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SchoolFood WasteSolutions

Interreg Central Baltic Programme Project «**School Food Waste Solutions**»

Solutions for reducing food waste in school canteens

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The Interreg Central Baltic Programme's Europe Day webinar
4 May 2026

The project “SchoolFood WasteSolutions” aims to enhance the quality of school catering by introducing pilot initiatives that reduce food waste in school canteens by 30–50%, addressing this cross-border challenge in both the Latgale and Tartu regions.

Studytrip to Karlstad, 2-5 June 2025



Project partners:

Latvia:

- Latgale planning region
- Daugavpils University
- Ludza county municipality
- Preili county municipality

4 PILOT SCHOOLS

Estonia:

- Association of Municipalities of Tartu County
- Kastre municipality
- Peipsiääre municipality

2 PILOT SCHOOLS

Project Objectives & Benefits:

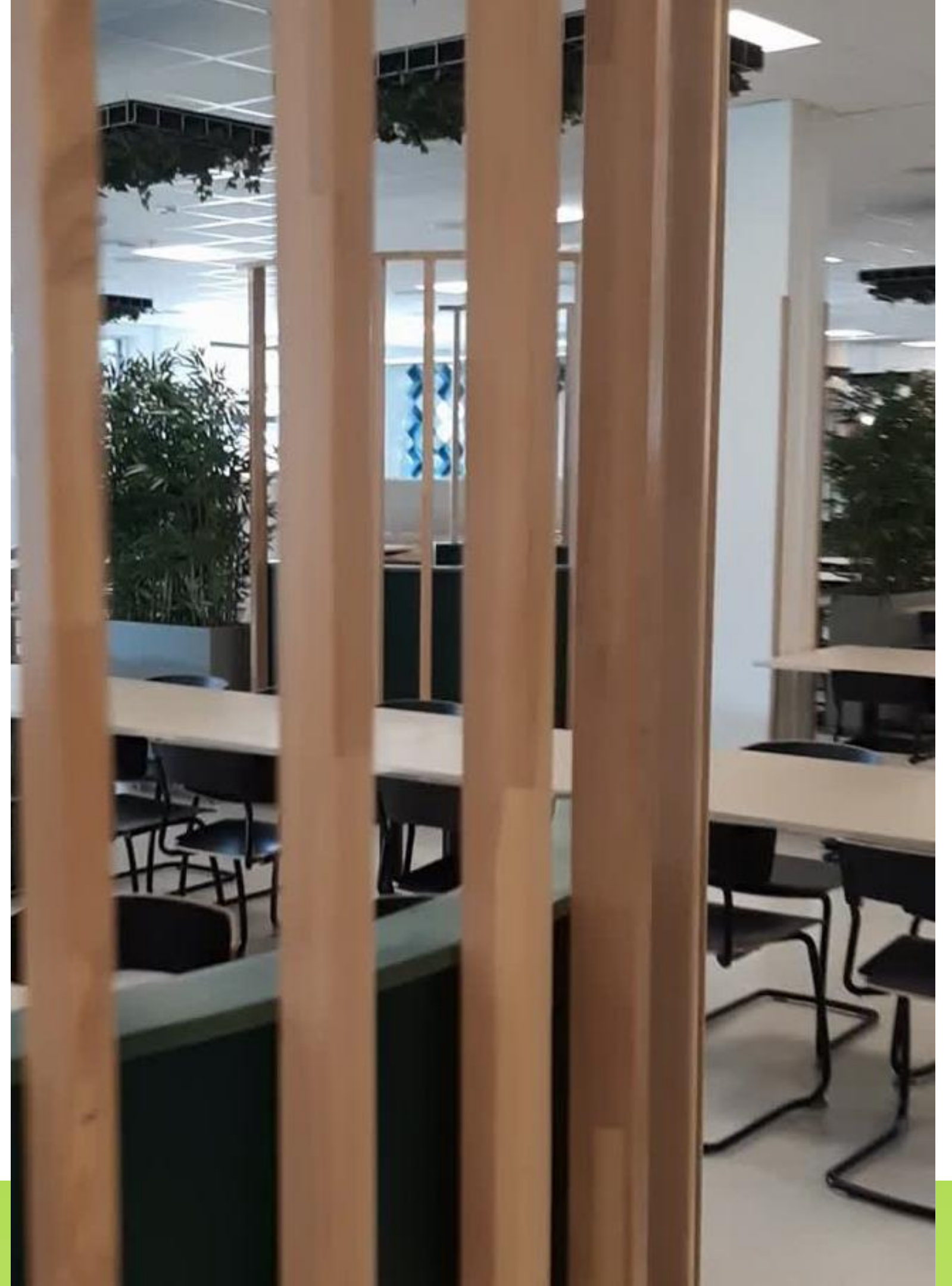
- 30-50% food waste reduction.
- Improved meal quality.
- Improved student satisfaction.
- Stronger municipal capacity to scale solutions.
- Procurement kitchen equipment in 6 pilots school.
- Developed a digital education programme enriched with gamification elements about healthy eating and food waste reduction.
- Digital tools for food waste monitoring in pilot schools canteens.
- Solutions Handbook.
- 6 weeks recipes collection.

