



4. Five representatives from each partner LEADER area participated in educational week in Greece, July 7-13th, 2013. The aim of the Parnonas Educational Week “*International Educational Week - Acquaintance with the Oro-Mediterranean Landscape*” was the presentation of a typical Mediterranean mountainous area, in a comprehensive way. Field courses and sessions that provided a view to landscape and traditional land uses were combined with lectures given by experts in biodiversity, ecology and environmental science.

Project budget:

Lead partner - EUR 50 000,00 (100 % public financing)
 Partner 1 - EUR 36 666,00 (100 % public financing)
 Partner 2 - EUR 24 272,73 (100 % public financing)

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Project Outcomes:

The Parks Protection II has achieved:

- A network of Protected Areas, in England, Greece and Latvia,
- The emergence of the Protected Areas as benchmarks to attract visitors and develop activities of economic interest,
- Enhanced interpretation of natural and cultural heritage,
- Improved knowledge and skills of the individual participants and the cooperating organisations,
- Production of a project Tool Box: tools, guides, and material on the implementation of the project and the Educational Weeks.



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Cooperation Project

Parks Protection II -

Management, Protection and Economic Development of Protected Areas,
 No. 12-00-L421102-000001



Partners:

Lead Partner – Regional Development Company of Paronias (Greece);
Partner 1 – Northumberland Coast and Lowlands LEADER (England);
Partner 2 – Dobeles District Rural Partnership (Latvia).

Aim:

Development of economic activities through the educational tourism in important protected areas of natural environment.

Project implementation period:

November 1st, 2012 - December 31st, 2013.

Main actions:

- Preparatory meeting in Leonidio (Greece),
- Workshop in Northumberland (England),
- Workshop in Tērvete (Latvia),
- Educational week in Northumberland (England),
- Educational week in Tērvete (Latvia),
- Educational week in Leonidio (Greece),
- Publicity activities.

Project results:

1. Signed Cooperation Agreement, April 28th, 2012.
2. Five representatives from each partner LEADER area participated in the educational week in Northumberland (England), April 13th -20th, 2013.

The aim of the Northumberland Educational Week *"History, Heritage, Environment"* was the presentation of the North Northumberland Shore between Lindisfarne (Holy Island) and Druridge Bay, in a comprehensive way. For this purpose an educational week was designed, combining lectures and field visits. The week aimed to provide participants with a background to the flora and fauna, history and heritage of the Northumberland coastline with a focus on the challenges and opportunities involved in managing shoreline habitats whilst maintaining the sustainability of the visitor offer.

3. Five representatives from Greece and England along with ten representatives from Latvia participated in the second educational week held in Tērvete (Latvia), May 19th -25th, 2013.

The aim of the Tērvete Educational Week *"Different Aspects of Environmental Interpretation"* was the presentation of nature objects in Dobeles District Rural Partnership Area. Field courses were combined with theoretical sessions given by experts. The programme included the following themes: environmental education, principles of environmental interpretation, outdoor activities, games, researches, interpretation techniques, interpretation for children, planning and evaluation of interpretative events, thematic interpretation, target groups, learning theory, aspects of environmental psychology, informative signs and stands, nature conservation in Latvia.

