

**LIVE,  
WORK,  
STUDY  
AND REST  
IN SMILTENE  
MUNICIPALITY!**



Smiltene, the central square of the Old Park.



Smiltene, Vidusezers.



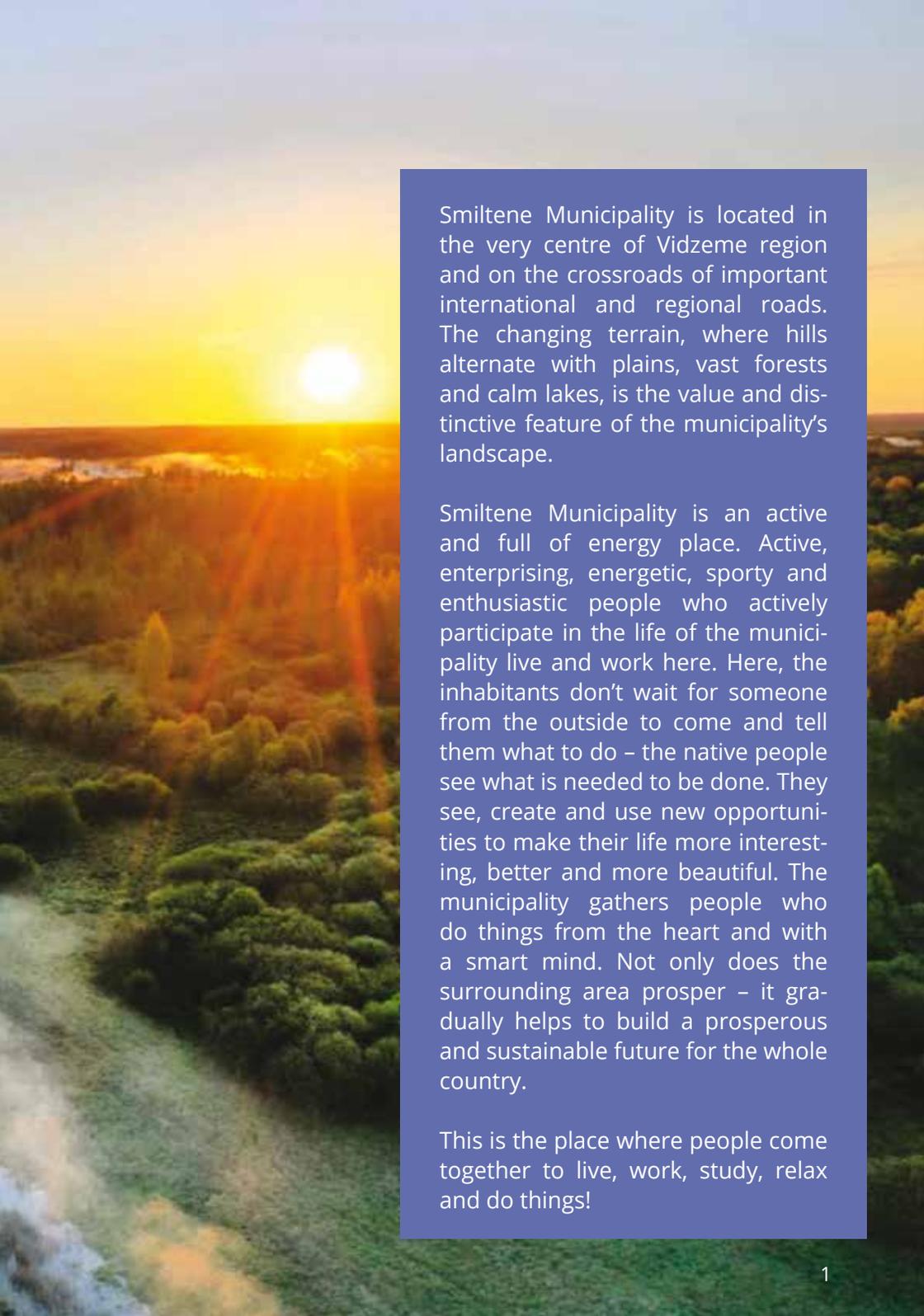
Silva, BMX track.



Smiltene, the Old Park. "The Tale of the Knight of Light."



Blome Civil Parish.



Smiltene Municipality is located in the very centre of Vidzeme region and on the crossroads of important international and regional roads. The changing terrain, where hills alternate with plains, vast forests and calm lakes, is the value and distinctive feature of the municipality's landscape.

