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Focus areas of Ventspils City Municipality

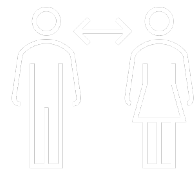
Provision of access to the ICT for all.

Development of necessary infrastructure.

Development of human resources.

Facilitating entrepreneurship, grass-roots level development of innovative ICT products and services & smart-city technologies.

Facilitating the development of scientific potential.



Access to the ICT for everyone

Ventspils Digital centre – municipal institution dedicated to the facilitation of the development of information society in Ventspils.

Provision of access to the ICT for every citizen and company.

Development of necessary knowledge, skills and attitude to meaningful use of ICT.

Development and maintenance of ICT infrastructure in Ventspils.



Digital skills action plan for Ventspils schools

Wide range of digital skills available free of charge for every children:

Robotics

Programming

Computer assisted design

3D computer graphics

Development of web pages and mobile applications

700 or more than 15% of school age children attend these classes, 25 different themes in total.

Teachers' professional competence development programs developed and made available for all teachers.

The need for the Science centre

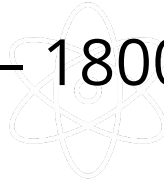
Science and innovation centre:

Science centre – 4500m²,

Innovation centre – 1800m²,

Total – 6300m²

Specialization – STEM



Visitors are offered an extensive exposition with more than 80 exhibits, which will be divided into 7 galleries, incl. 6 technical creative workshops and 6 science shows. The exhibits are linked to 22 different programmes for STEM



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