipality : **Jurbarkas dis.**

Name of County : **Lithuania**

Vorderland dist. (dist. Center)

**25 km to Jurbarkas ; 64 km to
Kaunas**



A voice from *Raudonė*



Minor Č. Meškauskas is ascertained that **community – is big power**. Despite of this, the monitor stress some criticism for community of Raudonė: when speaking about projects writing, initiative taking, inhabitants are not active. Town has quite many tourists, unfortunately, quests can not find coffee-bars to have a rest and to eat in. Local people agree with the profitability of this, but nobody take is into their hands. Monitor jokes that he will be constrained to do this after his work time.



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We are type **No. 9!**

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

Strengthen the strengths!

Demography

During 3 year time period came about 20-30 people to live in locality; there are about 100 inhabitants in locality, the average of the teachers age is 45.

Economy

5 shops; 7 companies; 2 pharmacies; 27 people work on individual activities; developing alternative business; 30 farmers, 5 of them take place in ecological farms; increase the costs for home repairing; no long-term unemployed; decreasing amount of wasting lands.

Social Life

Inhabitants participate in succession courses; 6 community organizations; 100 active sociality inhabitants; 2 post office; 4 internet adit; Cultural center; 2 libraries.

Reduce the risks!

Demographic risk?

Strong economic migration; in a year time 10 people emigrate; birthrate 5 times less then death-rate; 3 vanishing villages.

Economic risk?

Just one homestead take place in country tourism business; in last 3 year closed wood, meat preparative enterprises, 3 butchery; disorderly forest traverse.

Social risk?

Lack of people initiative for social pay.



Chapel activity...



School yard



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We got type No 9!

Look what we have achieved so far :

Calendar of activities in the last 10 years and Picture Gallery

- 2002 Established chapel of Raudonė town**
- 2002 chapel participate in 18 concerts**
- 2003 Chapel excursion to Belgium**
- 2003 established Raudonė community center, Stakiai community „Fireplace”, Samariečiai communion**
- 2003 Occur the first “Panemunė blooms” festival, became yearly cultural tourism festival**
- 2004 renounced Raudonė castle, review tower**
- 2004 Chapel gigged 10 times, participated in Tauragė district song content**
- 2007 Community project “Discover Raudonė from the begginig”**



Panemunė blooms



Moments from cultural life



Initiative training...



Non realized potential



Active pupils search



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Our vision for the future :

Vision: Nature and culture heritage utilization creating competitive tourism services and products for Lithuanian and foreign markets. Inhabitants feel strong life quality increasing and vitality of locality.

Strategic direction - *development of tourism, cherishing historical heritage.*

Other projects:

- “Discover Raudonė from the beginning”,
- Arrangement of raudonė castle park;
- Hall of Raudonė and park utilization for shops (“Wedings in castle”).



Raudonė castle – our stronghold



“In Panemunė blooms”...



Most attended places in Raudonė



Reference toward rest and food