Smiltene Municipality is an active and full of energy place. Active, enterprising, energetic, sporty and enthusiastic people who actively participate in the life of the municipality live and work here. Here, the inhabitants don't wait for someone from the outside to come and tell them what to do – the native people see what is needed to be done. They see, create and use new opportunities to make their life more interesting, better and more beautiful. The municipality gathers people who do things from the heart and with a smart mind. Not only does the surrounding area prosper – it gradually helps to build a prosperous and sustainable future for the whole country.

This is the place where people come together to live, work, study, relax and do things!

## Facts and figures

The municipality was established on 1 July 2009.

### Symbolism

Coat of arms – a cornflower flower in natural colours in a golden field. The cornflower flower with nine petals symbolizes the whole municipality – the town of Smiltene and the eight surrounding civil parishes.



Flag – The white stripe in the flag symbolizes the road. The road goes through the middle of the yellow rye field, where Smiltene Municipality has blossomed like a cornflower flower. In the middle of the flag, on both sides, you can see the picturesque coat of arms of Smiltene Municipality.



**The area** is 946.84 km<sup>2</sup>.

**The municipality includes** the town of Smiltene and 8 surrounding civil parishes – Bilska, Blome, Branti, Grundzāle, Launkalne, Smiltene, Palsmane and Variņi civil parishes.



**Population\*** – ~12,7 thousand.

\*OCMA, data as of 01.01.2020.

**42,5%** of the population live in the town of Smiltene, **57,5%** – in the rest of the administrative territory of the municipality.

In general, **95%** of the inhabitants of Smiltene Municipality are Latvians, therefore we proudly call ourselves the most Latvian municipality.

Starting from 1 July 2021, it is planned to create the Smiltene Municipality, which will include the existing Smiltene Municipality, Ape Municipality and Rauna Municipality. **19.4 thousand** residents will live in the newly developed municipality.

## Distance from Smiltene (the centre of the municipality):



Rīga, the capital of Latvia

~134 km

Rīga Airport

~142 km

Rīga port

~140 km

Ventspils port

~315 km

Liepāja port

~342 km

Estonian border

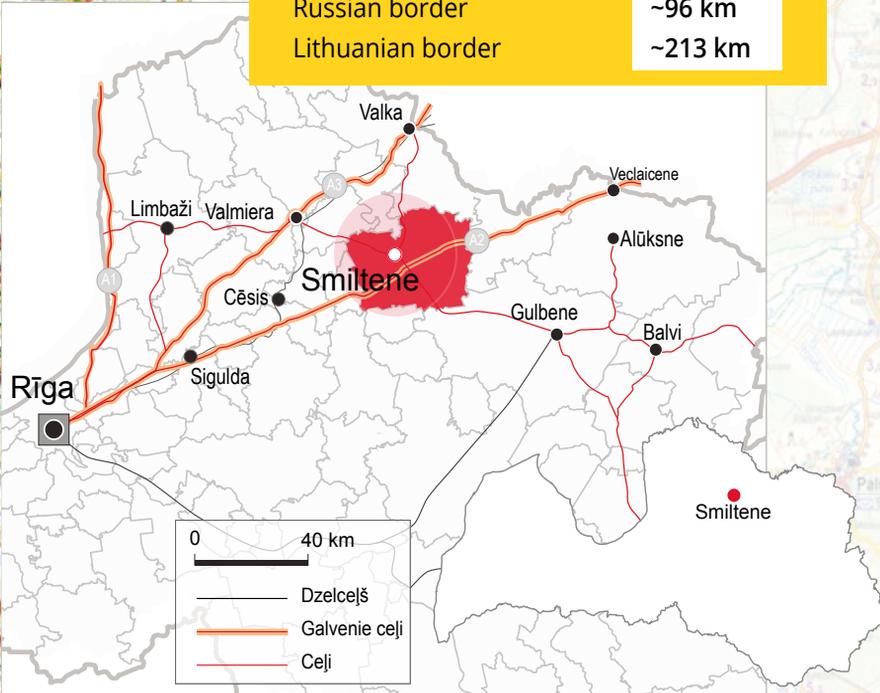
~45 km

Russian border

~96 km

Lithuanian border

~213 km



## Smiltene Municipality is crossed by the following main roads:

The state main road:

**A2** Rīga-Sigulda-Estonian border (Veclaicene);

State Regional roads:

**P18** Valmiera–Smiltene,

**P24** Smiltene–Valka,

**P25** Smiltene–Strenči,

**P27** Smiltene–Gulbene.



## The place for a harmonious lifestyle

Smiltene Municipality offers harmony of closeness with nature and the town infrastructure. There is enough time for everything here and everything can be gained – both professional realization and high-quality recreation in nature. Nature and the town, work and family, growth and health, activity and ecology – when living in Smiltene Municipality, it is easy to find the foundations of balance and live in harmony with yourself.

