

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR THE RETREAT CENTER

THE FIRST CENTER DEDICATED TO RETREAT FOR THE PEMA LINGPA TRADITION IN EUROPE

“Even though we ourselves might not be able to go into the traditional long retreat at this time, there is great merit in helping others to do it” says Khenpo Karma Wangyel.

AN INVITATION TO MAKING HISTORY

In Europe, there are many options for Buddhist practitioners, yet centers dedicated solely to retreat are rare. With the blessings of Gangteng Tulku and Sungrtul Rinpoche, under the leadership of Khenpo Karma Wangyel, the Yeshe Khorlo European Sangha is in the process of establishing such a center in the peaceful forest lands of Estonia. The name of the retreat center is Samten Lhündrup Gatsel, which means The Delightful Grove of Spontaneous Concentration. The center will consist of a facility focused on 3-year retreat, as well as individual retreat huts for shorter retreats. Gangteng Tulku has instructed Sanghas to focus on building the first one in Estonia, followed by several others in Europe.

TIMELINE AND STATUS

Yeshe Khorlo Estonia Sangha already has 10 hectares of land in the beautiful Estonian countryside, nearby the village of Umbusi, the birth place of the first Estonian Buddhist saint. The land was generously donated by Khordong Association in Estonia, and has been blessed by both Gangteng Tulku and Sungrtul Rinpoche in two separate ceremonies. On this land, a retreat facility will be built starting in autumn/2018.

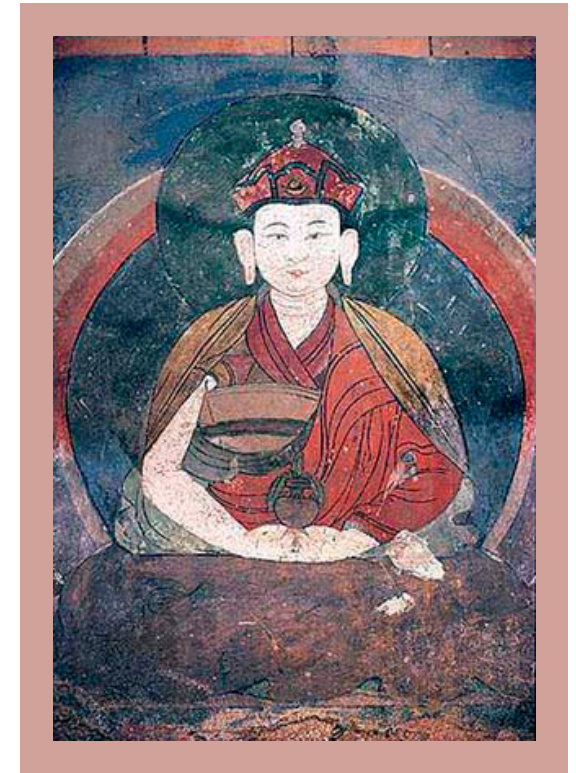
The building will have 10 separate rooms for retreat participants, and a common meditation hall in the middle. The first batch of retreatants will start their retreat at the beginning of 2021 under the guidance of an English speaking retreat master.

THE 3-YEAR RETREAT PROGRAM

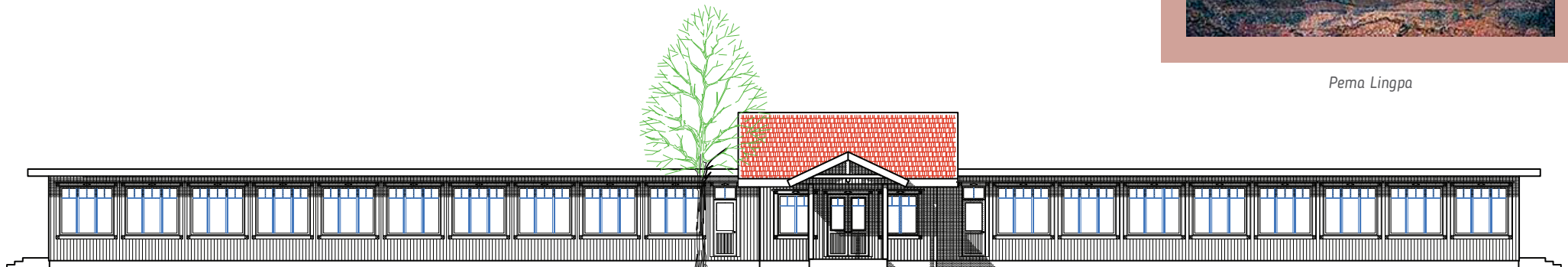
Out of the three trainings – learning, analysis, and meditation – the traditional long retreat program emphasizes meditation. The program provides an ideal basis for the wholehearted focus on developing meditation practice in an environment where causes for distraction and other obstacles are minimized. The long retreat program in the Pema Lingpa tradition consists of 6 months of preliminary practice, followed by deity practice, tummo, tsalung, and Dzogchen meditation such as trekchö and thögel. All the instructions will be given directly by the retreat master in English.

BENEFITS FOR SPONSORS

Together with other kinds of Buddhist centers, retreat centers are significant causes for the spreading and longevity of Dharma. Such centers become the cause for purification of karma of countless beings. The sutras explain that the merits of building Buddhist Monasteries and Institutions are inconceivable. These merits will never decrease or diminish.



Pema Lingpa



Front view of the retreat center

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The total cost for the project is €300,000 which will be raised on-going while the building of the retreat center commences. Opportunities are provided for both one-time donations, and monthly commitments. In addition to financial support, prayers and auspicious wishes are most welcome. Details for sponsor packages, together with bank account and PayPal information:

Perfection Sponsor

€50,000

(1 available in total)

Donate €50,000 or more and sponsor the Lama room and meditation hall. Includes a 50-year room rent fee waiver for one retreatant at a time and a name inscription in the Meditation hall statue, entrance, and meditation hall.

Vajra Sponsor

€10,000

(10 available in total)

Donate €10,000 or more and sponsor the building of a retreat room. Includes one 3-year retreat room rent fee waiver and name inscription in the hall.

Lotus Sponsor

€5,000

(20 available in total)

Donate €5,000 or more and sponsor building infrastructure. Includes first-year room rent fee waiver and name inscription in the entrance.

Building Sponsor

€750

(100 available in total)

Donate €750 or more and sponsor the building of the retreat building exterior. Includes name inscription in the entrance.

Tree Sponsor

€100

(100 available in total)

Donate €100 or more to sponsor the growing of a beautiful lush forest around the retreat center and the surrounding area.

Supporter

Monthly Donation

Commit to a monthly donation of any amount and support resident Lama expenses and other recurring costs.

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The village of Umbusi