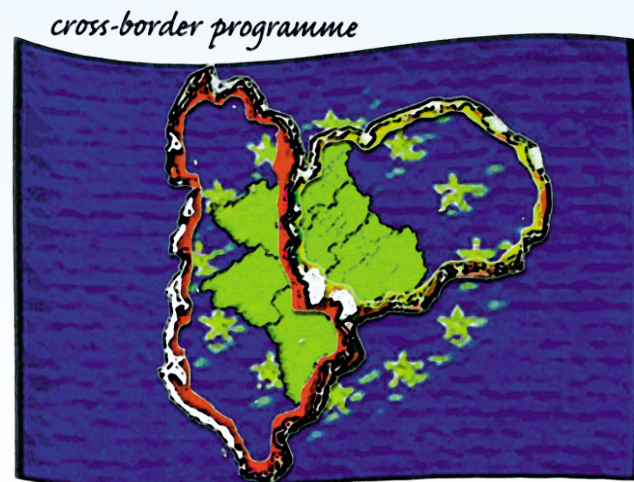




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## **IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME MK-AL**

*Promoting sustainable development in the cross-border area*



*the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Albania*

**Cross-Border Cooperation Programme**



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## Introduction

The IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme between the Republic of Macedonia and Albania will be implemented during the period of 2007-2013. This strategic document is based on a joint strategic planning effort between the two countries and is also the result of a large consultation process with the local stakeholders and potential beneficiaries. The objective of the IPA Cross-Border Programme MK-AL 2007-2013 is to promote good neighbourly relations, foster stability, security and prosperity, which are in the mutual interest of both countries, and encourage their harmonious, balanced and sustainable development.

## Programme Objective, Priorities and Measures

IPA Component 2 – Cross-border Cooperation Programme between MK and AL 2007-2013 under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance global objective is “Promoting sustainable development in the cross-border area”. The objectives will be achieved through the implementation Priority I – “Fostering a cross-border economic, environmental and social development” comprising of three measures: Measure I.1: Economic development with an emphasis on tourism related area; Measure I.2: Sustainable environmental development with an emphasis on protection, promotion and management of natural resources and ecosystems; Measure I.3. Social cohesion and cultural exchange through people to people and institutions to institutions actions; and Priority II – Technical Assistance to the programme.

## Implementation of IPA CBC Programme MK-AL 2007-2013

The programme is managed by the Operating Structures (OSs) established in each of the two beneficiary countries. For MK, Ministry of Local Self-Government (MLSG) and for AL is the Ministry of European Integration (MEI). The beneficiary countries have set up a Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) to ensure the effectiveness and quality of the implementation of the programme. In Albania the National IPA Coordinator is the Minister of European Integration (MEI). Within the MEI, the Department of EU Programmin Assistance, Unit for Regional Cooperation, was designated as the IPA–Component II Coordinator. The Directorate for Monitoring EU projects is also part of the AL OS. The OS of each country co-operate closely in the programming and implementation of the relevant cross-border programme establishing common co-ordination mechanisms. The OSs are responsible for the implementation of the programme in their respective country. Under centralized management, the tendering, contracting and payments are responsibilities of the Contracting Authority. The Operating Structures are inter alia, responsible for setting up a Joint Technical Secretariat, located in Struga, MK and its Antenna in Elbasan AL. The Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) shall assist the OSs, the Joint Monitoring Committee and the Joint Steering Committee in carrying out their respective duties. Under the implementation of this programme there were launched three Call for Proposals.

### Programme Area

The eligible area for the IPA CBC Programme between the Republic of Macedonia and Republic of Albania covers 19 969 km<sup>2</sup>, with a total population of 1 524 674 inhabitants and an overall borderline length of 191 km (land 151 km, river 12 km and lake 28 km).



### Budget

For the 2007-2011 period, the total value of the Programme is 12.480.400 €, out of which EUR 10.600.000 are IPA funds, and the rest is national co-financing and/or the co-financing from final beneficiaries. 90% of the total allocation (EUR 11.230.150 EUR) is reserved for grants for projects under the Priority I: Fostering a cross-border economic, environmental and social development, while 10% of the allocation (1.250.250 €) is aimed earmarked for the Priority II: Technical Assistance. The allocation of funds for 2012 & 2013 are selected to finance a strategic project as it was agreed with Commission “Towards strengthened governance of the shared transboundary natural and cultural heritage of the Lake Ohrid Region”.

year	MK	AL	total
2007	2,200,000	1,100,000	3,300,00
2008	1,000,000	750,000	1,750,000
2009	1,000,000	850,000	1,850,000
2010	1,000,000	850,000	1,850,000
2011	1,000,000	850,000	1,850,000
<b>total</b>	<b>6,200,000</b>	<b>4,400,000</b>	<b>10,600,000</b>

The allocations funds are as following:

Year	MK	AL	Total
2012	850000	850000	1.700.000
2013	850000	850000	1.700.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.700.000</b>	<b>1.700.000</b>	<b>3.400.000</b>

### 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals

The overall indicative amount available under the 1<sup>st</sup> CfP was €1.020.000 (out of which €680,000 for the MK and €340,000 for AL). In AL were signed 15 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the DEU to AL in total amount of €527,139.41. For AL were used all available funds from IPA 2007 of the 1<sup>st</sup> CfP and the allocated funds for the 2<sup>nd</sup> CfP from IPA 2007 in amount of €187,139.41.

#### Table of Projects implemented in AL & MK under 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals (Already implemented)

Priority Axes I: Fostering a cross-border economic, environmental and social development.			
	Title of the Action	Name of beneficiary of grant contract	Contact amount
1.1 Economic development	Cross-Border Shared Integrated Alternative Tourism	Local Economical Development Agency "AULEDA" (AL)	49,992.14 €
		ORT Training for Sustainable Development (MK)	49,995.00 €
	"Business without Borders"	Chamber of commerce and industry of Tirana (AL)	48,523.97 €
		Economic Chamber of North-West Macedonia (MK)	56,548.40 €
	Working in the rural areas, investing in the future	Tabita Foundation (AL) Parumba (MK)	39,732.58 € 46,692.00 €
Promoting Business Women Enterprises in the Cross-Border Area	Partners Albania - Centre for change and conflict management (AL) Macedonian Enterprise Development Foundation (MK)	35,704.95 € 30,166.00 €	
1.2 Sustainable environment development	Capacity Building for Cross – Border Communities for Improved Environment Governance	National Centre for Community Services (AL)	56,201.96 €
	Integrated Sustainable Environmental Management with the Implementation of a Decision Support System	Nehemia Foundation (AL)	23,090.00 €
		Institute for New Technologies, Innovations and Knowledge Transfer "Carl Friedrich Gauss" – Bitola (MK)	43,040.00 €
Enhancing Awareness and Organization of Awareness Campaigns on Environment Protection in the Area of Shebenik - Jablanica Trans-Border Park	Aurora OJF(AL)	31,250.31 €	
1.3 Social cohesion	Borders without Boundaries	Municipality of Korca (AL)	25,690.00 €
		Municipality of Bitola (MK)	83,550.00 €
	Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups through Joint Cross Border Initiatives in Macedonia and Albania	National association of social workers – Albanian (AL)	49,858.00 €
		Centre for Civic Initiative (MK)	52,922.00 €
	Disability and Prevention	Defending the rights of people with disabilities (AL)	40,064.01 €
		Centre for the Improvement of the Quality of Life of Persons with Intellectual Disability and their Families- Poraka Nova	55,591.58 €
	Women Crossing Borders For Change	CSO Une Gruaja (AL)	32,130.00 €
		Local Development Agency- Struga (MK)	31,704.00 €
	Establishment of a cross border institutionalized partnership in People to People approach	Tjeter Vision (AL)	53,064.38 €
CSD-ALKA (MK)		53,437.50 €	
Cross-Border Civil Society Forum	Institute for Democracy and Mediation	44,353.53 €	
	Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MK)	58,046.00 €	
Assistance Provision for Children with Speech and Language Difficulties	Hope and Homes (AL)	51,875.00 €	
Building a Pathway together for employment opportunities in the Cross-border Area	Dorcas Aid International Albania (AL) Foundation for Support of Enterprises	49,940.00 € 52,183.50 €	

Ohrid (MK)