### Infrastructure and living environment



Well-organized infrastructure – streets, roads, pedestrian and bicycle paths.



The civil parish centres of the municipality are located on average on a 15-minute drive on asphalt roads from the town of Smiltene.



The inhabitants are provided with the connection to centralized water supply.



Sewerage networks, as well as practically provided with the coverage of electricity and mobile networks.



Well-maintained children's playgrounds, outdoor fitness equipment, a skate park, climbing walls.



Marked cycle paths, landscaped parks, public bathing areas and picnic areas.



Electric vehicle charging points in the town of Smiltene, Gaujas Street, and in Launkalne Civil Parish, next to the A2 highway.



ECO points, waste collection and sorting in the civil parishes of the municipality, ECO square.





Smiltene, Old Park.



Smiltene, Daugavas, Atmodas and Valkas Street intersection.



Smiltene, Church Square.



Smiltene, Abula Street playground.



Palsmane, Love Square.



Smiltene, Lake Teperis.

## Safety, health and support for families



Ltd. "Red Cross Smiltene Hospital", including the out-patient clinic, the urgent medical care point working 24 hours a day, social care and rehabilitation department (nursing home).



Paramedic points in the civil parishes of the municipality. Family doctor practices. Dental practices.



Emergency medical service.



The Smiltene post of the State Fire and Rescue Service.



State police and municipal police. The National Guard 22nd Infantry Battalion.



The social service of Smiltene Municipality – social work with families and children, the unemployed and persons with addictions, social care for pensioners and persons with functional disorders, social (material) assistance for large families, foster families, low-income and needy persons and their families.



The Smiltene Orphan's Court – protection of children's rights.



The Child and Family Support Centre – providing support to children and parents in crisis situations.



The Family Support Centre of Vidzeme Region "Smiltene" – state-paid services for foster families, host families, guardians and adopters.





Ltd. "Red Cross Smiltene Hospital", the outpatient clinic.



The urgent medical care point working 24 hours a day.



Smiltene Municipality Police.



The Child and Family Support Centre.



The National Guard.

The Smiltene post of the State Fire and Rescue Service.

## Municipal and state services

In order to implement the functions and tasks assigned to the local government in compliance with the law "On Local Governments", the local government and their structural units provide various services to the population.



The services of the municipality and state institutions are available both in person and in the electronic environment in the administration building of the Smiltene Municipality Council, in the State and Local Government Unified Customer Service Centre:

- State Revenue Service (SRS);
- State Social Insurance Agency (SSIA);
- State Land Service (SLS);
- The development financial institution "Altum";
- State Labour Inspectorate (SLI);
- The State Medical Commission for the Assessment of Health Condition and Working Ability;
- Rural Support Service (RSS), Agricultural Data Centre (ADC);
- State Employment Agency (SEA);
- Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (OCMA);
- State Agency for Social Integration (SIVA);
- Enterprise Register (ER);
- State Construction Control Bureau (SCCB).



All current information, applications, forms, contact information are available at [www.smiltene.lv](http://www.smiltene.lv). Receipt of services in the e-environment is ensured through the portal [www.latvija.lv](http://www.latvija.lv).

Customer Service Centre.



## Municipal support for citizens' initiatives

In order to promote business development and improve the living environment of the population, the municipality offers various types of municipal co-financing and support to the residents of the municipality, non-governmental organizations and entrepreneurs.

Energy efficiency measures for multi-apartment residential buildings – **up to EUR 3000.**



Improvement of land plots attached to multi-apartment residential houses – **up to EUR 5000.**



The Business Idea Competition "Be an entrepreneur in Smiltene Municipality" – **up to EUR 3000.**



For the participation of cultural and sports groups in the events outside Latvia – **up to EUR 200** per person.



The municipality provides the training practices for the students of vocational education institutions and university students.



Competition for the implementation of cultural, socially important or educational events in Smiltene Municipality – **up to EUR 2000.**



Organization of youth volunteer work in Smiltene Municipality.



Support for sports associations and individual athletes.



Project competition for non-governmental organizations – **up to EUR 1000.**



Municipal grants for providing the activities of NGOs.



Paid temporary public works for the unemployed.



