#### Baltic panel discussion: LITHUANIA

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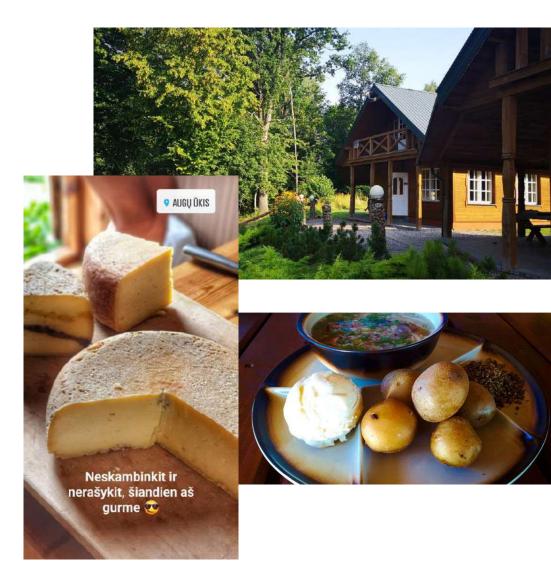
#### Local acceptance and support



Proffesional hikers

### Benefits

- Accommodation places
- Local restaurants
- Small grocery stores
- Other services?



#### Added value

- Hiking culture revival
- Popularity of sustainable tourism
- Local tourism fashion





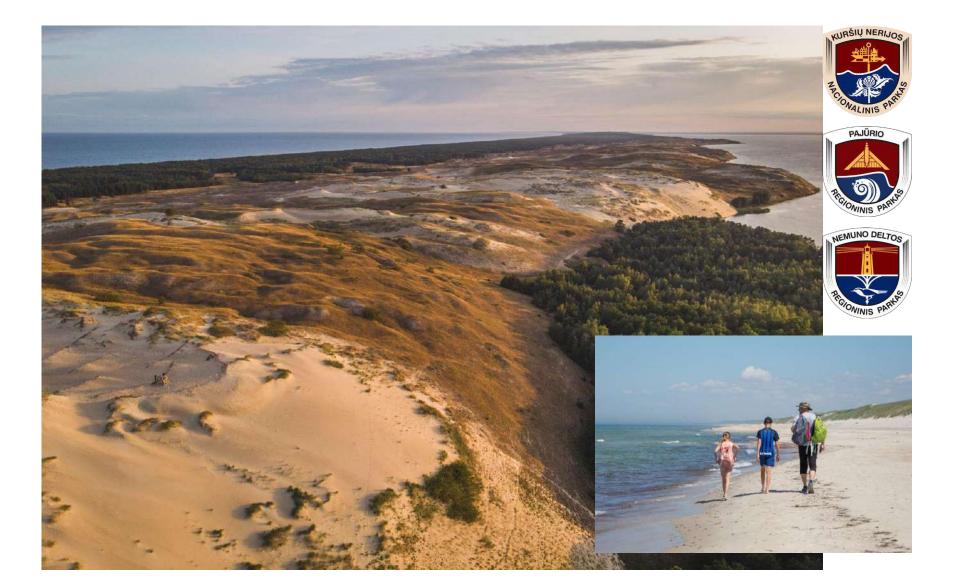


#### Sustainability

- Private entrepreneurs
- Professional hikers' associations
- Commercial hikers travel agencies
- State forest service
- National parks