**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Cross-Border Shared Integrated Alternative Tourism**

<p><b>Measure 1.1 – Economic development</b>  <b>Project Partners</b>  Functional Lead Partner - ORT Training for Sustainable Development (MK)  Lead Partner - Local Economical Development Agency “AULEDA” (AL)  <b>Project duration (months) - 12</b>  <b>Total Project Budget</b>  AL- 49,992.14 €  MK- 49,995.00 €  <b>Location:</b> AL– Region of Korca / MK – Region of Struga  <b>Specific objective:</b> The specific objective of the action is implementation of people to people actions to foster cross border business cooperation and training, transfer of know-how for the integrated product (lake and mountain) in the tourism sector. The action will assist to determination of ideas and business prospective to attract worldwide businesses.</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> The overall objective of this project is to strengthen the small infrastructures in developing and to extend the tourism activities in the alternative types of tourism with focus on eco-tourism in the cross border region, as well as to open long-term process of regional cooperation in the tourism as a support to economy development in the regions. <b>Results:</b> People from Krushevo, MK participated in internship in companies in Pogradec, AL and vice versa; people educated to develop tourism services; Tourism services catalogue for the region, published Training seminars, and on-job training; Promotion of the region for alternative type of tourism; Organized regional touristy services exhibition; Integrated touristy offers of 2 cities related to winter and summer seasons (lake –mountain); New partnership between the NGOs, local government and businesses is established.</p>
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Business without Borders**

<p><b>Measure 1.1 – Economic development</b>  <b>Project Partners Information</b>  Functional Lead Partner - Economic Chamber of North-West Macedonia (MK)  Lead Partner - Chamber of commerce and industry of Tirana (AL)  <b>Total Project Budget</b>  AL- 48,523.97 €  MK- 56,548.40 €  <b>Location:</b> AL– Korça region, towns of Pogradec, Korça  MK – South west region, towns of Struga, Ohrid, Debar  <b>Project duration (months) - 10</b></p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Overall objective of the project is: Contribution to a wider economic development of the cross border area of south-west region in FYROM (Struga, Ohrid, Zajas, Debar Municipality) and Korca region in Albania. <b>Specific objective:</b> Specific objective of the project is: Promotion and enhancing bridges of economic cooperation between institutions, businesses and citizens in two side of the border. <b>Results:</b> The action has planned two results, as: Established economic policy debate among key stakeholders on both side of the border; Improved links and access to information about business opportunities in both sides of the cross border region.</p>
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Capacity Building for CB Communities for Improved Environment Governance**

<p><b>Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development</b>  <b>Project Partners</b>  Functional Lead Partner - National Centre for Community Services (AL)  <b>Project duration (months) - 12</b>  <b>Total Project Budget</b>  AL - 56,201.96 €  <b>Location:</b> AL– Peshkopi, Kolonje, Bulqize, Korce  MK – Debar, Kicevo, Ohrid, Struga  <b>Results:</b> Strengthen the capacities of communities and cross border actors; improve data collection in order to produce regional state of the environment reports and other assessment for decision making</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> The overall objective of the action was to develop a better and comprehensive understanding and application of environmental protection standards through capacity development of cross-border actors including regional network of federations of forests and pastures, civil society organizations, farmers and water associations, community based groups, schools through continuous awareness and training and promotion of community resources and partnerships. <b>Specific objective:</b> To increase the knowledge and improve the understanding of environmental protection as set by EU standards as a tool for promoting good governance, participatory decision making and cross-border sustainable development.</p>
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Working in the rural areas, investing in the future**

<p><b>Measure 1.1</b> – Economic development</p> <p><b>Project Partners Information</b>          Functional Lead Partner - Tabita Foundation (AL)          Lead Partner - Parumba (MK)</p> <p><b>Project duration (months)</b> - 12</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b>          AL- 39,732.58 €          MK- 46,692.00 €</p> <p><b>Location</b>          AL– Village of Dardha, Region of Korca          MK – Villages of Gorna Belica, Visni, Vevcani, Region of Struga</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> To improve the economic standards and well-being of local population in the cross border area. <b>Specific objective:</b> Developed and promoted rural tourism offer in the villages of Gorna Belica, Visni, Vevcani and Dardha. <b>Results:</b> Capacity within the target groups in operation of small businesses is built; Villages and their cultural heritage are promoted; Environmental awareness in Dardha village is raised; Tourist facilities and villages' attractions are marked.</p>
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<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Promoting Business Women Enterprises in the Cross-Border Area</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.1</b> – Economic development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b>          Functional Lead Partner - Partners Albania - Centre for change and conflict management (AL)          Lead Partner - Macedonian Enterprise Development Foundation (MK)</p> <p><b>Project duration (months)</b> - 9</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b>          AL- 35,704.95 €          MK- 30,166.00 €</p> <p><b>Overall objective:</b> To increase cooperation and commercial exchanges between business community at the cross border area between MK and AL; To create a supportive environment for the development of women SME/SMI at the cross border area between MK and AL; To promote business women enterprises at the cross border area between MK and AL.</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> To increase business related capacities of 30-40 business women at the cross border area, to promote their business and to increase their cooperation with other businesses at the cross border area. <b>Results:</b> Improved business related knowledge and capacities of business women at the cross border area in customer care, product promotion and sales; Increased promotion of business women SME/SMI at the cross border area; Increased cooperation and commercial exchanges among business women and other businesses at the cross border area; Increased cooperation and commercial exchanges among business women and other businesses at the cross border area;</p> <p><b>Location</b>          AL– Pogradeci in the Korça region,          MK – Struga in the Southwest region</p>

<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION Integrated Sustainable Environmental Management with the Implementation of a Decision Support System</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.2</b> – Sustainable environment development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b>          Functional Lead Partner - Institute for New Technologies, Innovations and Knowledge Transfer "Carl Friedrich Gauss" – Bitola, (MK)          Lead Partner - Nehemia Foundation (AL)</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b>          AL- 23,090.00 €          MK- 43,040.00 €</p> <p><b>Location</b>          AL– Pogradec and Korca (Korca region)          MK– Bitola, Resen (South west Pelagonia region)</p> <p><b>Project duration (months)</b> - 12</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> The aim of the project is to improve the sustainable natural resources management (SNRM) in cross border region between MK and AL, using Decision Support System (DSS) based on information and communication technology. <b>Specific objective:</b> To increase public awareness of cross-border area on importance of Sustainable Natural Resources Management (SNRM). To identify and present priority of Natural Resources problems in local and cross-border (CB) regional level with Decision Support System (DSS) implementation. <b>Results:</b> Joint information and promotional structure and services, concern natural resources issues established; Developed and presented local and CB Natural resources Inventory with DSS implementation.</p>

<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION Enhancing Awareness and Organization of Awareness Campaigns on Environment Protection in the Area of Shebenik - Jablanica Trans-Border Park</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.2</b> – Sustainable environment development</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> To raise public awareness and</p>

<p><b>Project Partners Information</b> Functional Lead Partner - Aurora OJF, (AL) <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 11 <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 31,250.31 € <b>Location:</b> AL – Communes of Stebleva, Qender, Rajce (Librazhd) <b>Overall objective:</b> Increased participation of Civil Society Organizations and local communities in environmental protection activities, which improves the management of the national park of Shebenik-Jabllanica and natural resources.</p>	<p>community action for protection and sustainable management of the park and other natural resources in the area and create collaborative partnership between actors: Aurora association, Communal Forest and Pastures Users Associations, Local Government Units, District Forest Service, other NGOs, as a mechanism to support communities participation in management of the park and natural resources. <b>Results:</b> Increased awareness and information of local communities on protection of the park in particular and nature in general; Increased public participation and community action for the sustainable management of the park and natural resources; Improved cooperation and partnership between local actors and at trans border level and find mechanisms for further development</p>
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#### TITLE OF THE ACTION - Borders without Boundaries

<p><b>Measure 1.3</b> – Social cohesion <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Municipality of Bitola (MK) Lead Partner – Municipality of Korca (AL) <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 12 <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 25,690.00 € MK - 83,550.00 € <b>Location</b> AL – Korce MK – Bitola <b>Overall objective:</b> Contribute to the new relations and networks been created as the most important tools for exchanging experience, next cooperation and defining common cross border development strategies.</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> Presentation of the two cities potentials and specifics in front of the general public in the cross border area; 2. Social cohesion among the youth from the two cities 3. Bringing down all prejudices regarding way of life and culture in the neighboring country. <b>Results:</b> Increased number of relations and cooperation between legal entities and individuals from Bitola and Korca; Increased awareness on the possibilities for cooperation; Available tools for information on the two cities potentials; Aroused interest for establishing relations; Increased number of exchange visits for business or tourism; Increased comfort ability for cooperation; Increased level of trust in the entities and institutions across the border.</p>
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#### TITLE OF THE ACTION

##### Assistance Provision for Children with Speech and Language Difficulties

<p><b>Measure 1.3</b> – Social cohesion <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Hope and Homes (AL) <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 9 <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL- 51,875.00 € <b>Location:</b> AL– Elbasan, Cerrik, Librazhd, Gramsh, Peqin <b>Overall objective:</b> To positively contribute to the life of children in Albania with speech and language difficulties through expanding the abilities of Albanian society to offer a communication way to these children.</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> To provide assistance and support for children in Albania with speech and language difficulties, especially for those of age 3-6, located in Elbasan region, through creating a more informed society on their problem and enable it through equipping with adequate skills. <b>Results:</b> published copies of study will be delivered to local institutions and practitioners in the field; participants, representatives of different local institutions, practitioners, parents and others will participate in roundtables sharing study results; volunteers will be involved in distribution of posters and Leaflets;.</p>
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#### TITLE OF THE ACTION

##### Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups through Joint Cross Border Initiatives in Macedonia and Albania

<p><b>Measure 1.3</b> – Social cohesion <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Centre for Civic Initiative (MK) Lead Partner – National association of social workers AL <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 8</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> Increasing of the social integration of the marginalized groups, including unemployed rural youth and women, through development and implementation of strategies and action plans and programs for employment on local level; Initiating</p>
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<p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 49,858.00 € MK - 52,922.00 €</p> <p><b>Location:</b> AL – Municipality of Pogradec and the Communes of Tushemisht &amp; Bicimas / MK – Municipality of Prilep</p> <p><b>Overall objective:</b> To contribute to the sustainable development of the communities in the cross-border region of MK and AL</p>	<p>sustainable partnerships for capacity building of grassroots NGOs and marginalized youth groups as to cope with the entrepreneurship and free market priorities of both cross border areas. <b>Results:</b> Increased capacities of the local governments in designing and implementation of Local Strategy and Action Plan for Employment; initiated sustainable partnerships through created Regional Network for Employment Development; Increased capacities of the marginalized groups in entrepreneurship that is contributing to their social inclusion.</p>
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#### TITLE OF THE ACTION - Disability and Prevention

<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b> <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Centre for the Improvement of the Quality of Life of Persons with Intellectual Disability and their Families- Poraka Nova (MK) Lead Partner – Defending the rights of people with disabilities (AL) <b>Project duration (months) - 12</b> <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL- 40,064.01 € MK- 55,591.58 € <b>Location:</b> AL – Elbasan region, Librazhd MK – Southwest region, Struga</p>	<p><b>Overall objective;</b> Decrease in number of persons with intellectual disability; Indirect stimulation of work of institutions dealing with disability; Better life quality of persons with disability and their families; Increase in level of education of the target group; Development of joint strategies between Macedonia and Albania. <b>Specific objective:</b> Prevention of disability. <b>Results:</b> Better accessibility of information and education for the target group; Better understanding of intellectual disability; Improvement of prevention, detection, treatment and rehabilitation; Grow of interest for PORAKA's services in the local or regional communities; Services' quality improvement; Set up a network of relevant institutions; Encouraged cooperation between PORAKA and health care, educational and social entities.</p>
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#### TITLE OF THE ACTION

##### Establishment of a cross-border institutionalized partnership in People to People approach

<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b> <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Tjeter Vision (AL) Lead Partner – CSD-ALKA (MK) <b>Project duration (months) - 12</b> <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 53,064.38 € MK - 53,437.50 € <b>Location:</b> AL– Elbasan / MK – Gostivar, Tetovo <b>Overall objective:</b> To contribute to the Promotion of the sustainable development in the cross-border area.</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> To establish and develop long term partnerships and networking between Universities (Faculties) Communities, Local G: To introduce mechanisms and instruments for the transmission of social values and know-how among civil society actors, local government on a cross border level. <b>Results:</b> Functional partnership established among education, local government and civil society institutions at a cross border level; Laid basics for the “culture ambassadors” to build collaborative bridges between students within two regions;</p>
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#### TITLE OF THE ACTION - Women Crossing Borders For Change

<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b> <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Local Development Agency- Struga (MK) Lead Partner – CSO Une Gruaja (AL) <b>Project duration (months) - 12</b> <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL- 32,130.00 € MK - 31,704.00 € <b>Location</b></p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> The overall objective is to enable and expedite social integration of long-term unemployed women and young women entering the workforce from urban and rural areas in the cross-border region. We intend to achieve this by increasing women's capacities for employment through leadership and management trainings, experience-exchange study trips and cross-border meetings. <b>Results:</b> Organized promotional campaign posters, postcards, educational manuals; TV announcements; Trained women from both rural and</p>
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AL– District of Pogradec MK – Municipalities of Struga and Vevcani	urban parts; Developed training modules; Delivered training sessions in AL and MK; Organized local events by women participants; Organized Study trips.
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Cross-Border Civil Society Forum**

<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b>  <b>Project Partners</b>          Functional Lead Partner - Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MK)          Lead Partner – Institute for Democracy and Mediation</p> <p><b>Project duration (months) - 12</b>  <b>Total Project Budget</b>          AL- 44,353.53 € / MK - 58,046.00 €  <b>Location:</b> AL– Dibra, Elbasan; MK – Soutwest, Polog</p> <p><b>Overall objective;</b> Overall objective of the project is to contribute towards strengthening the role of CSOs in the sustainable development of the cross-border region.</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> To stimulate the practice of exchange of experiences, communication, coordination, cooperation and partnership building among CSOs on the both sides of the border; To raise the awareness and inform general public and the other actors about the CSOs, their missions and activities in the cross-border region. <b>Results:</b> Improved exchange of information and communication among CSOs; Increased networking capacities of the CSOs; Increased level of information provided for the public and other actors about the activities of CSOs in the cross-border region; Shared experiences, common interests identified and joined actions initiated among the CSOs from the cross-border region.</p>
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION**

**Building a Pathway together for employment opportunities in the Cross-border Area**

<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b>  <b>Project Partners</b>          Functional Lead Partner - Dorcas Aid International Albania (AL)          Lead Partner–Foundation for Support of Enterprises Ohrid (MK)</p> <p><b>Project duration (months) - 12</b>  <b>Total Project Budget</b>          AL- 49,940.00 €          MK - 52,183.50 €  <b>Location:</b> AL– Korce / MK – Ohrid, Struga</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> To contribute to the development and improvement of services in the Labour Market in order to stimulate social integration of unemployed people through the cooperation of relevant actors in Cross-Border area. <b>Specific objective:</b> Improved qualification of Labour Force toward employment opportunities in the regions of Korca AL, Ohrid and Struga MK. <b>Results:</b> Know-how and the experience are provided by existing JBC in Korca to the new established Job and Business Centre (JBC) in Ohrid; One joint Cross Border Advisory (CBA) Committee is set up and trained to advocate and lobby for employment policies for the target; Unemployed people are trained, (Mainly from Gypsy) and motivated to search for a job or get self-employment opportunities.</p>
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals

The overall indicative amount available under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for proposals was €3,525,000 (out of which €2,200,000 for the Republic of Macedonia and €1,325,000 for Republic Albania). In MK were signed 8 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the Delegation of the European Union in MK in total amount of €662,447.46 or 30%. In the Republic of Albania were signed 7 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the Delegation of the European Union to AL in total amount of €581,740.46.

### Table of Projects implemented in AL & MK under 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals (Already implemented)

Priority Axes I: Fostering a cross-border economic, environmental and social development.			
Measure	Title of the Action	Name of beneficiary of grant contract	Contact amount
1.1 Economic development	Empowerment of women in touristic areas through handcrafting production	Association for Women with Social Problems (AL)	113,838.00 €
		Women Association "Aureola", MK	83,470.00 €
	Branding: Paving the Path for Promoting and Protecting Local Products in the Cross-Border Region	Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM)	88,761.00 €
		Center for Sustainable Development ALKA, MK	96,413.25 €
Strengthening the SME Sector in the cross border region	Regional Development Agency Korca (AL)		81,661.00 €
		Foundation for small and medium sized enterprises development Regional Enterprises Support Centre Bitola, MK	114.188,50 €
1.2 Sustainable environment development	Strengthening Education and Training Capacity on Natural Resource Conservation in Ohrid – Prespa Basins (Build TRACA)	Research Centre for Rural Development, Albania (AL)	147,236.00 €
		The Union of Ecologist Natyra, MK	121,519.96 €
	Dibra Region Environment Promotion Project (DREPP)	Democratic Integration and Development Center - Kukes (AL)	123,893.70 €
Centre for Sustainable Community Development, Debar, MK		90,311.00 €	
1.3 Social cohesion	Enable new forms of services for children with autism spectrum disorders	Hope and Homes (AL)	52,750.00 €
	Cross border cooperation for Improvement of VET	Educational Centre Elbasan (AL)	44,614.50 €
		Centre for Sustainability and Advance Education, MK	27,534.99 €
	Social inclusion of persons who served prison sentence	Albanian Rehabilitation Center for victims of trauma and torture (AL)	41,906.00 €
Center for Civic Initiative, MK		58,021.01€	

**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Empowerment of women in touristic areas through handcrafting production**

**Measure 1.1** – Economic development

**Project Partners**

Functional Lead Partner - Association for Women with Social Problem, AL

Lead Partner - Women Association “Aureola”, MK

Partners: Korca Regional Council and administration, AL; Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports, AL; “Une Gruaja” Association, AL; Albanian Office of Tourist Services, AL; Prefecture of Struga, MK

**Project duration (months)** - 18

**Overall objective:** To contribute to the promotion of sustainable economic growth and attractiveness of the Korca Region and Struga Region so as to make better use of their socio-economic and cultural potentials in pursuing regional development and facilitating cross border cooperation.

