

An aerial photograph of a lakeside town during autumn. The town is situated on the right side of a large, calm lake. The houses are scattered, with some having colorful roofs. The trees are in various stages of autumn, with some showing bright yellow and orange, while others are still green. A road runs along the right edge of the town. In the foreground, a wooden dock extends into the water, with a yellow boat and a white boat nearby. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees, mostly green, with some yellowing at the top. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Report: Case Study Palūšē

A shrinking city turned into a second
homeowner paradise

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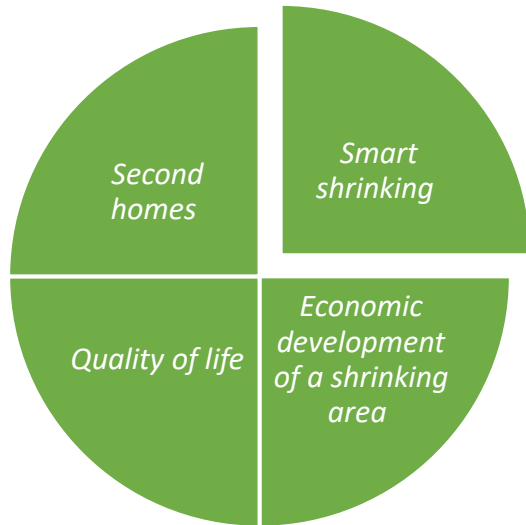


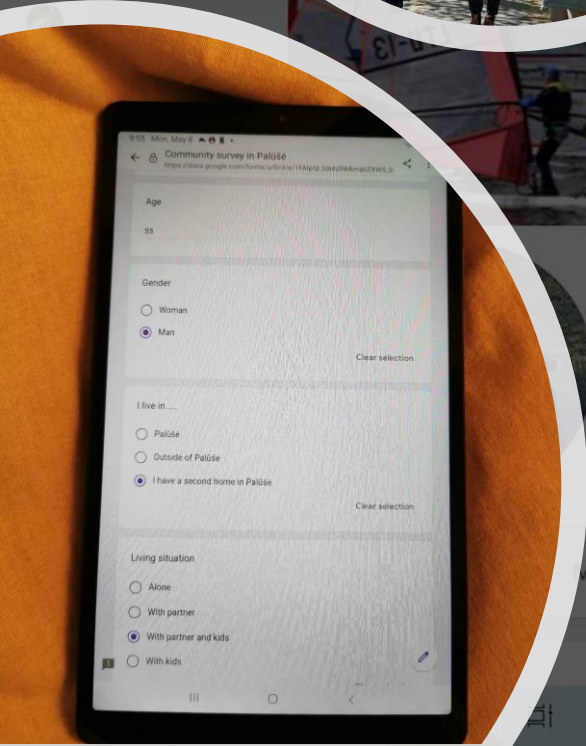
Introduction

- Part of Ignalina municipality
- Town with 75 people
- Resort area



Lit review





Palūšēs kaimo bendruomenē

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Results – Factual information

Past:

