

# Searching for a Partner for Art Exhibition Exchange

## EU LAG Project, Trans-national Cooperation

We are a group of artists and artisans, who have founded an art association called ITU in the year 2004. It is fresh, new art that we make, in order to expand minds and give new visions, and most important: make a good and happy feeling. Our members are mainly visual artists who use various techniques and materials.

We have a gallery of our own. It is located in Humppila municipality in the countryside, beside main road 140 km northwest of Helsinki.

The gallery used to be a grain storehouse of a farm. The main building of the farm serves today as a restaurant. The storehouse-gallery has 600 square meters and three layers of interesting old times space waiting for contemporary art. The space is still divided into small "rooms" with grain washed old wooden walls. So there is "privacy" for each artist as well as large space in order to give a wider view. In the yard there is space for open-air art too.

We are now looking for a group of artists and/or artisans, who would like to come here to exhibit their works of art, and who would invite us to their country and provide a space for our exhibition. If you are interested, you should contact your own Local Action Group (LAG), Rural Action Group (RAG) or Leader Group to start you own part of the project.

This year we present our exhibition first "at home" and test the public opinion about it. **The exhibition exchange would happen in summer 2010.**

And by the way - we all women, nearly all of us.

Looking forward to hear from you!

## LounaPlussa

We are working in cooperation with LounaPlussa, the Local Action Group of our region.

LounaPlussa Association is a Finnish LAG and non-governmental organization which aims at the development of community-based village activities in Häme area.

The purpose of LounaPlussa Association is to develop rural areas through the promotion of local initiatives, cooperation between rural and urban areas and networking of the different actors in Finland and internationally. Exchanging experiences, culture and contacts in rural entrepreneurship are important for LounaPlussa.

LounaPlussa Association as a LAG finances projects initiated and implemented by people living in the rural areas. In this way, LounaPlussa helps to create new activities and models of operation which attract more people to work together for their communities. The community-based projects are financed by the EU, government and municipalities of Finland.

## Links

- ITU art association (Taideyhdistys ITU), web site in English: [www.taideitu.net/english](http://www.taideitu.net/english)

- For more information about Humppila see municipality's web site [www.humppila.fi](http://www.humppila.fi), click "In English" on *left navigation* menu.)
- LounaPlusa: [www.lounaplussa.fi](http://www.lounaplussa.fi)

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