**Outputs:** workshops delivered and the Regional Strategy for Cultural Marketing of Korca Region (Bucimas and Voskopoje) and the one of Struga printed and delivered; newsletter editions delivered; Leaflets printed and delivered; Regional Touristic Guide printed and delivered; Artisan incubators established; artisan workshops delivered in Voskopoja and Tushemisht; Three cross regional fairs delivered; Three mini artisan fairs delivered; round tables delivered; training session delivered respectively in Voskopoja and Tushemisht;

**Specific objective:** To develop local planning, management and entrepreneurial capacities, small scale tourism, art and crafts related interventions for an integrated approach on regional cultural marketing and tourism development in accordance with national policies on regional development; to develop Regional cultural marketing strategy and plan of action with full participation of communities. To increase capacities to manage, preserve and present cultural heritage and cultural industries in an efficient, transparent, accountable and equitable manner; to increase the role of cultural heritage in social and economic opportunities and in engaging community participation in regional and local development strategies; To enhance income-generating opportunities for the women in both Korça and Struga Regions through creating artisan incubators and sustainable village based handcrafts models for tourism development; To increase public awareness about regional cultural assets through structured and professional information dissemination.

**Location:** AL– Region of Korca / MK –Region of Struga

**Total Project Budget**

AL -113,838.00 € / MK - 83,470.00 €



*Musical Group-Voskopoja Fair*



*Gastronomic dishes in Voskopoja Fair*



*Opening ceremony –Tushemisht Fair*



*Head of Tushemisht Commune visiting the Fair*

**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Strengthening the SME Sector in the cross-border region**

<p><b>Measure 1.1</b> – Economic development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Regional Development Agency Korca, AL Lead Partner - Foundation for small and medium sized enterprises development Regional Enterprises Support Centre Bitola, MK</p> <p><b>Overall objective:</b> To strengthen the local economic development and to increase the competitiveness of enterprises from Southwest and Pelagonija region in Macedonia and Korca region in Albania. <b>Specific objective:</b> Increasing the competitiveness and capacity building of the enterprises from the tourism sector; Reducing the unemployment rate of the younger population in the cross-border regions; Strengthening the institutional infrastructure; Establishment of public-private dialogue for improving the local economic development.</p>	<p><b>Achieved results:</b> interviews conducted; preparation of summary reports; training materials prepared; final reports prepared and promoted; trainings for SMEs organized; training for consultants implemented; modules for unemployed persons organize; B2U match making events organized and people participated; reduction of the unemployment rate; LED and PPP meetings organized; materials for the meetings prepared; study tour to Albania and MK organized; SMEs in Albania and BSO network visited; policy documents prepared; fair organized; people visited the fair; B2B meetings organized;</p> <p><b>Location:</b> AL – Korca / MK –Southwest and Pelagonija</p> <p><b>Project duration (months)</b> - 18</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 88,761.00 € MK - 114.188,50 €</p>
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**English language course**

**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Branding: Paving the Path for Promoting & Protecting Local Products in CB Region**

**Measure 1.1** – Economic development

**Project Partners**

Functional Lead Partner - Center for Sustainable Development ALKA, MK

Lead Partner - Institute for Democracy and Mediation, AL

Partners: Agritrazion Centre Dibra, AL; Youth Ecologic Center "Rekanski Biser" - Rostuse, MK

**Project duration (months)** - 15

**Total Project Budget**

AL - 88,761.00 €

MK - 96,413.25 €

**Overall objective:** To contribute to the rural economic development of the CBC Area through promotion of regional products branding

**Location**

AL–Dibra Region- Communes of Maqellare, Melan, Tomin, Kastriot, Silove, Kala e Dodes

MK–Polog Region- Municipalities of Gostivar and Mavrovo/Rostuse

**Specific objective:** Implemented planning and management framework for the process of branding and preserving local products in the CBC regions; Enhanced capacities of the target CBC regions to manage the process of product branding; Established cross-border cooperation and coordination of CBC channels related to promotion of regional products. **Expected Results:** Developed cooperation and experience exchanged between the two CBC regions related to product branding; Enhanced coordination for applied mechanisms and planning procedures for branding products; Increased awareness on EU and national regulations, local potentials and resources to be utilized for initiating products branding; Enhanced capacities, performance and "know-how" of the concerned stockholders on regional branding and respective CBC cooperation; Established joint local actions on model initiatives supporting products branding.



**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Strengthening Education and Training Capacity on Natural Resource Conservation in Ohrid – Prespa Basins (Build TRACA)**

**Measure 1.2** – Sustainable environmental development

**Project Partners**

Functional Lead Partner - Research Centre for Rural Development, AL

Lead Partner - The Union of Ecologist Natyra, MK

*Partners:* Programi Kombetar i Qendrave Rinore, AL; “Kadmi & Harmonia”, AL; “Krstje Jon”, MK

**Project duration (months)** - 18

**Location**

AL – Korça region, Pogradec; Elbasan region, Librazhd

MK – South-West Region, towns of Struga and Ohrid

**Overall objective:** To improve professional performance in environmental education contributing to a sustainable economic development of the cross border area of South-West region in Macedonia (municipalities of Struga and Ohrid) and Korça and Elbasan regions in Albania (municipalities of Pogradec and Librazhd).

**Results:** Improve environmental education capacity by raising competence levels on both sides of the border; The education of high school pupils through the eco camps organized at Struga and Pogradec; Different activities, courses and visit conduct this action on a increase answers on environmental education related with the environmental issues; Encourage knowledge transfer by establishing networks among the local government authorities, academics, training institutions and NGO’s, book of “good practices” in tourism, National Park Administration, and Natural Resources Management is being prepared for administrators of Tourism, Parks and other Natural Resources; a book with four courses on Environment Education, Protected Area Management, Natural resources Management and Tourism Management is being prepared based on the courses developed by International experts. **Specific objective:** Improve environmental education capacity by raising competence levels on both sides of the border; Encourage knowledge transfer by establishing networks among the local government authorities, academics, training institutions and NGO’s; Promote joint activities.

**Total Project Budget**

AL - 147,236.00 €

MK - 121,519.96 €



**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Dibra Region Environment Promotion Project**

**Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development**  
**Project Partners**

Functional Lead Partner - Democratic Integration and Development Center – Kukes, AL

Lead Partner - Centre for Sustainable Community Development, Debar, MK

*Partners:* Commune of Ostren - AL

Environment Association “Deshat” Debar, MK

**Location**

AL – Dibra Region; Districts of Dibra, Burrel, Bulqize

MK – Southwest Region, Commune of Dibra

**Overall objective:** To contribute at protecting, promoting and managing sustainable environmental development in the cross-border area through support of joint initiatives.

**Specific objective:** To improve the level of understanding, management and implementation capacities of community based groups on the environmental issues, based on public awareness and educational activities, and small-scale interventions in the environment in the cross-border area (Dibra region in AL and Commune of Dibra in MK).

**Results:** Environmental infrastructure in the cross-border area improved. Project area is better protected from land erosion and beautified as a result of planting trees on each side of the border and maintained throughout the project lifetime. Understanding, managing and implementing capacities of local stakeholders on environmental issues increased. Needs of local stakeholders assessed through Needs Assessment Survey. Capacities of local stakeholders on handling environmental challenges and protect the environment are enhanced; Awareness of youngsters on environmental issues is raised through the establishment of environmental clubs in the project area; Skills of local stakeholders on environmental management and protection enhanced through training.

**Total Project Budget**

AL - 123,893.70 €

MK - 90,311.00 €

**Project duration (months) - 18**



**Environmental Day**



**Final Conference**

**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Enable new forms of services for children with autism spectrum disorders**

**Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion**

**Project Partners Information**

Functional Lead Partner - Hope and Homes, AL

**Project duration (months) - 12**

**Overall objective:** To create an effective process of cross-border cooperation to enable new forms of services for children with autism spectrum disorders in the region, through exchange development practices for this target, their families and societies they are living in.

**Achieved results:** Situation Analysis Report on Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)– the case of Elbasan city; leaflets, posters distributed, Study report; Booklet; e-forums in the social networks; regional Conference titled "Children with ASD in the city of Elbasan"; promotional materials.

**Specific objective:** To activate a series of measures to develop a legal framework in support to the development, education, and living of children with ASD and their families; Providing new skills and competencies, to young professionals working with children with ASD, teachers working in the educational field, people working in special institutions etc in Elbasan municipality; To establish education initiatives that will enable the public to better understand autism; To create an effective cross border cooperation, a learning and supportive relationship within partners in the region, on the development of functional legal framework and multifunctional services.

