**TITLE PROPOSALS:**

1. **CREATIVITY: without BORDERS and BARRIERS**
2. **CREATIVITY: Opportunities Unlimited!**
3. **Beyond the Borders – Creative Access for all!**
4. **Creative Access UNLIMITED!**
5. **OPEN ACCESS – CREATIVITY UNLIMITED!**

The Association for cooperation with Baltic Sea countries Norden (Russian NGO, St. Petersburg) ([http://www.norden.spb.ru](http://www.norden.spb.ru/)) in collaboration with Turku branch of Russian-Finland Society ([www.venajseura.com/Turku](http://www.venajseura.com/Turku)); The Turku Region Support Organization for Handicapped Children and Children with Special Needs and Estonia NGO “On the road” will apply to the Nordic Council of Ministers for the grant.

The idea is to make a collaborative project between Turku, St. Petersburg and Tallinn involving children with special needs. The project will result in the movable exhibition which will be shown in St. Petersburg, Tallinn and Turku. The exhibition will be focused on traditional folk culture heritage of 3 regions but the folk tradition will be interpreted by the means of contemporary art and culture. The project will be based on participatory culture model. It means that the children from 3 cities will take part in creating process - the exhibition will be built according to their ideas.

Partners:

* Norden Association (St. Petersburg)
* Finland-Russia Society (Turku)
* The Turku Region Support Organization for Handicapped Children and Children with Special Needs
* Charity NGO “Association for parents of children with special needs ACCEPTENCE” (St. Petersburg) <http://acceptance.spb.ru/>
* **Estonian Partner, full name: NGO “On the Road”**

Expert’ group:

* Creative Bureau “Artterra”
* School “Dynamics” (Russia, St. Petersburg)
* Jan-Erik Andersson, Finland
* Estonian representative

Target Groups:

* Children with special needs, 12-16 years
* Pedagogues involved in work with children with special needs
* Parents of children with special needs

Activities:

* **Planning meeting for partners and experts of the project** - Estonia, Tallinn – beginning of October 2015– 5 participants Finland, 5 participants Russia, 10 participants Estonia

The structure of the meeting’s participants: representatives from NGOs working with children with special needs and experts of the field of social inclusion by means of culture.

 During the meeting the details of the planning of the exhibition, its content, educational process will be discussed; time schedule and responsibilities of the partners as well.

The other important part of the meeting will be devoted to the process of the Network and Partnership building among NGOs working in that field, the development of the model of participatory culture, new approaches and methodology about new types of arts targeting children/people with special needs accumulating resources of art, pedagogic and social work; effective ways of the dessimination of information received during the Project implementation time.

* **Creation of the exhibition** based on contemporary interpretation of traditional culture of the regions: The exhibition will consist of **Installation,** including *animation film* (3 minutes, 1 minute/country) and **the interactive Game** referring to the folk culture tradition of the 3 countries. The duration of the exhibition is up to the country. In Russian it will be open during 5-7 days
* **Development of methodology for** working with children with special needs, based on participatory culture model
* [Opening ceremony](http://www.multitran.ru/c/m.exe?t=1017573_1_2&s1=%F6%E5%F0%E5%EC%EE%ED%E8%FF%20%EE%F2%EA%F0%FB%F2%E8%FF) of the exhibition in St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Russia, April 2016, Theatre Baltic House
* **Exhibition will be moved to Tallinn and Turku**
* **Report on Project and its results, May 2016**

**Objectives**

* To facilitate the Estonian-Russian-Finnish NGO cooperation and long term partnerships in the field of social inclusion through culture and arts
* To create the permanent Network consisting of Finnish, Estonian and Russian experts from NGOs dealing with this sphere for further experience exchange, joint activities and projects
* To ensure the cross sector approach by involving NGOs, social workers, culture pedaguagues, artists and parents of children with special needs into the common work for better social inclusion and more active participation in social life of that group of children
* To broaden childrens’ horizons by bringing them into international projects with the neigboring countries, providing the knowledge about each others cultures, promoting traditions of understanding, mutual respect and good neighborhood
* To develop the creative potential of children with special needs and increase the feeling of belongness to the society through common activity with disabled and “ordinary” children of school ages
* To disseminate the information and methodology about new types of arts and targeting people with special needs accumulating resources of art, pedagogic and social work, creating the model of participatory culture.

**Process:**

From each country 2 persons will be responsible for the children’s participation in the process and creation of the exhibition – 1 artist/culture pedagogue and 1 assistant.

To create the exhibition and the animation film they will work during the implementation time of the Project with their national experts in each country at the same time actively interacting by modern electronic means like Skype with participants from other countries.

From the Russian side the project will be implemented on the base of school for children with special needs “Dynamic”. The school is well equipped methodological center for children with special needs, serves also for distance education purposes.

 From Russia 30 children with multiple disorders of 12-16 age will be involved to the Project. Together with disabled children schoolchildren from the ordinary schools (about 10 pupils) will participate at the Project. From the Finish and Estonian side will be involved about 12-15 children from each country. All together about 60 children will participate at the Project from Estonia, Finland and Russia.

The responsible partner for the Exhibition Concept and production is Creative Bureau “Artterra”.