

# Making life and work attractive



## Oiu Harbour Renovation

**Axis 4 funding in Estonia has contributed to the development of the port of Oiu which has become the first harbour on lake Vortsjarv equipped with all necessary services for fisheries. It is also set to become more attractive for other sectors.**

Oiu is a small fishing village on the north shore of Lake Vortsjarv with 20 nearby professional fishermen. Due to lack of infrastructure and amenities on the lake, conditions for fishermen operating here were once very difficult. Upgrading and installing the necessary infrastructure seemed the obvious choice to support professional fishermen and the local community. This project was proposed by the fishermen themselves, and the modernised facilities have improved their quality of life as well that for the surrounding community. A new gas station funded by the project for example, means fishermen and other boat users no longer need to travel to the nearest town to buy fuel in canisters. The development of the port into a modern facility is also attracting new activities, benefiting both the tourism and service sector.

### LAKE VÖRTSJÄRV FLAG, ESTONIA

#### RESULTS (AFTER 7 MONTHS):

- > 50 fisherman from all around the lake are now using the infrastructure at this port
- > 4 new businesses created around the harbour: restaurant, boat construction and fish products workshop, accommodation, sale and rent of boats.

#### SUCCESS FACTORS:

- > Project initiated by the fisherman
- > Good coordination and participation of relevant local stakeholders
- > Close cooperation with the tourism and service sector

#### TOTAL PROJECT COST: €128 900

- > EFF Axis 4: €77 340
- > National / Regional co-financing: €25 780
- > Other/ Private: €25 780

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