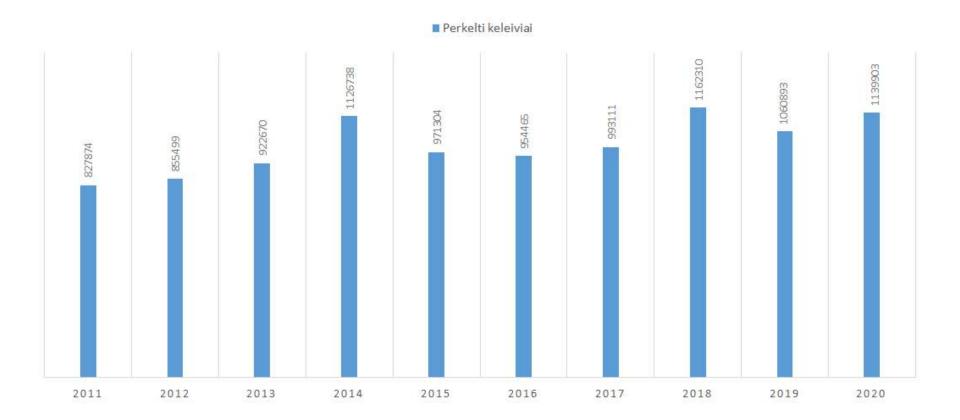


### Hiking in protected areas



#### Lithuanian seaside: already crowded?

Statistics of passengers transferred to the Curonian Spit by ferry



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## What about hiking?

#### Mass tourism (events) VS Individual hikes

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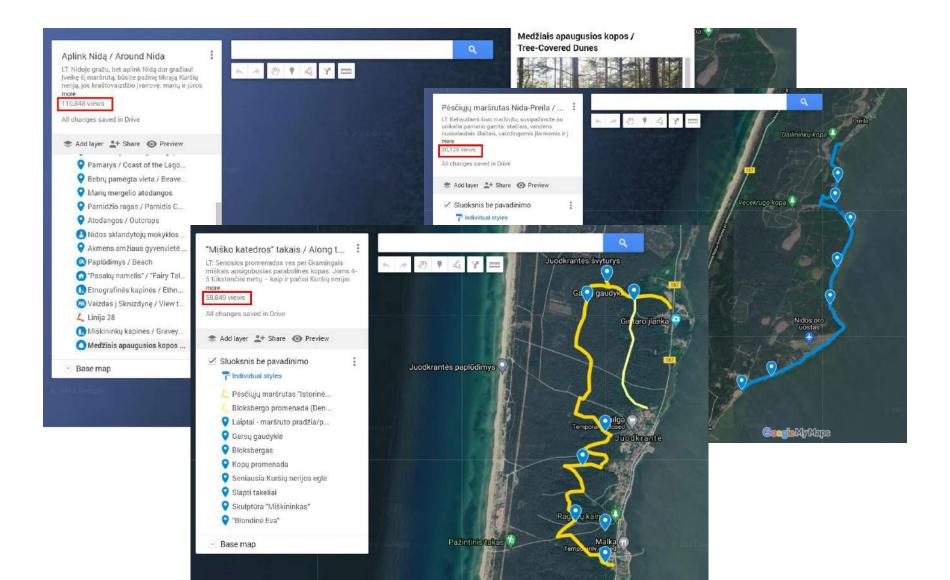




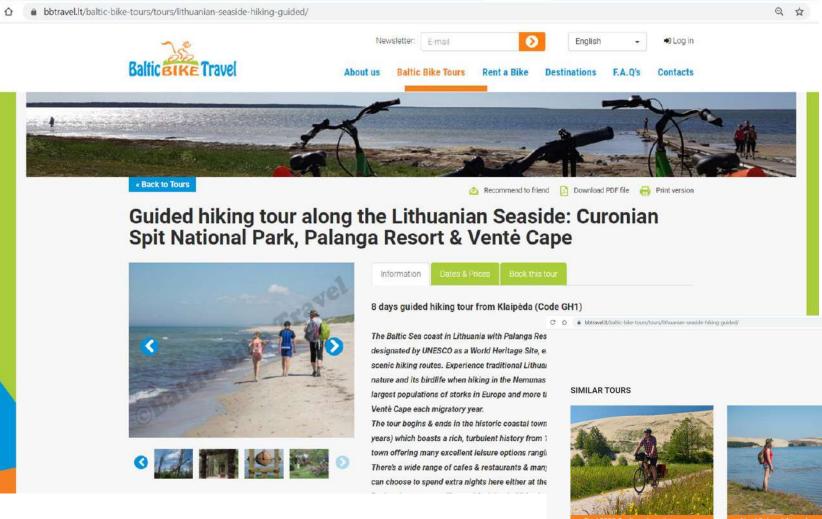
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#### Benefits for local business



New! 8 days hiking along the Lithuanian seaside (self-guided tour from/to Klaipeda)

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#### Cooperation in developing and maintaining the trails





# Thank You! Ačiu! Dalaes!

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Tack!

