

Establishment of health workshops (LEADER project)



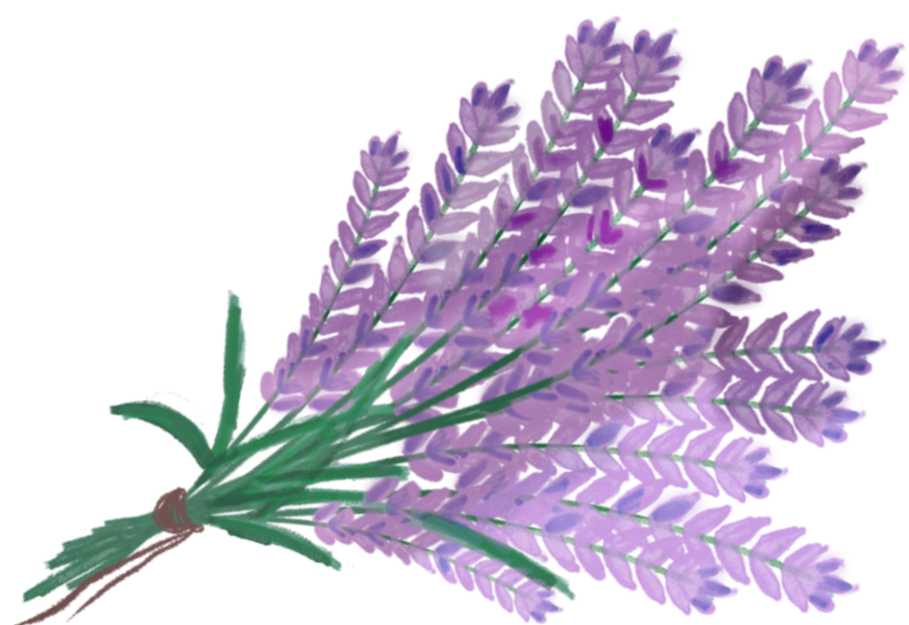
Reda and Vytautas Vaikšnorai, who live in a farmhouse on the banks of the Nemunas River in the village of Lipliūnai, near Druskininkai, are enjoying a unique natural refuge. The family has set up a "Health Workshop", where small-scale, handmade, natural and organic aromatherapy products are produced using local raw materials.



Visitors will hear a presentation of the family, the location and the homestead, as well as the history of the settlement. There will be a presentation of the EU-funded project and a tour of the laboratory, a walk through the aromatherapy botanical garden, a demonstration of the distillation process and equipment for medicinal plants, and a presentation and testing of the products.



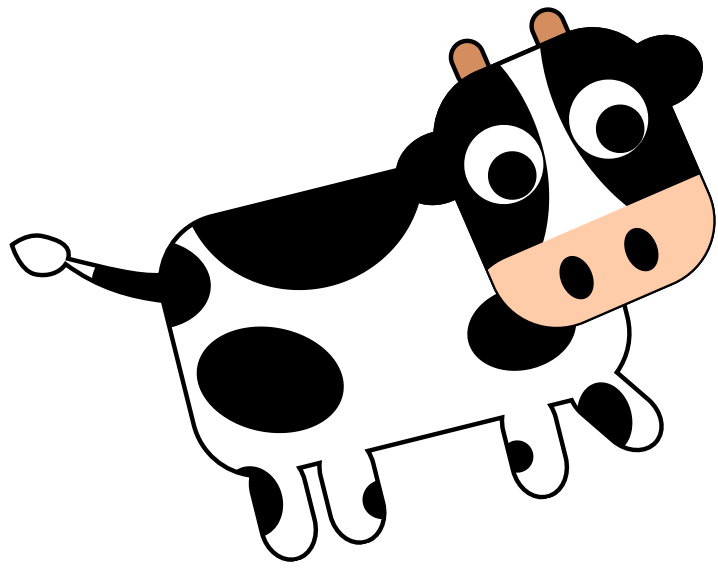
Reda has created more than 200 different products with plants. There are some with as many as 40 ingredients. What makes them unique is that they produce the ingredients themselves.



Reda, who has many years of experience as an herbalist, organises educational programmes on the knowledge of wild plants and the use of nature's treasures in handmade cosmetics, teaches the secrets of herbs, the uses of plants, invites you to smell different essential scents and learn the techniques of extracting them.