**Total Project Budget**

AL - 52,750.00 €

**Location:** AL – Municipality of Elbasan



**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Social inclusion of persons who served prison sentence**

**Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion**

**Project Partners**

Functional Lead Partner - Center for Civic Initiative, MK  
Lead Partner - Rehabilitation Center for victims of trauma and torture, AL

**Location:** AL – Region of Korca / MK–Pelagonija Region

**Overall objective:** Cross border cooperation established between institutions - prisons and human rights NGOs in favor of partnerships for quality reintegration of prisoners as one of the priorities for EU accession. **Specific objective:** To develop institutional partnership cooperation between human rights NGOs and prisons on cross border level, through sharing experience for implementation of already developed programs for social integration of the socially marginalised groups – prisoners; To promote a cross border networking initiative between the prisons and NGOs for improvement of the prison conditions in Pelagonija and Korca regions.

**Results:** Professional training courses on human rights and mental health in Korça Prison; prison staff trained; Round Table discussions on Torture Monitoring in Albania, applicability of international documents into domestic legislation, Monitoring mechanisms, and best practices; Monitoring visits the detention system and documentation; promotional materials; Comparative Analysis study on the “Regional recommendations for reintegration of prisoners”; study visits dedicated to regional exchange of experiences and practices; Regional Conference “On the Social Inclusion of persons who served prison sentence” - Comparative Regional Approaches between Albania and MK.

**Total Project Budget**

AL - 41,906.00 €

MK - 58,021.01€

**Project duration (months) - 10**





**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Cross border cooperation for Improvement of VET**

<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b></p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Educational Centre Elbasan, AL Lead Partner - Centre for Sustainability and Advance Education, MK</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 44,614.50 € MK - 27,534.99 €</p> <p><b>Specific objective:</b> Analyze situation in vocational educational and training and analysis in labour market needs in target regions. Improve links between schools and business realizing contract between them; Initiate twinning between schools for information exchange and practice of good examples. Improve adequate skills of target groups through vocational training courses; Improve curricula and materials, with cooperation with business and national agencies in the fields of ICT.</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Improvement of Vocational Education and Training (VET) through cross border cooperation between neighboring regions of Albania and Macedonia.</p> <p><b>Achieved results:</b> round tables with VET school managers, local institutions, regional directories of education, local/regional employment offices, chambers of commerce; study visits: promotional materials; Established new and strengthen existing boards for VET support; Studies of actual situation of the VET and labour market in all four regions and a recommendation for the future of VET in these countries; Improved cooperation of VET stakeholders and school managers; Improved curricula and development of three vocational text books “Auto-service 1 - motor”, “Auto-service 2 - generic parts” and “Essentials of Electronics”; Transferred experience in different regions not participating in the project.</p> <p><b>Project duration (months) - 12</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> AL – Elbasan, Korca, Pogradec MK – Ohrid, Bitola</p>
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**Elbasan meeting of VET schools principals**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposals

The overall indicative amount available under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for proposals was € 4,995,000 (out of which € 2,700,000 for the MK and € 2,295,000 for AL). Under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for proposals, in the Republic of Albania were signed 24 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the DEU to the Republic of Albania. In MK were signed 25 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the DEU to MK.

**Table of Projects implemented in AL & MK under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposals (Currently under implementation)**

Priority Axes I: Fostering a cross-border economic, environmental and social development.			
	Title of the Action	Name of beneficiary of grant contract	Contract amount
I.1 Economic development	Experience the Healthy Rural Life	Albanian Agribusiness Council (AL) Federation of Farmers of Macedonia (MK)	137,523.20 € 161,721.00 €
	Sustaining rural development in the Dëshati mountain range region: Dëshati LAGs	ANTTARC (AL) Local Community Development Foundation (MK)	144,608.36 € 132,345.40 €
	Towards an Alternative Tourism	Partners Albania (AL) Macedonian Enterprise Development Foundation	117,141.11 € 209,994.68 €
	Improvement of business cooperation in the cross-border area	Institute for Contemporary Studies (AL) Macedonian Chambers of Commerce	135,191.7 € 181,124.00 €
	Virtual Action - Real Result	Foreign Investors Association of Albania (AL) MDC-TI.Net (MK)	124,643.00 € 146,176.00 €
	Protect marks of CBC products	General Directorate Patents Trademarks Economic Chamber of N-W Macedonia	134,100.16 € 136,114.70 €
	Promotion of eco-products in the cross-border area	Tjeter Vision (AL) Municipality of Mavrovo and Rostusa	152,060.11 € 181,210.09 €
	Development integrated tourist product sustainable economic growth Gostivar & Korca	Municipality of Korca (AL) Municipality of Gostivar (MK)	239,209.00 € 244,698.87 €
	From Trash to Cash	Dorcas Aid International Albania (AL) MDC TI Net. (MK)	167,463.88 € 189,665.00 €
	BLUE&GREEN versus BLACK&GRAY	Euro Partners Development (AL) Local Development Agency, Struga	73,752.96 € 102,680.00 €
I.2 Sustainable environment development	Green schools, Cleaner environment, Healthier life	Biologist of Albania (AL) Association OXO (MK)	114,830.26 € 93,253.00 €
	Enhancing trans-boundary protection and development of the Jablanica-Shebenik mountain range by active local involvement	Protection and Preservation of the Natural Environment in Albania (AL) Macedonian Ecological Society (MK)	75,130.00 € 81,837.00 €
	Increasing energy efficiency & utilization of renewable energy sources in cross border region	Albania-EU Energy Efficiency Center (AL) MACEF (MK)	77,915.77 € 71,115.00 €
	Improvement of national and natural park management in the cross-border area	Albanian Local Capacity Development Foundation Public Institution National Park "Mavrovo"	216,862.28 € 203,335.98 €
	Initiative to Enhance Public Dialogue Sustainable Use Energy	Academy of Political Studies (AL) Center for Research and Policy Making (MK)	108,468.91 € 78,812.54 €
	Innovative Practices in Environmental Protection	Destination Management Organization (AL) COSV (MK)	175,266.00 € 181,990.15 €
	Youth without borders	National Centre for Community Services (AL) Coalition of youth organizations SEGA (MK)	44,179.39 € 49,424.00 €
	Youth Empowerment and Employment Generation Project	Sprint Foundation (AL) Economic Chamber of Northwest Macedonia	104,959.19 € 104,878.80 €
	The use of art where is hard to talk-exchanges between artists working in the social field	Refraction Association (AL) Association of Artists Cultural Centre (MK)	66,400.00 € 58,360.22 €
	Education, Employment & Equality for Young People, ... in Elbasan & Bogovinje	Municipality of Elbasan (AL) Association for Local Rural Development (MK)	85,675.00 € 86,826.76 €
I.3 Social cohesion	Days of Roma culture	Emmanuel Mission (AL) Initiative for Social Change – InSoC	43,266.00 € 47,684.00 €
	Preservation of unique heritage & cultural exchange between Bilisht & Brvenica.	Municipality of Bilisht (AL) Municipality of Brvenica (MK)	50,637.83 € 49,918.00 €
	World Heritage in Young Hands- Together Protecting Our Culture and Nature	Une, Gruaja (AL) Local Development Agency – Struga (MK)	65,149.10 € 65,214.50 €
	Watch - Women and theatre creation Hub	Municipality of Korca (AL) Municipality of Tetovo (MK)	60,000.00 € 80,000.00 €

<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Experience the Healthy Rural Life</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.1</b> – Economic development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Federation of Farmers of the Republic of Macedonia, MK Lead Partner - Albanian Agribusiness Council, AL</p> <p><b>Location</b> AL – Elbasan region/Elbasan, Librazhd, Gramsh and Dibra region/Diber and Burrel MK – Polog region/Gostivar, Tetovo, Vrapcishte and Pelagonia region</p> <p><b>Project duration (months)</b> - 20</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 137,523.20 € / MK - 161,721.00 €</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Improved quality life of the inhabitants in the cross border area; Increased opportunities for economic development in the cross border region.</p> <p><b>Specific objective:</b> Enhanced rural areas development in the cross border region through promoted agro tourism and high quality food production.</p> <p><b>Expected Results:</b> Increased knowledge among rural areas inhabitants for new environmental friendly agriculture production technologies; Identified branded and promoted typical traditional food products from the cross-border region; Exploring possibilities and promoted agro tourism potential in the cross border region.</p>

<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Sustaining rural development in the Deshati mountain range region: Deshati LAGs</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.1</b> – Economic development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Albanian National Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center, AL Lead Partner - Local Community Development Foundation, MK</p> <p><i>Partners:</i> AL – Albanian Local Capacity Development Foundation MK – Association Center for Sustainable Community Development</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 144,608.36 € / MK - 132,345.40 €</p> <p><b>Location</b> AL– Peshkopi, Melan, Maqellare, Tomin, Kala e Dodes, Sillove - Diber region MK – Mavrovo &amp; Rostusha, Gostivar (Polog region) and Debar (Southwestregion)</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Contributing to the sustainable rural development of the Deshati mountain range region.</p> <p><b>Specific objective:</b> To support the development of rural and mountain tourism in the Deshati mountain range region.</p> <p><b>Expected Results:</b> Local Action Groups are established and active in local development; Strategies of tourism development for the Deshati mountain range region are developed. Households involved in rural/mountainous tourism have increased their capacity in service provision. Coordination of touristic offer from two sides of the border has improved. Cooperation between local actors across the border is promoted.</p> <p><b>Project duration (months)</b> - 18</p>