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To gain practical insights into buffet-style school catering and effective food waste reduction solutions, supporting the adaptation and implementation of these practices in partner regions.



Study trip to Ludza (Latvia), 30 July – 1 August 2025: spontaneous study visit outside the project



Anita (Latvia), Laura and Tiia (Estonia), Ruta (Latvia)

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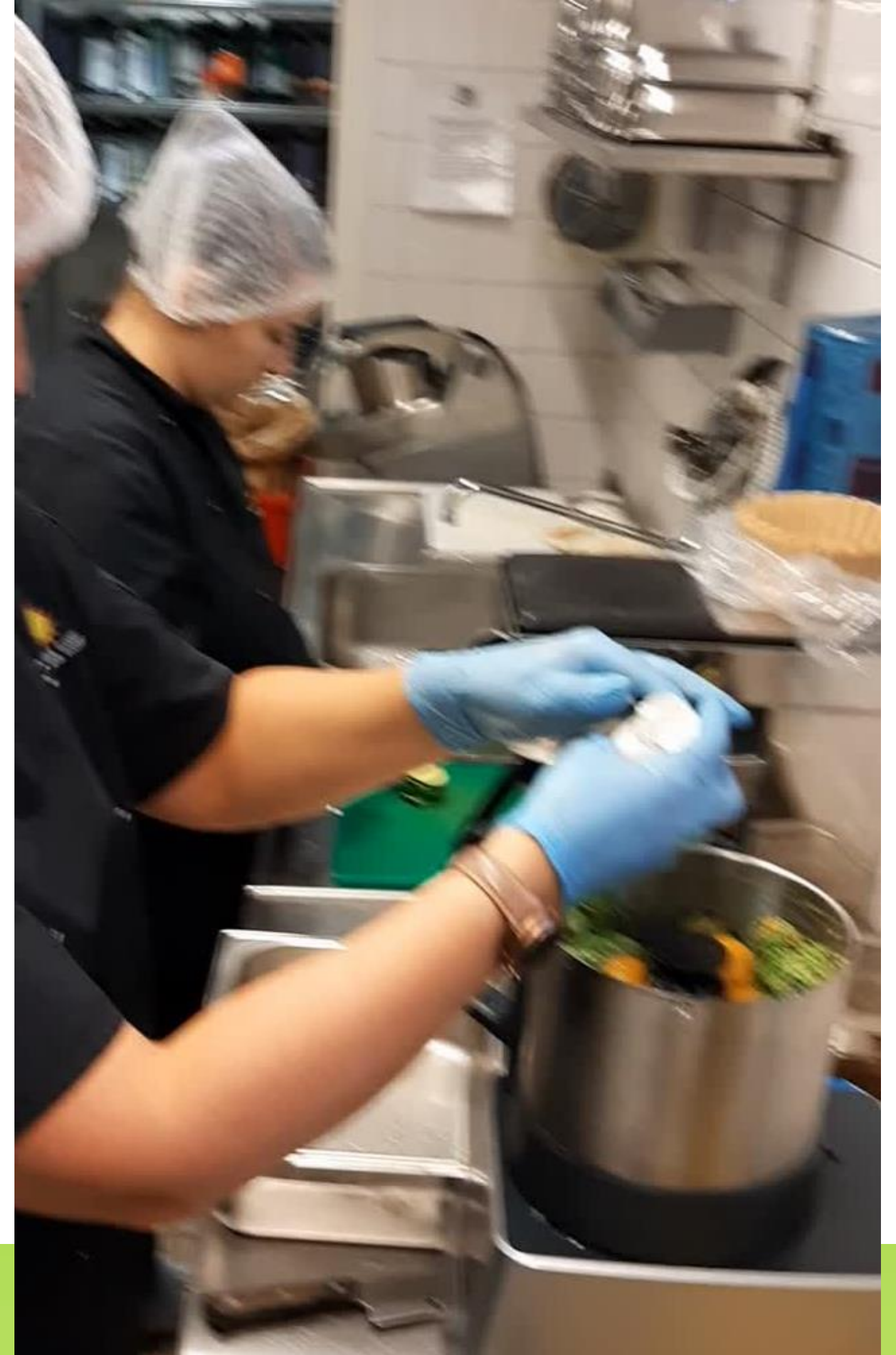
Studytrip to Finland, 15-18 September 2025



