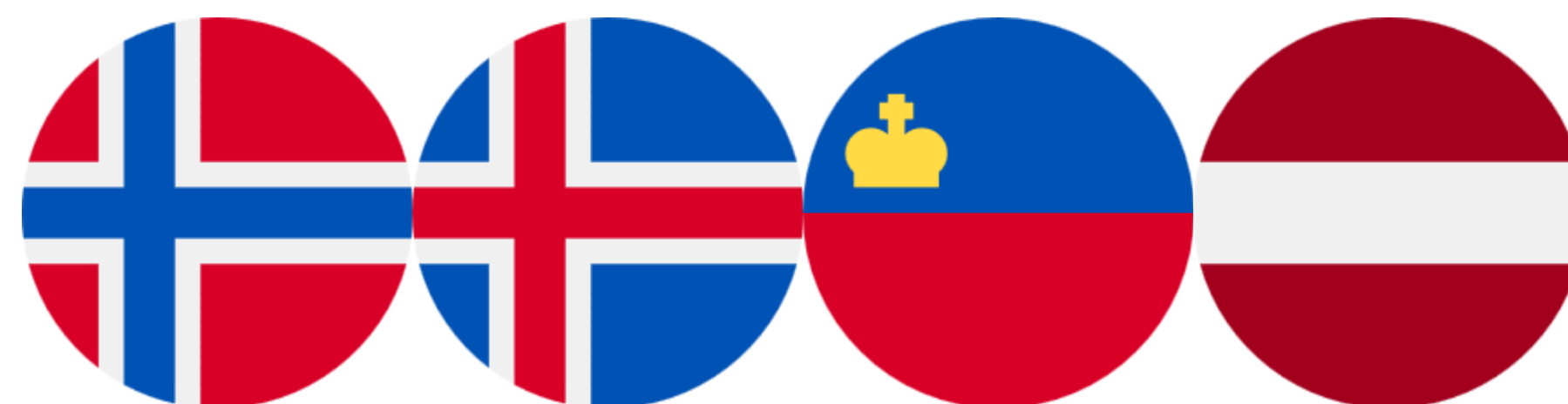


# Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds (JCBF)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: Progress & Next steps

... to strengthen bilateral cooperation  
& increase mutual knowledge & understanding



Riga, 4 December 2019

EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021

# Initiatives in implementation

**Promoter:** Baltic Centre for Media Excellence

**Partner:** Norwegian Journalism Institute, Norwegian media ogr. «Faktisk.no»

400 000 EUR

**Promoter:** Communications Department of Ministry of Finance  
**Partner:** Norwegian Embassy

90 000 EUR



## MEDIA LITERACY

### “Pilna doma” (Full Thought)

Baltic Centre for Media Excellence (BCME) being a hub for smart journalism in the Baltics, the countries of Eastern Partnership and beyond, is moving forward with its popular media literacy project “Pilna doma” (Full Thought)!

It's been 3 years since BCME has launched a special project for young people in order to improve their media literacy and critical thinking skills.

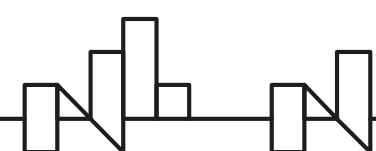
Project supported by British Council and U.S. Embassy in Latvia.

More information – <https://ej.uz/zk97>

**Newsletter** by BCME <https://baltic.media/en/our-products/funds4media-baltic-ed>



**Conversation Festival LAMPA**  
on 28-29 June in Cesis



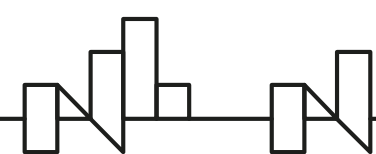
# Initiative in implementation

NOR & LV experts highly appraised the seminar on 3D scanning new methods & technologies (19-21 Nov 2019 in Oslo)

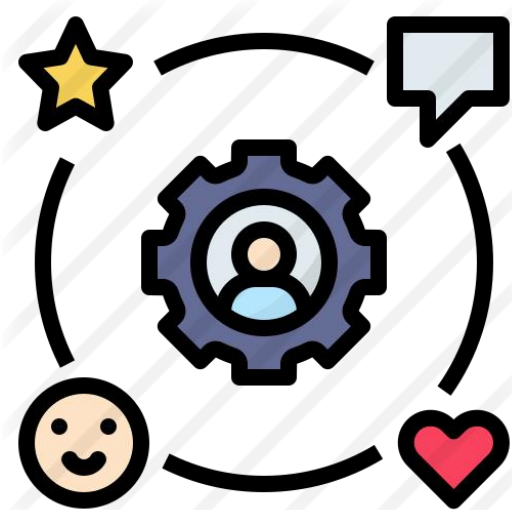
**Promoter:** National heritage board of Latvia