<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Improvement of business cooperation in the cross-border area</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.1</b> – Economic development</p> <p><b>Project Partners Information</b> Functional Lead Partner - Macedonian Chambers of Commerce MK Lead Partner - Institute for Contemporary Studies AL</p> <p><i>Partners:</i> Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Albania, AL</p> <p><b>Project duration (months)</b> - 20 months</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 135,191.70 € / MK - 181,124.00 €</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Contribution to economic development in the cross-border area</p> <p><b>Specific objective:</b> Support to increasing business cooperation in the cross-border (CB) area between Macedonia and Albania</p> <p><b>Expected Results:</b> Introduced cross-border business support platform; Increased lobbying &amp; advocacy for improvement of business environment in the cross-border area; Promoted B2B opportunities and cooperation in the cross-border area.</p> <p><b>Location</b> AL – Korça Region / MK – Polog region</p>

<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Towards an Alternative Tourism</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.1</b> – Economic development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Macedonian Enterprise</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> It will contribute to "development and implementation of training, educational activities and transfer of know-how, in the fields of tourism and</p>

<p>Development Foundation, MK Lead Partner - Partners Albania - Center for change and conflict management, AL <i>Partners:</i> Local Development Agency Struga, MK <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 135,191.70 € / MK - 209,994.68 € <b>Location</b> AL – Korça Region, the districts of Korça and Pogradec MK – Southwest region, Municipalities: Ohrid, Debarca, Struga and Vevcani. <b>Project duration (months) - 20</b></p>	<p>business management" aimed at rural entrepreneurs (family businesses) in the cross-border area. This specific action includes lead partners from both sides of the border in the eligible geographic areas. The action has undergone joint formulation by staff of the two lead partners. <b>Specific objective:</b> The specific objective of the action is improved tourism development of Korça and Pogradec districts in Albania and Struga, Ohrid, Debarca and Vecani in MK. <b>Expected Results:</b> Identified and developed local tourism products; Developed capacity for tourism; Promoted tourism potential of the region; Improved tourism infrastructure; Exchanged best practices.</p>
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#### TITLE OF THE ACTION - Virtual Action - Real Result

<p><b>Measure 1.1 – Economic development</b> <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - MDC-TI.Net, MK Lead Partner - Foreign Investors Association of Albania <i>Partners:</i>Economic Chamber of North West Macedonia <b>Project duration (months) - 20</b> <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 124,643.00 € / MK - 146,176.00 € <b>Location:</b> AL – Korca &amp; Pogradec / MK – Ohrid &amp; Struga municipality <b>Specific objective:</b> Support to the active business sector in order to meet the new conditions and challenges in the economy through modern tools widely dispersed globally.</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Creating favorable conditions for sustainable development reinforce relations through long term regional cooperation between companies, institutions and people related to competitiveness and attractiveness in the cross-border region by effective use of the existing economic infrastructure as a basis for acceleration of joint co-operation. <b>Expected Results:</b> Improved competitiveness and attractiveness of the companies through creation, promotion and utilization of Inventory: Data Base and Virtual Software (web-based), including Manual, Marketing Strategy; Raised awareness and capacity building on competitiveness and improving standards (including appropriate behavior) for more effective production, delivering services and work in general; etc</p>
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#### TITLE OF THE ACTION - PROTECT MARKS OF CBC PRODUCTS

<p><b>Measure 1.1 – Economic development</b> <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Economic Chamber of Northwest Macedonia, MK Lead Partner - General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks, AL <i>Partners:</i> State Office of Industrial Property - SOIP <b>Project duration (months) - 18</b> <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL – 134,100.16 € / MK - NA €</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Contribution to increased competitiveness of cross-border businesses through promotion and protection of trademarks and patents. <b>Expected Results:</b> Established platform for promotion of trademark and patent protection in CB area; Increased understanding of trademark and patent regulations in the CB area; Promoted trademark and patent protection in the CB area. <b>Specific objective:</b> Protection of local trademarks and patents of businesses in the cross-border (CB) area. <b>Location:</b> AL – Korca &amp; Dibra / MK – Polog and Southwest region</p>
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#### TITLE OF THE ACTION - PROMOTION OF ECO-PRODUCTS IN THE CROSS-BORDER AREA

<p><b>Measure 1.1 – Economic development</b> <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Municipality of Mavrovo and Rostusa, MK Lead Partner - Tjeter Vision, AL <i>Partners:</i> Public Institution National Park Mavrovo; Gjinar Commune <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL – 152,060.11 € / MK – NA €</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Contribution to economic development of cross-border areas with promotion of organic food production. <b>Expected Results:</b> Established eco-markets for local producers and gatherers; Improved capacity of local producers and gatherers for eco-products sale; Enhanced promotion of eco-products as viable economic generation activity. <b>Specific objective:</b> Support to development and promotion of eco-products in the cross-border area.</p>
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<b>Location:</b> AL – Elbasan Region / MK – Polog region	<b>Project duration (months) - 20</b>
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<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED TOURIST PRODUCT FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF GOSTIVAR &amp; KORCA REGION</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.1 – Economic development</b></p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Municipality of Gostivar, MK Lead Partner - Municipality of Korca, AL <i>Partners: Moja Kariera (My Career)</i></p> <p><b>Project duration (months) - 20</b></p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL – 239,209.00 € / MK – NA €</p> <p><b>Location:</b> AL – Korca / MK – Gostivar</p> <p><b>Specific objective:</b> Assessment of the tourism related workforce and the tourism potential of Gostivar and Korca; Academic program re-engineered in the Vocational School and University by introducing new curricula in both formal and non-formal education; Tourism small scale infrastructure improved by creating hiking and biking trails in Gostivar and lighting the monuments in Korca; Promotion of an integrated tourist product.</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> To increase the economic development of the Municipalities of Gostivar and Korca through creation of capacities for sustainable tourism development by investing in human resources, small scale infrastructure interventions and establishing a system for integrated functioning of all tourism related stakeholders. <b>Expected Results:</b> Workforce development assessment; Tourism Management Department established in Gostivar high school and new modules offered at Korca University; students trained in career management and internship; teachers trained in GCDF career counseling; 100 mentors trained; Elective courses introduced with tourism professionals; 10 professional mountain leaders trained; 70 km of trails created in Gostivar; 10 monuments lighted in Korca; Touristic products promoted;. Web portal; exchange of experience visits;</p>

<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Improvement of national and natural park management in the cross-border area</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development</b></p> <p><b>Project Partners Information</b> Functional Lead Partner - Public Institution National Park "Mavrovo", MK Lead Partner - Albanian Local Capacity Development Foundation, AL <i>Partners: National parks Mavrovo &amp; Pelister, MK</i> Directorate of Forest Service, AL</p> <p><b>Project duration (months) - 18</b></p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 216,862.28 € / MK - 203,335.98 €</p> <p><b>Location</b> AL – National Park Lura and Natural Park Korab-Koritnik MK – National Parks Mavrovo and Pelister</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Contribution to sustainable environmental development by improvement of protection, management and promotion of natural habitats in the cross-border area between Macedonia and Albania. <b>Specific objective:</b> Enhanced protection of national and natural parks in the cross-border areas between Macedonia and Albania.</p> <p><b>Expected Results:</b> Introduced up-to-date management of national and natural parks in the cross-border area between Macedonia and Albania. Increased awareness on protection of national and natural parks in the cross-border area between Macedonia and Albania.</p>

<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - BLUE&amp;GREEN versus BLACK&amp;GRAY</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development</b></p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - CSO "Local Development Agency" Struga, MK Lead Partner - Euro Partners Development, AL <i>Partners: Ecologists' Movement of Macedonia, MK</i> "Eco Partners for Sustainable Development", AL</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 73,752.96 € / MK - 102,680.00 €</p> <p><b>Expected Results:</b> Increased information accessibility of the relevant stakeholders in the cross border area of Ohrid Lake, on management of natural resources related to forest and water. More informed rural communities and more responsible authorities related to water and</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> Collect, organize and make available to the public information on management of natural resources related to forest and water in the cross border area of Ohrid Lake. Improve knowledge and increase awareness of the communities, and local and central authorities responsible for the management of forest and water resources on the importance of their sustainable use. Increase participation of the stakeholders and their collaboration for identifying sustainable solutions for their rural communities is enabled.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> AL – Korca Region / MK – Southwest Region</p> <p><b>Overall objective:</b> facilitating effective and responsible use of the water and forest resources in the cross-border</p>

forest management. Local Advisory Groups on Environment established with representation of different stakeholders, actively participating in providing sustainable solutions to their problems.	region around Ohrid Lake, thus enhancing the sustainable development in the area. <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 20
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Increasing energy efficiency and utilization of renewable energy sources in the cross border region**

