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## HINTERLAND Vitality Check Examples from typology : type Nr. 3 Čekiškė



### Čekiškė

Number of inhabitants: **2100**

Name of Municipality:

**Kaunas municipality.**

Name of County : **Lithuania**

Vorderland dist. (dist. center) :

**Kaunas 50 km**



### A voice from Čekiškė :

„In our locality there are many gravel roads, but biggest part of inhabitants complaints goes to the strip Lebedžiai – Vilkija. This strip is necessary to asphalt, because the houses aside are wetter in dust,- says mayor. Inhabitants of Liučiūnai are not satisfied of the quality of water and outflows removal prospects, there for this is one of the tasks for community. Our community very one, but sometimes the help of municipality is necessary,“- says

local mayor Mečislovas Zavedskas.



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## We are type Nr. 3!

What does it mean for our village and what do we have to do?

### Strengthen the strengths!

#### Demography

- *There are much youth in Čekiškė and Liučiūnai, strong secondary school. Average of teachers' age - 40 year. 5 teachers came back to work here after high school.*

#### Economy

- *Even there is no industry factories, agriculture is developed quite good. There are 4 big farms – over 200 ha; some farms: 100-200 ha; 2 certified dairying farms. Some farmers used EU support from structural funds. There is no free lands.*

#### Social and cultural life

- *There is acting rest-home. Comfortable connection with Kaunas town. Active cultural life – acting 2 village chapels, folk theater, women ensemble. Active community in Liučiūnai. “Dvarelis” serve rest and disport services for local inhabitants and for guests: there is feast hall, bathhouse, sauna, sleeping place.*



Village road



Plan of Čekiškė village



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## Reduce the risks!

### **Demographic risk.**

- *Much young people leave in foreign countries to work. Death-rate is higher than birthrate.*

### **Economic risk.**

- *Lack of working place. Because of hard work in agriculture, youth do not want to work. Industry is nor developing. Lost of motivation, because of working conditions and low income. It is necessary to modernize agricultural manufacture, supply new technique, use the support from EU structural fund in active way.*

### **Social risk.**

- *Low people activity. Lack of youth free time activities. Locality is far from cultural center. Public links are poor developing. Institutional barrier between Kaunas town and district localities.*