**Partner:** Norwegian Directorate of Cultural Heritage

126 606 EUR



# Expected results of JCBF approved initiatives



Already **6 partners** from  **still opportunities** for joint initiatives with  

Bilateral relations **strengthened** & mutual knowledge & understanding between the Donor States and Latvia **increased**

Programme bilateral progressing



Workshops, seminars & conferences co-organized 32



People with increased knowledge 419

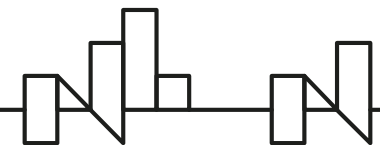


Network & and long-term cooperation in media 2



Handbooks (incl electronic), guides & action plans 10

- Different fields:
- ✓ cultural heritage
  - ✓ media
  - ✓ research
  - ✓ Judicial
  - ✓ democracy



# 4 new strategic initiatives received (350 237 EUR)

**Donorstates** initiatives from Norwegian Embassy  
*to be decided by JCBF in written procedure in Dec 2019*

*National Library of Latvia with Store Norske Leksikon (NOR)*

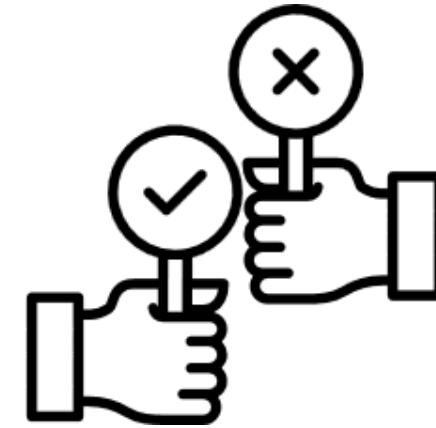
**Latvian - Norwegian encyclopedic approach**  
52 582 EUR

- verified common – interest information easily available
- strengthening competence of editorial teams

*Foundation - Open Society DOTS & Cesis (LV) with Arendalsuka, Arendal (NOR)*

**Building bridges between Latvian and Norwegian democracy festivals & municipalities**  
56 540 EUR

- peer-to-peer learning
- challenges and benefits of hosting democracy festivals



**National** initiatives  
*to be reviewed in National Advisory group in Dec 2019*

Submitted by Ministry of Culture

*Kurzeme NGO with Museums in Akershus (NOR)*

**Culture heritage project “Tool-box”**  
141 115 EUR

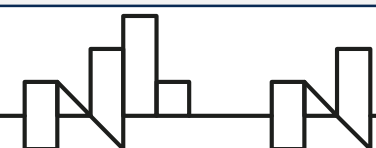
- increase knowledge of restauration of historical buildings
- historical craftsman toolbox
- Spill-over effects from Kuldiga (LV) & Drobak (NOR) longterm cooperation experience