<p><b>Measure 1.2</b> – Sustainable environment development</p> <p><b>Project Partners Information</b> Functional Lead Partner - Macedonian Center for Energy Efficiency, MK Lead Partner - Albania-EU Energy Efficiency Center, AL <i>Partners:</i> Centre for Development of the South-west Planning Region, MK / Korca Regional Council, AL <b>Location:</b> AL – Korca district / MK – Southwest region <b>Expected Results:</b> Raised awareness of the general population: Built capacity of the local administration: determined potential for utilization of renewable energy sources and implementation of energy efficiency measures.</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> This project objective is to determine and increase the utilization of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) and the Energy Efficiency (EE) in the cross border region specifically the south west region of Republic of Macedonia and Korca region in Albania. <b>Specific objective:</b> Improving the living and working conditions; Reducing energy poverty; decreasing the CO2 pollution in the cross border region; Promotion of utilization of RES and EE measures in the cross border region; Preservation of the natural resources. <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 77,915.77 € / MK - 71,115.00 € <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 18</p>
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Green schools, Cleaner environment, Healthier life**

<p><b>Measure 1.2</b> – Sustainable environmental development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Biologist of Albania, AL Lead Partner - Civil Association OXO, MK <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 114,830.26 € / MK - 93,253.00 € <b>Specific objective:</b> Improved environmental education of students in 16 primary and secondary schools in bordering areas between Albania and MK, through improved curricula that equips students with better skills in addressing practical environmental problems.</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Overall objective contributes to increased awareness and understanding of the young generation in the cross-border areas between Albania and Macedonia on environmental development issues and influence their friendly behavior towards the protection, promotion and management of natural resources. <b>Expected Results:</b> Improved curricula on environmental issues related to energy, waste and water in 16 schools in Albania and Macedonia; <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 18 <b>Location:</b> AL – Regions of Pogradec and Korca MK – Regions of Struga, Ohrid, Bitola and Pelagonia</p>
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION - Enhancing trans-boundary protection and development of the Jablanica-Shebenik mountain range by active local involvement**

<p><b>Measure 1.2</b> – Sustainable environment development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Macedonian Ecological Society, MK Lead Partner - Protection and Preservation of the Natural Environment in Albania, AL <i>Partners:</i> EuroNatur, MK <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 75,130.00 € / MK - 81,837.00 € <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 18 <b>Overall objective:</b> Overall objective of the project is to contribute to the promotion of best practices on sustainable use of natural resources in 5 communes of Jablanica – Shebenik transboundary mountain range.</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> Specific objective of the project is to increase local public awareness on sustainable use of the natural resources and to enhance the use of eco-friendly methods by local community and prepare them to jointly manage the trans-boundary environment. <b>Expected Results:</b> Awareness on the need for a sustainable use of natural resources of Jablanica-Shebenik Mountain is increased; Cross-border exchange of experiences and partnerships are created among local authorities and management standards and policies are harmonized and increased; Alternative environmental friendly practices are promoted and stimulated; Young people are better involved in nature preservation. <b>Location:</b> Jablanica – Shebenik Mountain Range in the south border area between MK and AL</p>
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION - From Trash to Cash: Sustainable Development and Economic Empowerment of**

### Informal Waste Collectors through waste recycling in the Cross-Border Region of Albania and Macedonia

<p><b>Measure 1.2</b> – Sustainable environmental development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - MDC TI Net., MK Lead Partner - Dorcas Aid International Albania, AL <i>Partners:</i> Petra, MK / RDA, AL</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 167,463.88 € / MK - 189,665.00 €</p> <p><b>Location</b> AL – Municipalities of Korca, Pogradec (District of Korca) MK –Struga and Ohrid (southwest region)</p> <p><b>Specific objective:</b> Establishing effective and economically viable model of recycling in the cross border region; Income generation and employment for informal waste collectors- establishing recycling yards and enable formal, safe and sustainable employment; Broadening networks of cooperation of the informal collectors; Public awareness- targeted at educating the primary school population concerning the importance of recycling; Promoting inclusive public policies on local level; Health and safety at work, Education.</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> The overall objective of this Recycling Project is to protect the environment and establish an efficient and economically viable Packaging waste (Plastic waste, paper waste, aluminum waste and waste glass) recycling program, that includes poor informal waste collectors, in south western Albania and southwestern Macedonia. <b>Expected Results:</b> Established primary recycling in the targeted region; tones of packaging waste daily , diverted into the recycling stream; enhanced attractiveness of the region as a result of a cleaner environment; Direct Employment for informal waste collectors; Increased revenues for informal waste collectors; Lowered operation cost for the Public Utility companies; At least 2 municipal waste management plans and 2 LEAP's inclusive of informal waste collectors redrafted and adopted by municipal councils; beneficiaries of the project are women; Informal waste collectors gained access to good health; Increased public awareness in the region; Inclusive public policy.</p> <p><b>Project duration (months) - 18</b></p>
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### TITLE OF THE ACTION - INITIATIVE TO ENHANCE PUBLIC DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF ENERGY

<p><b>Measure 1.2</b> – Sustainable environmental development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner -. Academy of Political Studies, AL Lead Partner - Center for Research and Policy Making, MK <i>Partners:</i> Municipality of Pogradec</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL – 108,468.91 € / MK - 78,812.54 €</p> <p><b>Specific objective:</b> To raise awareness and understanding on Energy Efficiency and climate change issues by promoting best practices and initiatives for action at local level with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders.</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> To create the ground and conditions for effective use of energy at local level through increased understanding and cooperation among local government units, business community, public and other relevant stakeholders. <b>Expected Results:</b> Increased capacities of 4 municipalities and other local stakeholders on EE issues and across borders; Platforms for Actions Established among local stakeholders and across borders; Established a long-term dialogue among all local stakeholders on EE issues and its implementation at local level; Increased awareness of all local stakeholders on EE issues and its implementation.</p> <p><b>Project duration (months) - 18</b></p> <p><b>Location</b> AL –Korca, Pogradec / MK – Bitola, Kicevo</p>
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### TITLE OF THE ACTION - INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

<p><b>Measure 1.2</b> – Sustainable environmental development</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - COSV - MK Lead Partner - Destination Management Organization AL <i>Partners:</i> Municipality Resen; Public Institution National Park Galicica; Municipality Liqenas; Transborder Wildlife (TWA); University "Fan S. Noli"</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 108,468.91 € / MK - 181,990.15 €</p> <p><b>Specific objective:</b> Support pilot practices for improvement of the treatment and quality of water in Prespa Lake Basin and Korce region.</p> <p><b>Project duration (months) - 18</b></p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Support to sustainable environmental management of natural resources in Prespa Lake Basin and Korce region. <b>Expected Results:</b> Established sustainable and innovative small scale Reed Beds Techniques as natural system for waste water collection and treatment in the villages Grncari/Podmocani and Gorica; Supported actions for sustainable agriculture and rational use of pesticides and fertilizers to reduce the impact of agricultural practices to the Prespa Lake Basin ecosystem; Implemented trainings, educational activities and promotion of comprehensive awareness campaign related to environmental issues.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> The area of Prespa Lake between Resen,</p>
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		Liqenas and Korce, encompassing Galicica and Prespa
<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Youth without borders</b>		
<p><b>Measure 1.3</b> – Social cohesion</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Coalition of youth organizations SEGA, MK Lead Partner - National Centre for Community Services, AL</p> <p><b>Project duration (months)</b> - 12</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 44,179.39 € / MK - 49,424.00 €</p> <p><b>Location</b> AL – Elbasan and Korça Region MK – Pelagonia region and South-West region</p> <p><b>Overall objective:</b> To promote effective collaboration between the civil society actors towards fruitful social development in the CBC region.</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> To strengthen the organizational capacities of the youth organizations in the CBC region; To support networking process and sustainable partnerships between youth local based organizations in planning and implementation of joint actions within the CBC region</p> <p><b>Expected Results:</b> Created informal network of youth CSOs from the CBC region; Strengthened organizational and programme capacities of the youth organizations through training process; Shared positive practices and knowledge on successful programme and organizational management between youth CSOs in the region; Established partnerships for joint projects that target young people under the EU programmes.</p>	
<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Youth Empowerment and Employment Generation Project</b>		
<p><b>Measure 1.3</b> – Social cohesion</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Sprint Foundation, AL Lead Partner - Economic Chamber of Northwest Macedonia, MK <i>Partners:</i> Albanian National Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center, AL / PREDA plus, MK</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 104,959.19 € / MK - 104,878.80 €</p> <p><b>Location</b> AL – Region of Diber / MK – Southwest Region</p> <p><b>Overall objective:</b> The overall objective is to promote partnerships between various local government agencies, educational institutions, youth organizations and private sector on both sides of the border aiming at social cohesion of young generation through education and employment.</p> <p><b>Project duration (months)</b> - 14</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> Provision of opportunities for youth to participate in the economic and social life of both regions, facilitating access for youth to the environment of work; Better understanding of the key elements of employability skills and sound business development; Joint cross border platforms for reciprocal commitment to help young people</p> <p><b>Expected Results:</b> A detailed overview report of the status quo of young people development in the respective regions and a better knowledge management to serve either for the Youth Empowerment and Employment Generation Project in short term or for the project stakeholders (Universities, Labor Offices) in long term; Network building through promotion of public – private partnerships to enhance youth employment and youth entrepreneurship; Improvement of issues related to work-force development by preparing the youth for the workplace according to different local, regional, national and cross border specific needs.</p>	
<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - The use of art where is hard to talk-exchanges between artists working in the social field</b>		
<p><b>Measure 1.3</b> – Social cohesion</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Refraction Association, AL Lead Partner - Association of Artists Cultural Centre Media Artes, MK <i>Partners:</i> Art Center Boshnjaku, AL</p> <p><b>Project duration (months)</b> - 12</p> <p><b>Total Project Budget</b> AL - 66,400.00 € / MK - 58,360.22 €</p> <p><b>Location;</b> AL – Korce Pogradec, Diber / MK – Ohrid, Struga</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> To increase capacities of social organizations and artists in these regions regarding use of art with vulnerable people; To increase the exchange of knowledge, existing practice and expertise of cultural organizations in targeted contexts and wider; to foster and deliver information and raise awareness of artists, cultural organizations, students of art or social sciences about using art and its impacts on addressing crime and violence, gender, social exclusion and stigma. <b>Expected Results:</b> The establishment of a Network of civil society cultural organizations and artists working with vulnerable groups using art activities: Enhanced professional capacities of artists and raised capacity building of</p>	