How to apply for support:  
[www.smiltene.lv](http://www.smiltene.lv).

## The most family-friendly municipality in Vidzeme region



In 2019, Smiltene Municipality was nominated as the most family-friendly municipality in Vidzeme region, because an orderly living environment has been created here, where people live, work, study, develop entrepreneurship by creating new jobs, invest their knowledge and skills in children and youth, provide support in difficult situations, maintains living cultural traditions, provides an opportunity to actively move, do sports and achieve their highest aims in life.

The municipality and its employees continue to provide services, create new ideas and implement them, so that Smiltene Municipality would be the place which would be called home by more and more families!

The charity campaign "Pure is my heart".



Roll in summer/roll in autumn.



## Remigration coordinator



Smiltene Municipality is one of the 10 municipalities that have participated in the remigration pilot project to promote the return of residents and compatriots to Latvia and Smiltene Municipality. In co-operation with the Vidzeme Planning Region Remigration Coordinator, the municipal contact person provides practical support to potential remigrants, identifying their needs and preparing appropriate offers for employment, education and residence opportunities.

## Property map “Find your home”



In order to solve the issues of place of residence, the municipality has compiled information about the available private and municipal housing stock on the interactive map “Find your home in Smiltene Municipality”. More and more rural properties remain uninhabited, but the rural environment, nature and silence are wonderfully suited to start a family, raise children, implement your business ideas outside the hustle and bustle of the big city – and there are places in Smiltene region where such dreams can be implemented!

The map contains information about the uninhabited farmsteads, residential houses and other immovable properties which can be purchased by you. The map is on the website [www.smiltene.lv](http://www.smiltene.lv).

## INTERAKTĪVĀ KARTE

Veido un atrodi savas mājas Smiltenes novadā

Informācija par lauku viensētām, dzīvojamām mājām un ciem nekustamajiem īpašumiem, kurus var iegādāties savai dzīvesvietai.



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[https://ej.uz/Majas\\_Smiltenes\\_novada](https://ej.uz/Majas_Smiltenes_novada)

## The place in which to discover talents, acquire knowledge and skills, and share them



Smiltene Municipality provides multifaceted educational opportunities for children and youth from pre-school to secondary and vocational education. The municipality employs skilful and enthusiastic teachers and professionals in various spheres, who are able to inspire young people to grow and achieve fresh knowledge.

The municipal budget annually provides funds for the support activities:

- Free meals for the pupils of classes 1 to 9;
- Scholarships for secondary school students – EUR 15-40 per month;
- Pupil bus routes;
- Support specialists – speech therapists, educational psychologists, career counsellors, assistants for children with functional disorders;
- Extended working day groups;
- Swimming lessons for 2nd class pupils;
- Service hotels.

## Educational establishments of Smiltene Municipality



- Smiltene pre-school educational establishment “Pīlādžītis”;
- Palsmane Preschool Educational Establishment;
- Smiltene Secondary School;
- Palsmane Primary School;
- Smiltene Municipality special primary school;
- Bilska Primary School;
- Blome Primary School;
- Grundzāle Primary School;
- Launkalne Primary School;
- Variņi Primary School;
- Smiltene Music School;
- Smiltene Art School;

- Smiltene Town Children and Youth Sports School;
- Smiltene Children and Youth Interest Education Centre;
- Smiltene tehnikums.

Pre-school and primary school educational establishments are located as close as possible to the child's place of residence!



Grundzāle Primary School.



The pre-school educational establishment "Pīlādītis".



Smiltene Secondary School, chemistry cabinet.



Smiltene Secondary School pre-school education groups.



Smiltene Music School.

Every year, projects are implemented in educational institutions to create a learning environment which complies with the requirements of the 21st century competencies, school traditions are maintained and improved, and Latvian traditions are respected. Pupils have opportunities to participate in various municipality, regional and national competitions and international mobility projects.

## Smiltene Secondary School



Smiltene Secondary School is one of the richest in traditions general education establishments in the municipality and Vidzeme. It offers competence based, modern and competitive education. The school's capacity for development is characterized by a comprehensive, purposeful and clear vision:

- Effective development plan;
- Improving the learning environment in accordance with the requirements of the 21st century competencies;
- Well-groomed and improved traditions.

Smiltene Secondary School is located in several buildings: 27 Dakteru Street, 17 Dārza Street and 16c Rīgas Street. The school provides the following training programs – the program for pre-school education groups, the primary education program and the secondary education program in 4 directions:

- Natural sciences, environment and health;
- Engineering and IT;
- Business, communication and social sciences;
- Culture, languages and creative industries.

