

## REGULATIONS

### “PUBLIC VOTE FOR VIDZEME CULTURE PROGRAMME PROJECTS”

#### I. General information

1.1. Vidzeme Planning Region (hereinafter - VPR) considers the involvement of the public in decision-making to be important. To provide an opportunity for every Vidzeme resident to express their opinion and participate in the definition and creation of local cultural values, by implementing the INTERREG Baltic Sea Region Transnational Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 project “Empowering Participatory Budgeting in the Baltic Sea Region” (EmPaci), which aims to promote the involvement of local governments and the public in participation processes, including the participatory budget process, VPR has created a voting platform [balso.vidzeme.lv](http://balso.vidzeme.lv). It is used as a practical tool that allows citizens to express their opinion by voting for the projects submitted within the Vidzeme Culture Programme 2020. The voting results will be summarized and submitted to the Vidzeme Culture Programme 2020 expert commission, demonstrating the views of Vidzeme residents on cultural products important to them.

1.2. The goals of the activity are:

1.2.1. to purposefully promote the participation of Vidzeme residents in the development of the cultural processes in Vidzeme region;

1.2.2. to create a publicly accessible, creative and open space for cooperation by activating the development of new forms of public involvement;

1.2.3. to receive useful feedback from the residents of Vidzeme for the further development of the cultural process in the region;

1.2.4. to ensure wider publicity and public understanding of the aims of State Culture Capital Fund programme.

II. Conditions for implementing the public vote:

2.1. Summarized information on each project submitted within the Vidzeme Culture Programme 2020 will be published on the voting platform [balso.vidzeme.lv](http://balso.vidzeme.lv):

2.2. The project applicant has been informed about the published part of the project before its submission and agrees to the disclosure of the information with the signature of the head of the organization / responsible official in the project application.

2.3. Parts of projects to be made public:

2.3.1. the name of the project applicant and the project,

2.3.2. project summary,

2.3.3. compliance of the project with the specific VKP 2020 priority,

2.3.4. place of project implementation,

2.3.5. the necessary funding for the project.

2.4. Online voting on the platform [balso.vidzeme.lv](http://balso.vidzeme.lv) is possible using any types of authentication provided by portal [www.latvija.lv](http://www.latvija.lv), thus confirming identity;

2.5. It is possible to vote in person at the VPR offices (Bērzaines Street 5, Cēsis or Purva Street 12a, Valmiera) and in several VPR municipalities;

2.6. One person can vote for three different projects. It is not possible to vote on one project more than once;

2.7. Voting time: from 8 to 23 April 2020.

2.8. Voting is open to persons over the age of 16.

### **III. Decision-making on public voting**

3.1. After the end of the public vote, projects will be available on the voting platform [balso.vidzeme.lv](http://balso.vidzeme.lv) in order of priority.

3.2. The results of the public vote will be presented to the expert commission of the Vidzeme Culture Programme 2020.

3.3. The final decision on receiving funding under the Vidzeme Culture Programme 2020 is made by the State Culture Capital Fund in accordance with the decision prepared by the expert commission. The announcement of the decision will be published on the website of Vidzeme planning region [www.vidzeme.lv](http://www.vidzeme.lv).