Support for the project: 50 000,00 EUR
(70 % aid intensity)

Project implementation year:
2019-2021



AUGAI FARM

(LEADER PROJECT)

Gražina Auguvienė, a farmer, owns a dairy farm and produces various types of fermented, mould and Lithuanian cheeses. For more than 10 years, the applicant and her family have been organising day educational programmes where tourists come to watch the cheese being made, learn about the farm, and taste various types of cheese. Responding to the desire of visitors and tourists to stay longer, to experience rural life, to try out different kinds of work, to make rustic food, Gražina and her family launched the idea of "One Day in the Countryside".



The project, funded by the Druskininkai LAG, reconstructed an old farm building and equipped it with an authentic room with a bread maker, kitchen, furniture and equipment, which can accommodate groups of up to 50 people. **Support for the project: EUR 49 458,00 (70 % aid intensity)**



Guests arriving at Augai farm are introduced to the life of rural people and to the old-fashioned work of milking a cow, plucking feathers for cushions, spinning wool, whipping a scythe, chopping firewood, cutting rope, rolling a rope, rolling a bale, threshing a splinter, etc.

Guests at Augai farm cook their own food - baking Dzūkija herds, bread-making porridge and other authentic dishes typical of the Dzūkai region. The hostess teaches you how to build and fire the oven, and introduces you to cooking customs. 2 jobs have been created, one for a young person.

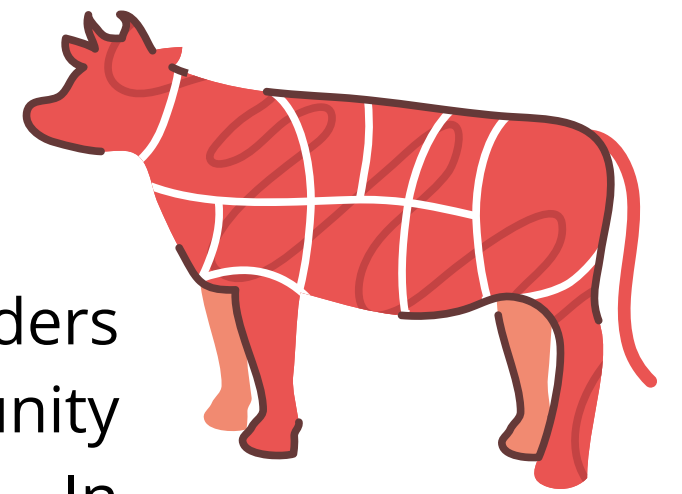
Play
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cheese

Community of the Fernland

(LEADER project, community business)



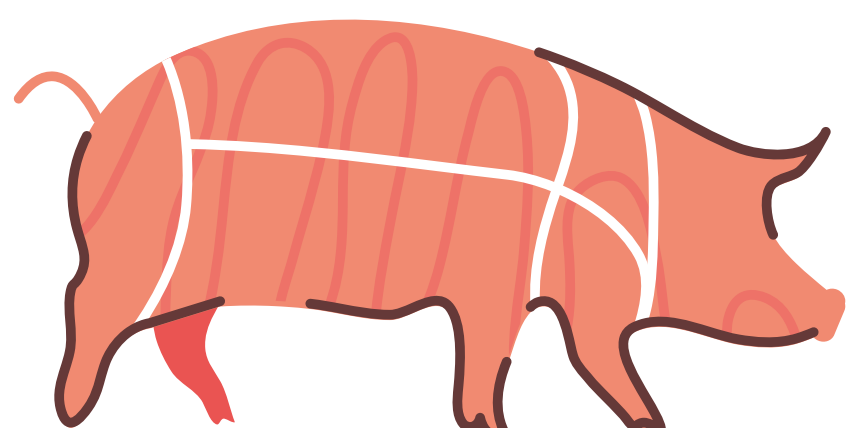
Valentina and Raimonda are the founders and promoters of the Fernland community business in the Fernland region. In consultation with colleagues and Kaišiadorys county LAG, the idea of creating a community business was born. The founders took into account the fact that they have a number of farmers in their district who grow raw material and decided to produce canned meat.



Premises were installed in the town of Žasliai and the production of canned meat was started. They produce the highest quality canned meat in Žasliai. They can offer their own tinned beef, pork and turkey in metal boxes or jars. They also produce preserves from meat brought in by customers.



The support project has created 3 jobs and started providing canning services. A shorter supply chain (from raw material production - processing - marketing) was created on the basis of the inhabitants of Kaišiadorys district, whose added value and benefits are shared by all community members.



Total project budget - 150 229,28 EUR
Support funds - 137 471,00 EUR