Additional information [www.svs.edu.lv](http://www.svs.edu.lv).

Knowledge Day 2019 at Smiltene Secondary School.





## Vocational education



**The Smiltene Art School** implements a professional education program Visual Plastic Art. The pupils of the school learn the basics of art knowledge in drawing, painting, basics of design and composition, formation, basics of art language, ceramics, leather plastics and textiles.



**The Smiltene Music School** implements 12 different professional education programs: choir class, piano playing, violin playing, flute playing, clarinet playing, horn playing, saxophone playing, trumpet playing, tuba playing, guitar playing, euphony playing, percussion playing, as well as two interest education programs – small vocal music groups or preparation class and vocal instrumental ensembles.



**The Smiltene Town Children and Youth Sports School** offers 7 sports professional education programs: basketball, BMX, football, athletics, volleyball, orienteering and cycling.

## Interest-related education



**The Smiltene Children and Youth Interest Education Centre** implements 25 cultural education programs, 2 technical creativity programs, 4 sports education programs and 4 environmental programs. There are also small regiments.

The children's dance group "Buciņi".



## Smiltene tehnikums



Every year, many creative and curious young people from all over Latvia study at the Vocational Education Competence Centre (VECC) Smiltene tehnikums. Due to the implementation of various projects, the students of the technical school can study in modern, renovated premises, using the latest equipment and technologies. There is a veterinary training clinic, the hotel "Kalna ligzda", a training restaurant and the only simulator class in Latvia for future road construction specialists, as well as a specially built and adapted arena for the training of future hydraulic construction technicians and road construction technicians. The Vocational Education Competence Centre (VECC) Smiltene tehnikums is located in Kalnamuiža – a picturesque place where the beginnings of the town of Smiltene can be found.

At Smiltene tehnikums you can acquire the professions demanded in the labour market:

- Veterinary assistant;
- Livestock technician;
- Building and road construction machinery technician;
- Road construction technician;
- automobile mechanic;
- Cook;
- Confectioner;
- Hospitality specialist;
- Waiter;
- Hydraulic construction technician;
- Transportation construction technician;
- Road construction worker;
- Woodworking machine operator;
- Tailor;
- Cook's helper;
- Carer;
- Kitchen worker;
- Wood processor.

Additional information [www.smiltenestehnikums.lv](http://www.smiltenestehnikums.lv).

## Lifelong learning



In Smiltene Municipality, adults are provided with the opportunity to acquire professional further education, in-service training and non-formal education programs. In cooperation with Smiltene tehnikums and training centres, courses and seminars in various spheres of interest are organized.

Additional information about educational opportunities in Smiltene Municipality <https://izglitiba.smiltene.lv>.



Smiltene tehnikums.



Small animal clinic.



The talisman of Smiltene tehnikums "Smiltiņš".



Road construction machinery simulator class.



Continuing education programs for adults.

## The place in which to work and invest!



Smiltene Municipality is one of the most economically active and fastest growing municipalities in Latvia. The business environment consists of stable well-known companies in Vidzeme, Latvia and Europe, tradition-based, innovative companies, as well as young, brave family companies, home producers and craftsmen who have been able to create stable jobs for the residents of Smiltene and the surrounding municipalities.

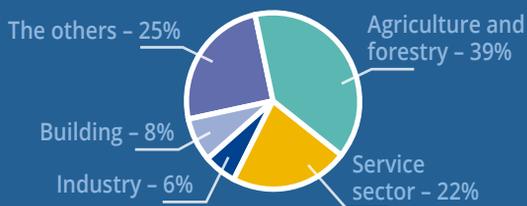
### Facts and figures



Territorial development index ranking: 25th place among 110 municipalities of Latvia (0.164 index value)\*.

Number of the registered companies – 1082 (Ltd. “Lursoft” data as of 02.06.2020.)

#### The most represented economic sectors:



**Employment indicators:** 63% of the population is of working age (OCMA data as of 01.01.2020).

**Unemployment rates:** 3.5% (SEA data as of 01.01.2020).

**Business development resources:** strategically advantageous location; agricultural land – 38.6%, forests – 49.4%, mineral deposits – on average 3 to 5 deposits in each civil parish. The municipality highly values the existing and supports the new entrepreneurs, respects skilled workers in any industry. The basis of Smiltene Municipality is formed by energetic and enterprising people.

In terms of trade turnover, the largest companies are concentrated in forestry, wood processing, trade, agriculture, road construction and food production.