Our delegation



Studytrip to Karlstad with School chefs, 20-23 October 2025

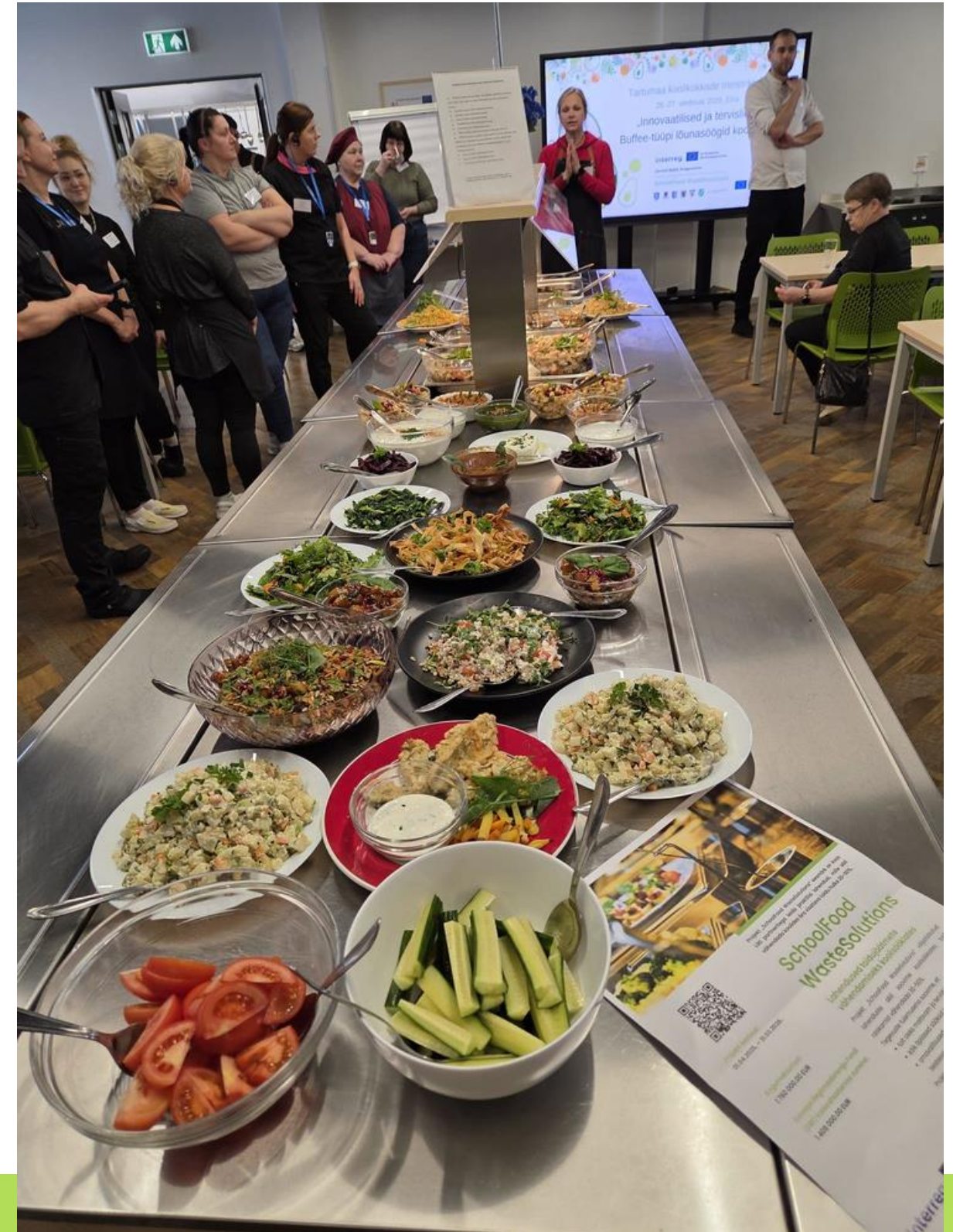


Studytrip to Karlstad with School chefs, 20-23 October 2025



Our Happy Chefs!

Masterclasses for school cooks: “Innovative and Healthy Buffet-Style School Meals” in Latvia and Estonia, 23–27 February 2026



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Anna Stalidzāne and Ruta Priede with
head chefs from Karlstad
Municipality, Sweden – our
outstanding Swedish partners:

Alain Grenard,

Andreas Mannerby,

Martin Lage

and

Jannie Nord.

