

THE NORWEGIAN AND EEA FINANCIAL MECHANISMS

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- **.Why should local authorities (municipalities and counties) engage in international activities/projects/co-operation?**
- **To get knowledge about cultural, social, economic and political conditions abroad - in order to give better service to industry and population and to play the role as a competent partner in these questions**
- **To focus on international questions and knowledge of culture and language in the educational programmes for young people**

- **People to people projects/contacts are vital to get better understanding between people – and to strengthen the ideas of democracy and mutual understanding**
- **.Short facts about our co-operation with Pärnu - experiences**
- **Started in 1991/1992**
- **The first years: Humanitarian aid projects**

- **The last years: Advice and discussions, mutual competence building concerning children and young people, regional development and planning, building democracy seminars, gender equality projects, people to people contact, energy questions etc.**
- **The role of NGO`s in the co-operation programmes**
- **.Future possibilities of co-operation:**

- **)Regional development and planning –
competance building**
- **b) Industrial and business projects**
- **)Co-operation between schools and regional
universities, exchange of pupils, students and
teachers**
- **)Energy and Environmental projects**
- **)People to people projects – involvment of NGO`s**

- **)Joint participation in international projects – Interreg**
- **)Building democracy programmes**
- **FUNDING: EEA FINANCIAL MECHANISMS?
(We hope so!)**