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## HINTERLAND Vitality Check

Examples from typology: **Žeimelis – Type Nr. 6**

### ŽEIMELIS



**Inhabitants:** 3119 (in the township)

**Municipality:** Pakruojis District

**County:** Šiauliai

**Vorderland distance:** 40 km



A voice from Žeimelis:

***“We endeavour that Žeimelis would be the region of high culture and developed agricultural activities.”***

Head of township **ALGIRDAS BUTKUS**



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**We are type Nr. 9! What does it mean for our village and what do we have to do?**

## **Strengthen the strengths!**

### **Demography**

- *In the sub-district, there is a big share of the population of employable age, it would be required to increase employment of people*

### **Economy**

- *Number of farms – 957. Number of service enterprises – 9.*
- *A big share of employed people works in agriculture*
- *Rather high level of life, which will remain in case if the old traditions would be kept*
- *Developed sector of services*

### **Social life**

- *Whereas rural community is active, 3 communities perform their activities, it would be required to give support organising trainings and to seek for the ways how to encourage people to undertake activities useful to society,*
- *Sport clubs operate in Žeimelis, it would be required to diversify their activities;*

### **Reduce the risks!**

- *A big disproportion between the residents by their sex. Men rate about 46 % of the residents. It will stimulate birth-rate decrease and migration in the future.;*
- *In presence of strong agricultural sector and developing support to that sector, economic risks are not high*
- *Social problems and decrease of young population will increase social problems and the number of people of high risks.*