\*When calculating the value of the territorial development level index, the standardized values of the basic statistical indicators characterizing the development of territories (local governments) are taken into account, for example, demographic load, unemployment rate, amount of income tax per capita in the municipal budget, etc.

## The largest companies of the municipality, whose turnover exceeds 1 million EUR in 2019\*



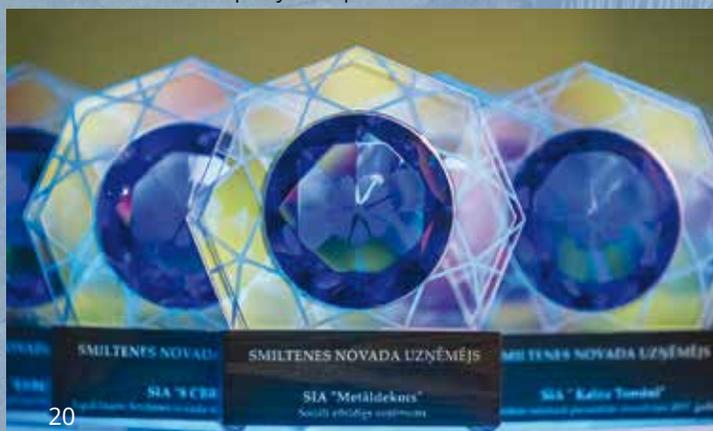
- Ltd. "Firma Madara 89"
- JSC "Stora Enso Latvija"
- Ltd. "Graanul Invest"
- Ltd. "8 CBR"
- JSC "Smiltenes piens"
- Ltd. "Smiltene Impex"
- Ltd. "Graanul Invest Energy"
- Ltd. "TIM-T"
- Ltd. "Saukas Kūdra"
- Ltd. "Incukalns Energy"
- Ltd. "Graanul Pellets Energy"
- Ltd. "Privātbūve"
- Ltd. "BioMix Balticum"
- Ltd. "Mežvalde AD"
- Ltd. "E.G. Ieguldījumi"
- Ltd. "Vaidens"
- Ltd. "AL Mežs"
- Farm "Kalējiņi 1"
- Ltd. "Agrotehnika Smiltene"
- Ltd. "Palsa"
- Ltd. "PB Koksne"
- Ltd. "LV Timber"
- Ltd. "ASE"
- Ltd. "SM Energo"
- Ltd. "Smiltenes koks"
- Ltd. "Ķikuti-99"
- Ltd. "Ceļinieks 2010"
- Ltd. "AW Latvia"
- Ltd. "Smiltenes NKUP"
- Ltd. "Tespars"
- Ltd. "Sarkanā Krusta Smiltenes slimnīca"
- Ltd. "Smiltenes ceļinieks"
- Ltd. "Pan-Tran"
- Farm "Rožkalni"
- Ltd. "Zīķeri"
- Ltd. "Vidzemīte"
- Ltd. "Precision Farming"
- Ltd. "Kalna Tomēni"
- Ltd. "Troll Smiltene"
- Ltd. "LAR & CO"
- Ltd. "Vudlande"

## Municipal support for starting a business



- Idea competition “Be an entrepreneur in Smiltene Municipality”.
- Possibility to rent municipal land.
- Rental of production buildings.
- Arranged public infrastructure, opportunities to connect to engineering networks in Smiltene and in the largest villages of the municipality.
- Immovable property tax rebates.
- 50% discount for advertising in the companies registered in Smiltene Municipality.
- Free consultations of rural development specialists.
- Municipal marketing activities.
- Map on the investment objects – the immovable property available for business and investments.
- Interactive map “Buy wisely, choose the local!” – dairy and meat producers, berry, fruit, vegetable and plant growers, craftsmen.
- The support programs of the development finance institution “Altum”.
- Support measures taken by LIAA Valmiera Business incubator

Award “Smiltene Municipality Entrepreneur”.





Ltd. "Vudlande".



Cider brewery "Abuls".



JSC "Smiltenes piens".



Farm "Kalējiņi 1".



Road construction, Ltd. "8CBR".

## The place where to experience the Latvian values and enjoy the joy of movement!



Smiltene Municipality is the place where to experience the Latvian values with all your senses – tasting, participating and fitting in. In Smiltene Municipality, the residents of any age can discover and develop their talents in municipal collectives and sports clubs. Here you can enjoy the excitement of being a fan and the joy of engagement, living in rhythm with outstanding athletic, great dancers, singers, passionate actors and musicians.

