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<p>FinRA, Finnish Reading Association, reg. assn., est. 1968 FinRA, previously Klinikkaopetus- and Suomen puhe-luki-yhdistys, has developed along with and for the needs of the society without losing its focus. FinRA is a membership organisation for teachers, researchers and all interested in working for literacy; 160 members. All activities have been and are still run on a voluntary basis. The association is bilingual (Fin/Swe), in practice most of the activities are in Finnish. The journal <i>Kielikukko</i> is published 4 times per year. The website is published in Finnish, Swedish and English.</p>	
<p>Recent activities: Project planning and applications for funding</p> <p>EstRA and FinRA have applied for funding to create inspiring literacy environments and promote Finnish and Estonian children's literature as well as enhancing the pleasure for reading in both L1 and L2. Furthermore, the aim is to raise children's awareness and the value of the multilingual environment children live in. The decisions for current applications (NordPlus and SuVi) are expected during spring time 2021 and other sources for funding are looked for.</p> <p>The project is called "Reading Nest" and it relies on research results (PISA, PIRLS) as well as the theories of the meaning of a community in reading (Cremin). Supportive and inspiring environments help to shape children who enjoy literacy and reading. They should contain interesting reading materials, comfortable places to read, and material for reading-based activities individually or with peers (Aerila & Kauppinen 2019). In the project, the reading nests are planned to be action centres that support self-regulation, entrepreneurship, readiness for lifelong learning and other essential skills.</p> <p>Reading Nest -project will start a new kind of a Estonian, Finnish and Latvian reading associations cooperation and the long-term aim of this project is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- collect and share the good practices of reading environments, including methods and activities and describe the theoretical background (handbook) for teachers and parents;- carry out a research-based evaluation of the environment and methods of reading nests, in order to link theory and practice and promote an evidence-based approach to literacy development.	
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