

LITHUANIA

Local development

Location

Šilutė

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Priority

P6 – Social inclusion & local
development

Measure

M19 – LEADER/CLLD

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 17 063

EAFRD 9 413

National/Regional 1 661

Private 5 989

Project duration

2018 – 2018

Project promoter

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A young entrepreneur received LEADER support to buy modern veterinary equipment that enabled her to provide farmers and pet owners with high-quality services.

Summary

Young entrepreneur, Kamilija Tamavičiūtė, studied veterinary science and aspired to return to her hometown to set up her own business as a vet. Kamilija applied for LEADER support to cover the costs of the modern veterinary equipment that she needed to provide farmers and pet owners with high-quality services. The equipment she purchased using the support included an ultrasound, a biochemical blood analyser, a microscope, a calf holder, a cattle lift and a data printer.



Results

The financial support she received offered Kamilija a quality job and the opportunity to stay in her native rural community in the long-term. Her LEADER-backed project represents a 'brain gain' for the Šilutė Local Action Group (LAG) and it modernises the vet services available for farmers in the region.

Thanks to Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding Kamilija's business is more innovative than she originally hoped. She can provide a wide range of treatment methods, and faster service for her clients. Just one example of this is the fact that she can now offer blood test results more quickly.

Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ LEADER LAGs can play a key role in creating jobs in rural areas, thus contributing to tackling rural depopulation by helping young people stay in their local areas.
- ❑ LEADER funding can also be used to help modernise essential agricultural services.

Context

Kamilija Tamavičiūtė comes from a family farm in the Lithuanian region of Šilutė. Kamilija studied veterinary science at University in Kaunas and her aspiration was to return to her home area to set up her own business as a vet. Her business idea centred on providing veterinary services in a predominantly cattle rearing region, but she also aimed to tend to domestic pets.

Objectives

The RDP support aimed to contribute to the young entrepreneur's ability to set up her own veterinary business in a rural area.

Activities

Kamilija applied for funding support from the Šilutė LAG. Her application was considered eligible and she received financial support from LEADER to start and equip her business.

The funding was used by Kamilija to cover the costs of the modern veterinary equipment she needed to provide farmers and pet owners with high-quality services. The equipment she purchased included an ultrasound, a biochemical blood analyser, a microscope, a calf holder, a cattle lift and a data printer.

Main results

The financial support she received offered Kamilija a quality job and the opportunity to stay in her native rural community in the long-term. Her LEADER-backed project represents a 'brain gain' for the Šilutė LAG and it modernises the veterinary services available for farmers in the region.

Thanks to RDP funding, her business became more innovative than she originally hoped. She can provide a wide range of treatments, as well as a faster service for her clients. For instance, blood test results are confirmed much more quickly, so helping farmers to identify health issues faster and thereby starting treatments earlier.

Key lessons

- LEADER LAGs can play a key role in creating jobs in rural areas, thus contributing to tackling rural depopulation by helping young people to stay in their local areas.
- LEADER funding can also help modernising essential agricultural services.



"I always wanted to be a vet. I grew up in the countryside and I loved the animals, so that is why I chose this line of work. Šilutė is my birthplace and I wanted to return to the countryside, away from the busy city."

Kamilija Tamavičiūtė

Additional sources of information

<https://youtu.be/cn0637qlmKs>