

Gardens of Possibilities - inclusion through urban gardening (Gardens)



Programme Priority: P4 Skilled and socially inclusive region

Programme Specific Objective: 4.1. More people benefiting from stronger Central Baltic communities

Sub-programme: Archipelago and Islands

Duration: 01.01.2018 - 31.12.2019

Total funding: 280.000 EUR

ERDF funding: 210.000 EUR ERDF

Project Summary:

“Gardens of Possibilities” is an urban gardening project, where rehabilitation, education and job training are combined. The target group is long term unemployed persons at risk of lifelong exclusion, as well as a group of unrecorded, not registered unemployed persons, so called NEETS (Not in Education, Employment, or Training).

The objective is to prevent and break social exclusion by giving the target group new competences and new possibilities on the labour market and in the society in general. The objective is reached through horticultural therapy, skills development, individual support and practical work. By participating in the project, the participants prepare for employment or education and get a better living situation. An individual mapping clarifies the participant's current situation, after which a plan with concrete goals is drawn up. In practice, the participants will work with cultivation of flowers and vegetables. The opportunity and challenge is to include people who are (under risk of being) socially marginalized into the society. The project will result in increased social coherence, social security and equal opportunities.

Map of Partners



Partners

Lead Partner

Emmaus Åland r.f.

Country: FI

www.emmaus.ax

Partner budget: 167.250 EUR

Amount of ERDF funding: 125.438 EUR ERDF

Project Partners

Valdemarsviks kommun

Country: SE

<http://www.valdemarsvik.se/>

Partner budget: 112.750 EUR

Amount of ERDF funding: 84.563 EUR ERDF

Associated Partners

Region Östergötland

Country: SE

Försäkringskassan

Country: SE

Results

Expected results

The main result is that persons in risk of lifelong exclusion will be included in the society and on the labour market. The result indicator is the amount of persons taking part in the activities for at least ten hours.

Achieved results

Project Visibility

Social media links

[Facebook](#)

[Project website in Swedish \(Åland\)](#)

[Project website in Swedish \(Valdemarsvik\)](#)

Other media visibility

[Radio in Swedish, Del av Lunchronden 03.07.2018](#)

[Sweden_Fixar daglig verksamhet i ny trädgård](#)

[Åland_75 arbetslösa ska få jobb i odlingsprojekt](#)

[Sweden_Trädgårdsprojekt skapar sysselsättning](#)

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