### Culture



Cultural traditions in Smiltene Municipality are respected by preserving an always active cultural life – popular folk dances, choir music, acting and crafts are popular here. The Smiltene Municipality Cultural Centre, the culture houses and folk houses, open-air stages and squares of civil parishes serve as a place where people meet to experience the Latvian values and maintain cultural traditions. The priority of the cultural sector is Latvian identity and preservation of the Song and Dance Festival tradition.

#### Operating in the municipality:

- Children and youth interest groups 25;
- Adult amateur art groups 42;
- 950 children and young people, 720 adults participate in them.

The Launkalne open-air stage, the middle generation dance group “Rieda”.



## Collectives



### For children:

Dance groups – “Knēveliši”, “Buciņi”, “Dindari”, “Dadzīši”;  
Vocal ensembles – “Palsiņas”, “Šurumburums”, “Melodija”;  
Folklore group “Rika”.



### For youth:

Dance groups – “Mazais brālis”, “Rieda”, “Buki”, “Atspēriens”, “Amatnieki”;  
Choirs – “Lido studija”, “Lido”;  
Symphonic band;  
Music group “Forward”;  
Guitar and percussion studio;  
Contemporary dance group “Kristāls”.



### For adults:

Dance groups – VPKK “Ieviņa”, VPKK “Cīrulis”, DK “Varis”, TDK “Rieda”, VPKK “Sanācēji”;  
Contemporary dance groups – “Kantri ritmi”, “Forever Live”, “Let’s Dance”, “Spriksteles”;  
Choirs – “Vidzemīte”, “Pakalni”, “Lidojums”;  
Vocal ensembles – “Vienkārsi prieks”, “Iedvesma”, “Sabalsis”, “Anemones”, “Ieklausies”, “Herakleum”;

Amateur theaters – Smiltenes Tautas teātris, “Cik Jaudas”, “Mēris”, “Nenolaid rumpi”, “Randiņš”, “Sandals”;  
Folklore group “Rudzupuķe”;  
Folk applied art studio “Smiltene”.

### For seniors:

Dance groups – “Papardes”, “Vējiem līdzi”, “Smiltesele”;  
Choir – “Mežābele”.



The dynamic cultural life offers not only the concerts of amateur art groups, but also the concerts of professional artists, musicians and academic music. Smiltene Municipality can be proud of several well-known and beloved music groups in:

“Apvedceļš”,  
“Mākoņstūmēji”,  
“Kreisais pagrieziena”,  
“The Missing”,  
“Palsa”,  
“Propellers”,  
“Ceļojums”.



Smiltene Evangelical Lutheran Church, the choir “Lidojums”.



## Libraries



There is a library available in each civil parish of the municipality, which not only unites the lovers of literature, but also carries out significant local history research, collecting and systematizing historical evidence of the events and people whose life and activities are related to the municipality. The library collection consists of more than 21 thousand printed works. Free access to various databases is available. Educational seminars are organized to promote the development of public interests.

## Cinema



In Smiltene, cinema has a long history and traditions, because people have always wished to find a chance to enjoy movies in their town. The cinema hall of the Smiltene Municipality Culture Centre is the only digital cinema in the small towns of Latvia, and concerning image and sound performance it does not lag behind the cinemas of big cities. In the cinema, it is possible to watch the latest available films, as well as their premieres.

## Smiltene Municipality Museum



The Smiltene Municipality Museum is located in the historic Mēri Manor house. It was built in 1905 in a romantic eclectic style with turrets that give it an ancient look. In the summer of 1926, the building was rebuilt for the school. The museum was founded in 2011 and was accredited in 2018. The museum includes a permanent exposition dedicated to the medical history of the municipality, as well as the expositions of the museum of local history and Birzuļi Primary School. Various art exhibitions are regularly on display in the exhibition hall of the museum.





"Exposition of Medical History".



The Children Service Department of the Municipality Library.



The folk applied art studio "Smiltene".



The Mēri Manor house, Bilska Civil Parish.



The Smiltene Municipality Culture Centre.

## Sports

Smiltene Municipality is an active and full of energy place. There have long been strong and recognizable traditions in cycling, motorsport, football, orienteering and athletics. Every year we can be proud of the outstanding achievements of our athletes in both Latvian and international competitions.

The municipality has a rich in tradition amateur sports movement. The sports associations and clubs bring together sports enthusiasts with the aim of promoting and popularizing an active and healthy lifestyle in our society.

