**Youth forum: “CROSS THE BORDER, GROW YOUR IDEA!”**

The purpose of supporting the micro projects is to promote and encourage the best Youths startups and / or recommendations that improve the employment situation of youth in the periphery in Russian-Nordic-Baltic border areas. Thus it aims to empower youths to take an active role in the process of combating unemployment as well as in the implementation of concrete activities. In order to achieve the purpose an aim is to finance the best selected proposal(s) during the Youth Forum up to 10.000 EUR. The decision which startup(s) or recommendation(s) meets the selection criteria best, will be selected by commission members. Proposed ideas should meet the following success criteria Youths (individuals or organizations) take part in the activities;

Startup is created by members from different countries (Nordic, Baltic countries and Russia);

Startup and recommendations meet SMART criteria – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time bound;

Each Youth group can provide up to 3 different project ideas;

Proposed idea corresponds and contributes to the “ComUnYouth” project idea and meets the Project requirements and NCM rules.

**Commission consists** of 5 members - Pavel Petrov (Expert of the project), Andrius Jasinskis (Marijampole Regional Development Agency) + 3 representatives of Project Partners that select 5 Best ideas.

**Every participant has a VOTE** and can mark 5 places for the ideas. 1st place receives 5 points, 2nd – 4 points, 3rd - 3 points, 4th – 2 points and the 5th – 1 point. Summing up the commission (50%) and participant votes (50%) we have the final results.

1st place is awarded by 4.000 Eur

2nd – 3.000 Eur

3rd – 2.000 EUR

4th – 1.000 EUR for the implementation

5th – participation of 2 persons in the Study visit to Norway (Hedmark county and Oslo), spring, 2017.

The awarded found will be placed at the Marijampole Regional Development Agency (Andrius Yasinskis) and awarded projects will need to refer to this institution.