

From Experience to New Ideas – “SHARING” Project Partners Visit Smiltene Municipality

From September 8 to 11, 2026, partners* of the international project "SHARING" (No. 02C0414) and their representatives from Romania, France, and Croatia are visiting the Smiltene Municipality to discuss current developments in the project and share experience in the fields of digitalization. During a working session at the Smiltene Municipality premises on 3 Dārza Street, we introduced the guests to our experience regarding the impact of the territorial reform on IT systems and the digitalization of services as an integral part of the daily operations of the Unified State and Local Government Customer Service Center, as well as current developments in the Education Department. We also presented examples of good practice from the Vidzeme Planning Region.

During the visit, the guests also got to know Smiltene—they visited the Smiltene multifunctional social service center "Īve", met with youth affairs specialists at the Smiltene Youth Center, and learned about the infrastructure projects implemented by the municipality and the digital solutions integrated into the urban environment within those projects. Continuing to explore our municipality, the project partners visited the Ape Crafts House and the Ape Cultural Center in Ape, and experienced firsthand the audio guide solution developed under the "Green Railways II" project, which allows tourists to discover the story of Ape and its history in a modern way. Afterwards, the journey led to Rauna, where the delegation visited the Rauna Library, explored the historical castle ruins, and discovered the municipality's business environment by visiting local producers. The aim of the "SHARING" project is to improve policy documents and strengthen the capacity of municipalities and their partners by sharing experience, resources, and good practice, particularly in the field of digital transformation and new technologies. In this project, the Smiltene Municipality focuses on the implementation of new technologies to make municipal processes and services more efficient and accessible to the public. More information about the project is available in the "Projects" section of our website.

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