- Association "Smiltene Sports Centre".
- Orienteering sports club "Azimuts".
- Technical sports club "Smiltene".
- Football club "Smiltene".
- Basketball club "Smiltene".
- BMX club "Silvas Ziķeri".
- Sports club "VeloLifestyle".
- Smiltene Tennis Club.
- Hockey club of Launkalne Civil Parish "Skorpions".
- Hockey club "Smiltene 09".
- Hockey club "Smiltenes vanagi".
- Veterans' Sports Movement of Smiltene Municipality.
- Motorsport club "DAKO Ziemeļvidzeme".

FC Smiltene / CYSS team.



Multifunctional sports and recreation complex "Teperis".

## Sports infrastructure

Smiltene Municipality has a sports infrastructure of different levels, which gives the opportunity to organize national and international level competitions and championships. It is a training base both for the athletes of the municipality, preparing themselves for the start of professional sports, as well as for the local inhabitants, ensuring a physically active and healthy lifestyle.

One of the most important objects of sports infrastructure is the multifunctional sports and recreation complex "Teperis", which includes:

- Sports stadium with artificial turf football field, soft surface 400 m runway, long jump, high jump and javelin throwing sectors, grandstand and service building with 250 seats;
- Tennis and sand volleyball courts;
- Karting track, car race track;
- Multifunctional forest track, designed for cyclists, runners, walkers, Nordic walking and walking, but in winter for cross-country skiing;
- Outdoor hockey field;
- Well-maintained bathing areas.

Sports infrastructure is also available in civil parishes. For example, in Launkalne Civil Parish, in Silva, there is a BMX track, in the civil parishes of Variņi, Blome and Smiltene, there are sports halls with marked basketball, volleyball, handball and indoor football fields.



Smiltene triathlon.



Autocross.



Grundzāle pond hockey.

## Traditions



**Awards “Honourable people of Smiltene Municipality” and “Award of the Year”.** The awards on the anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Latvia are awarded every year to the people of the region who have improved and enriched the daily life of their fellow people, taken care of the well-being, positive recognition and development of the municipality.

**“Entrepreneur of Smiltene Municipality”.** The awards are presented to the largest taxpayers, for attracting investment in production, socially responsible companies, for contributing to the promotion of the image of Smiltene Municipality, the young entrepreneur, the best employer, as well as for business construction and innovation.

**“Be an entrepreneur in Smiltene Municipality”.** The aim of the event is to strengthen the cooperation of the municipality with the new entrepreneurs of the municipality and to inspire successful business start-ups.

**Bronze coin award for the new-borns.** The aim of the event is to strengthen family values in the municipality. Bronze coins serve as a sign of belonging to the municipality for life.

**The best kept property in Smiltene Municipality.** The aim of the award is to promote the activity of the residents and entrepreneurs of the municipality in cleaning up their place of work and residence and in creating the Latvian cultural environment.



Bronze coins for the new-borns.



## Traditional events



- Smiltene town festivals.
- Concerts and performances by amateur art groups.
- The charity campaign "Pure is my heart".
- The Summer solstice celebration on Līgo Hill.
- Lāčplēsis Day.
- The events dedicated to the anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Latvia in Smiltene and civil parishes.
- Smiltene Christmas tree lighting.
- New Year's Eve celebration.
- Cycling and BMX competitions.
- Running series "Tepera takas".
- 1 May "Top!" street relay-race.
- Folk race "Smiltenes aplī"
- Orienteering club "Azimuts" competition.
- Triathlon competitions.
- Autocross and karting competitions.
- Latvian 1st league football team games.
- Vidzeme Basketball Championship (VBC) games.
- Beach volleyball tournaments.
- Boating competitions.
- Autumn and spring fairs.

## Foreign twin towns



**Willich**, Germany – since 1995, partnership agreement signed in 2017 and 2018.

**Wiesebach**, Germany – since 2001, also with their partner towns **Donnery**, France, and **Deszk**, Hungary.

**Pisek**, Czech Republic – since 2004.

**Novopolotsk**, Belarus – since 2015.

**Pustomiti**, Ukraine – since 2005.

**Drohobych**, Ukraine – since 2014.

**Porhova**, Russia – since 2010.

**Rovigo**, Italy – since 2011.

**Pincara**, Italy – since 2002.

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Visit us to enjoy the splendour of nature, see the development of the municipality, cultural and sports traditions and the enormous activities of the local people!

The possibilities are various, and they all meet in one place – in Smiltene Municipality!

Maybe one day this place will become your home!

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