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## HINTERLAND Vitality Check

Examples from typology: ***Gaižaičiai – Type Nr. 9***



### **GAIŽAIČIAI**

**Inhabitants:** 627

**Municipality:** Joniškis district

**County:** Šiauliai

**Vorderland distance:** 40 km.



A voice from Gaižaičiai:

***„Everything we do using our own forces, joining together efforts of community and township.“***

*Head of township Stanislava Andriulaitienė*



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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**

- *the township is very small, the population reaches 600. It helps to create positive surrounding for communication.*
- *part of old people is comparatively small.*

#### **Economy**

- *Number of farms – 213. Number of services – 3.*
- *Funds of public works program are used effectively.*

#### **Social life**

- *Active life of village communities. There are 2 communities.*
- *Search for more possibilities to support and strengthen activity of communities.*
- *Tidy surrounding of village. People are enthusiastic in creating and decorating surrounding.*
- *Young and middle age people are active in community life.*

#### **Reduce the risks!**

- *Help for young families.*
- *Improve material basis of school.*
- *Develop alternative activities and increase number of work places.*
- *Social risk. Life of communities could be weakened if we will not make better conditions for them.*
- *It is necessary to increase employment , supporting alternative activities.*



*House of father Stanislovas  
Was renovated by community*



*Meeting of community*



*Old building in the village*