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Experience Exchange Visit of Latgale Municipal Representatives to the Tartu Region, 27-30 April 2026



At Puhja School, Tartu County, Estonia

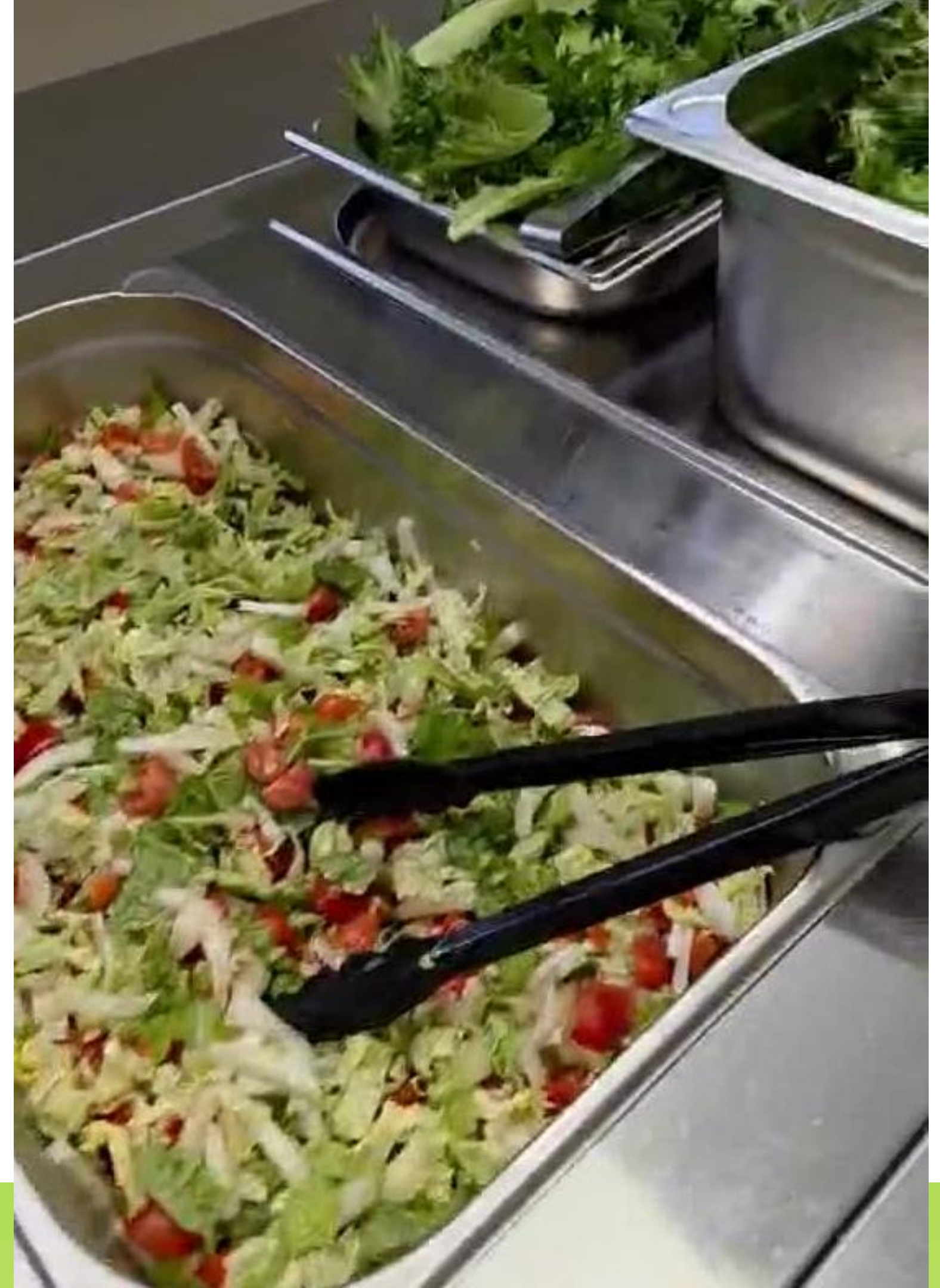
The greatest value lies in students, who are well-nourished, full of energy and focus — ready to learn, grow and achieve better results in the classroom and beyond.



Thank you to the Interreg Central Baltic Programme for the support. The project has been running for only one year, yet tangible results and significant changes are already visible in the pilot schools.

All project partners

Lunch today at Sillaotsa School,
Tartu County, Estonia



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