Submitted by State Chancellery

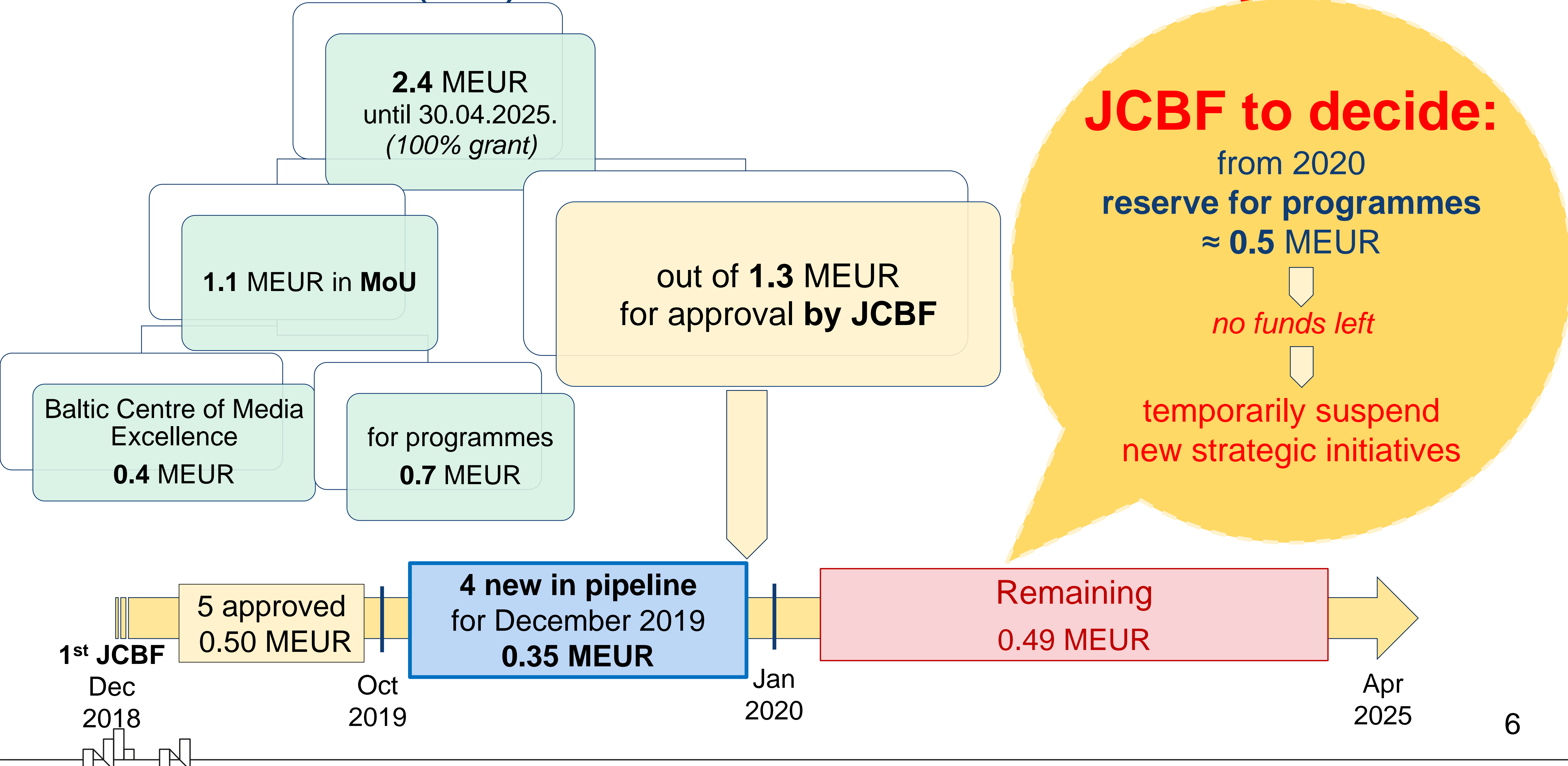
*State Chancellery with Citizens Foundation in Iceland*

**Public participation – a key to the future of democracy**  
100 000 EUR

- promoting innovative and effective civic participation
- effective dialogue between public administration and society
- a prototype for the digital democratic participation tool



# Bilateral fund (BF) as of 04.12.2019. soon fully committed



# Proposal for JCBF decision

For minutes of JCBF meeting



- 1. Within next JCBF written procedures JCBF members to assess critically all 4 new strategic initiatives (0.35 MEUR) in the light of remaining funding (0.49 MEUR)**
- 2. Leave a reserve for Programme bilateral initiatives ~ 0.5 MEUR**
- 3. Temporarily suspend new strategic initiatives from 2020. NFP & donors to inform stakeholders + information on web pages**

# Working together for strengthening bilateral relations!

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# Programme level bilateral activities to promote new and deepen established cooperation between Latvian and Donorstates' institutions

Programme	Done in 2019	Planned in 2020
Correctional Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>international meeting</b> between 6 BS in Romania to create new platform for discussions</li> <li>• 3 meetings in <b>international working groups</b> «Conferences and seminars», «Education», «Evaluation and indicators» (2 in Norway; 1 in UK) for efficient exchange and management of information between 6 BS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 meetings in <b>international working groups</b> «Education, «Conferences and seminars», «Evaluation and indicators»</li> <li>• <b>consultation visits</b> to provide implementation of pre-defined project</li> </ul>
Research and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>7 bilateral meetings</b> in Latvia and Norway for experience exchange and elaboration of common bilateral activities in Innovation centers projects</li> </ul>	<b>Matchmaking Event</b> in Riga for identification of potential partners in the Baltic States and Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein
Business Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>event</b> “<i>Breaking the Barriers in a Circular Economy</i>” within Oslo Innovation Week providing valuable input in finding potential Norwegian project partners</li> </ul>	TBD Participation in Oslo Innovation Week
Local Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>bilateral partnership event</b> in Riga and Latvia’s regions providing opportunity to meet and discuss planned project partnership activities</li> <li>• <b>conference – moderated discussions</b> between field experts in Latvia for experience exchange on creation of professional contemporary arts and culture productions for young audiences</li> </ul>	<b>Face-to-face study visits in cultural area</b> – to develop and to strengthen partnerships between Latvian and DS cultural organizations
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>experience exchange event</b> about integration of climate change policy – Norway case in Norway</li> </ul>	TBD