<p><b>Overall objective:</b> To create a Network of civil society cultural organizations, local institutions, community based groups and artists working with vulnerable groups using art activities in both sides of border between Albania and Macedonia.</p>	<p>cultural organizations to work with vulnerable people through structural trainings on social sculpture; developing and delivering publications and organizing pilot activities with trained artists in each partner country; Enhanced exchange, knowledge and dialogue between cultural organizations and artists in AL and MK with EU countries such as Sweden;</p>
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<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Education, Employment and Equality for Young People, Vulnerable, Marginalized Groups and Minorities in Elbasan and Bogovinje</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b>  <b>Project Partners</b>            Functional Lead Partner - Association for Local Rural Development, MK            Lead Partner - Municipality of Elbasan, AL  <i>Partners:</i> Municipality of Bogovinje, MK  <b>Total Project Budget</b>            AL - 85,675.00 € / MK - 86,826.76 €  <b>Location</b>            AL –Municipality of Elbasan            MK – Municipality of Bogovinje  <b>Specific objective:</b> Mapping needs for increasing key competences of the target groups; Delivered specific employment services and trainings in line with individual needs of the target group; Strengthen capacities of relevant providers of social and employment services working with targeted group via analysis of relevant NGOs; Established network of key stakeholders and designed mechanism for continuous cooperation, information flow and exchange of good practices.</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Facilitating integration of young people, vulnerable/marginalized and minorities in the selected territory into the labour market through enhancement of their individual and employment potentials promote equal opportunities and gender equality at local and regional level through new learning opportunities for job acquisition.  <b>Expected Results:</b> Complex Analysis on targeted population, employment service providers, relevant NGOs and local employers; General and special tailor-made training according to individual needs analysis;; Training handbook (career counseling, coaching and mentoring); On-the-job-training at the local employers; Visibility of implemented activities; Website, e-newsletter, promotional materials, project open days for results presentation; Established Network of stakeholders focused on follow up actions, long-term cooperation and information flow.  <b>Project duration (months) - 15</b></p>

<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Days of Roma culture</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b>  <b>Project Partners</b>            Functional Lead Partner - Initiative for Social Change, MK            Lead Partner - Emmanuel Mission, AL  <i>Partners:</i> Bairska Svetlina, MK  <b>Project duration (months) - 12</b>    <b>Total Project Budget</b>            AL - 43,266.00 € / MK - 47,684.00 €  <b>Location:</b> AL – Korca / MK – Gostivar, Prilep, Bitola  <b>Overall objective:</b> Socio-cultural approach for social cohesion and introducing the Roma in society, learning of cultural and traditional values, positive examples of education, exchange information and experiences between Roma and others.</p>	<p><b>Specific objective:</b> Development and implementation of programmes for social integration of socially marginalized group and youth; Support of joint programmes and research development initiatives; Establishment of partnerships between NGOs of both sides of the border and operations aiming at developing the technical and management capacities of the NGOs; Support of joint cultural events and activities and joint project aiming at promoting and protecting cultural and historical heritage. <b>Expected Results:</b> NGO developing and youth collaboration in direction for faster social inclusion; Promotion of the culture, education and the positive examples; Joint review development initiatives for the both regions; Partnerships between NGOs and networking to advocacy for social integration; Promoting and introducing cultural and historical heritage, introduction of the culture, tradition and folklore; Exchange the experiences from the education, cultural and traditional values of Roma community.</p>

<b>TITLE OF THE ACTION - Preservation of the unique heritage and cultural exchange between Bilisht and Brvenica</b>	
<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b></p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> The overall objective of the action is</p>

<p><b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner - Municipality of Bilisht, AL Lead Partner - Municipality of Brvenica, MK <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 12 <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL- 50,637.83 € / MK - 49,918.00 € <b>Location:</b> AL – Municipality of Bilisht / MK – Municipality of Brvenica <b>Specific objective;</b> The specific objective of the action is the identification, documentation, and promotion of distinct items, practices, and traits of cultural heritage, and to establish conditions for sustainable development of cultural diversity, to promote the culture of the various ethnic groups, to institutionalize the cooperation in the field of promotion of cultural diversity through the establishment of systematic and structural approach, and to encourage representatives of ethnic groups in the cross-border region.</p>	<p>to promotion and preserve the cultural heritage and diversity as a unique feature that the municipalities of Brvenica and Bilisht through a process of cross border people-to-people and institution-to-institution cooperation. <b>Expected Results:</b> Encouraged targeted groups to share values and establish contacts; Created conditions for continuous improvement and gaining new knowledge for old traditions; Documented cultural heritage for both municipalities and neighboring areas; To explore the cultural diversity in the region, so that it can be better understood and promoted; To provide the targeted region with an image of a place for tolerance to differences is a priority and a guiding principle for local residents; Prepared joint action plan for further cultural cross border cooperation; To promote culture of the various ethnic groups that cohabitate in the cross-border region through exchange visits of cultural activists.</p>
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION - WORLD HERITAGE IN YOUNG HANDS - TOGETHER PROTECTING OUR CULTURE AND NATURE**

<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b> <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner – Une Gruaja, AL Lead Partner - Local Development Agency - Struga, MK <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 12 <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL- 65,149.10 € / MK - 65,214.50 € <b>Location:</b> AL – Pogradec, Korca / MK – Polog, Southwest region <b>Specific objective:</b> Implement the world renowned World Heritage in Young Hands (WHYH) programme as an intercultural collaborative activity in schools of the region.</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> Albanian and Macedonian high school youth learn to value diversity and protect the world's and their own cultural and natural heritage; Teachers are better prepared to foster intercultural collaboration and understanding. <b>Expected Results:</b> The networking between partners and main stakeholders in both countries is established; The training program is developed for training teacher for teacher kit World Heritage in Youth Hands and a program for Web based collaboration; Joint summer camps for AL and MK youth and teachers from targeted schools is realized.</p>
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**TITLE OF THE ACTION - WATCH - WOMEN AND THEATRE CREATION HUB**

<p><b>Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion</b> <b>Project Partners</b> Functional Lead Partner – Municipality of Tetovo, MK Lead Partner - Municipality of Korca, AL Partners: Community Development Institute (CDI) Tetovo; Municipality of Pogradec; Municipality of Cerrik; Koreja. <b>Specific objective:</b> Related to the first overall objective the project aim, good project management, to know and improve the knowledge of the women's creative resources, to favor the turnover in the managerial roles, to improve competences and services in theatre field. Related to the second overall objective the project aim, to improve the social dialogue and to develop the sensitiveness towards an active citizenship. <b>Total Project Budget</b> AL- 60.000.00 €</p>	<p><b>Overall objective:</b> To foster the women employment in the artistic field; to exchange experiences and practices of intercultural work. <b>Expected Results:</b> The project will produce the following results; good cross border partnership; valorization of the women's talent and creative skills for a further integration of them into the making-decision processes of the public bodies and the cultural organizations; a stronger impact of the artistic activities on the social and economic development of the target area; further specialization of the workforce, especially that of women; improvement of the social and intercultural dialogue; good promotion and image of women artists. <b>Location:</b> AL – Korca, Pogradec, Cerrik, Elbasan, Diber, Librazhd, Gramsh / MK – Tetovo, Prilep, Struga, Ohrid, Gostivar, Debar, Zelino <b>Project duration (months)</b> - 18</p>
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