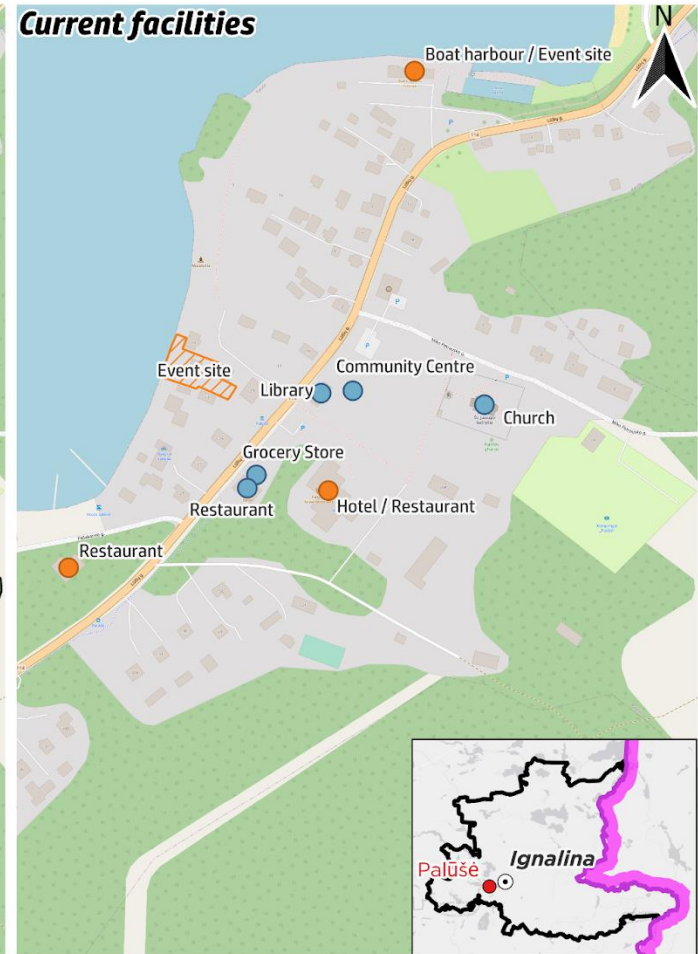
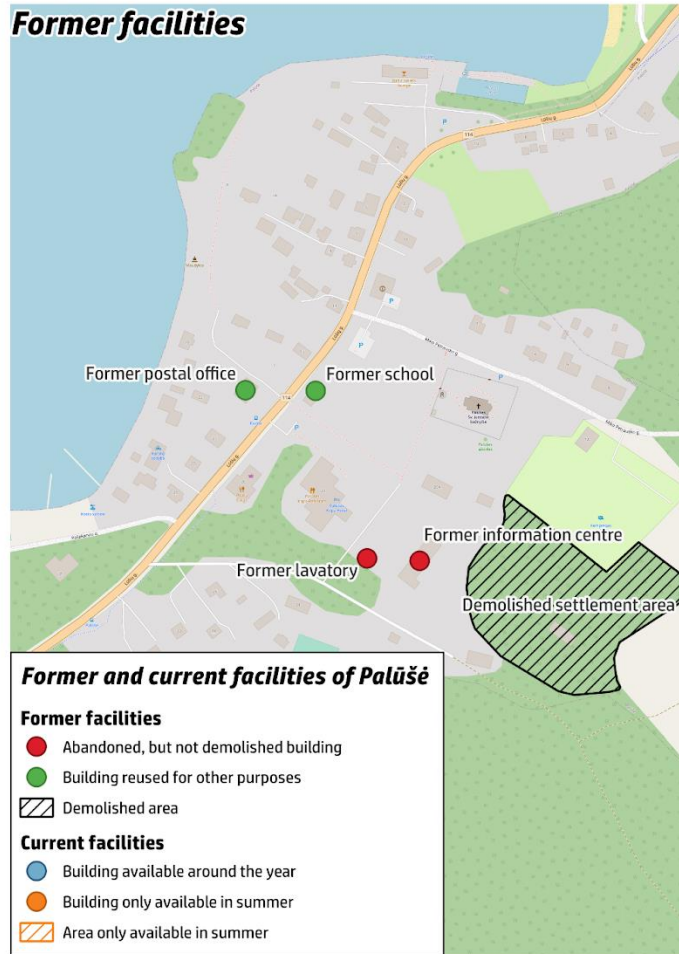
- Shift of town center
- Decommissioning of nuclear power plant caused people to move away
- Decreasing population density

The built environment:

- Decrease in housing
- Privatized buildings
- Rentals in summer
- Change of aesthetics and tradition with newcomers

Results – Factual information

- Services
- High service satisfaction
- Some services vanished



Results – Factual information



Money:

- Tourism helps economic development
- Wish for prolongation of tourist season
- Wish for more spending of second homeowners
- Remote work in Palūšė?
- Funds from the EU

Activities and Events:

- Various activities offered by the community and national park
- Black board
- Frequent summer concert
- Walking, running, biking in national park
- Book readings
- Sailboat regatta

Results – Subjective Information



Wellbeing

- Everyone likes living in Palūšē
- Accessibility given
- Influx in summer appreciated

Tourism and Business:

- Economic Benefits
- Infrastructure?
- Lack of money for growth
- Based on data tourism does not affect services
- Fewer services in winter

Local community:

- 4 respondents from locality
- Mostly 65 and older
- Content, active, welcoming community



Analysis and interpretations

- Locals are happy with the service level
 - Most of them have a possibility to travel by car
 - Don't think that the service level variation around the year is affected by the tourist season
 - Most of the vital services must be gotten from Ignalina anyway
- The importance of the LEADER funding for the infrastructure
- Challenge of second homeowners not paying taxes to Palūšė
- Majority don't feel that their voice is heard by the local decision-makers





Conclusion

- Lively in summer, quiet otherwise
- Developed as a resort area
- Second homeowners important to the community
 - Offering activities
 - Renovations
- Second homeowners also a potential

Suggestions

- Yearly taxes for second-home owners
- Local residents solicit their input for solutions
- Setting up a buddy system where second-home owners help out local elderlies
- Data on second homeowners to inform policies and decision-making
- Tourism less seasonal , health resort area