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IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME 2007 – 2013 BETWEEN THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA AND REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

cross-border programme



the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Albania



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Dear all,

Republic of Albania, strongly support the idea that despite difficulties faced by EU in the last years, the coexistence among countries is in the core of its philosophy, thus together we can successfully succeed in facing the difficulties based on our mutual cooperation. Considering the fact that this CBC Programme represents one of the most important programmes in which Albania participates and, that the good neighborly relations are vital for both countries to make progress towards the EU accession, Albania has been committed to advancing the relations with the neighbors and the cooperation with the countries in the region.

Albania's objective of EU membership makes it necessary to enhance cooperation between our two countries, where the coordination of common policies and mutual support for fulfilling our objectives and priority programmes towards EU integration is an important process. We are committed to working with the government, local authorities, civil society and stakeholders, to ensure that our future cooperation serves the people of the eligible programme area in all their diversity.

With regard to the new CBC programme, the representatives of both national authorities and joint management structures were part on the programming process and presented the outcomes of the previous programme, as well as the challenges and outcomes from the consultation processes for the new programme. The result was the conclusion of the programming process and approval of the new programme document by the European Union Commission on December 2014. Our citizens in both countries, despite where they live, wish to have a safer social environment, where equal opportunities will be granted to everyone. In this regard, the new CBC programme overall objective is to stimulate more balanced, inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development of the Border Area. It is envisaged that in the period 2014-2020, this programme will contribute to the promotion of employment, labour, social and cultural inclusion across the border based on the thematic priorities that both countries has already agreed such as encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage, enhancing competitiveness, business, trade and investment and protecting the environment.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to be part of the joint future collaboration.

Thank you for being part of this initiative,

Best wishes,

Klajda Gjoshë

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

IPA	Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance	FLP	Functional Lead Partner
CBC	Cross-Border Cooperation	LP	Lead Partner
MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	NGOs	Non Governmental Organizations
AL	Albania	CSOs	Civil Societies Organizations
MEI	Ministry of European Integration	SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
MoLSG	Ministry of Local Self Government	VET	Vocational Educational Training
OS	Operating Structures	CB	Cross Border
JTS	Joint Technical Secretariat	RES	Renewable Energy Sources
DEU	Delegation of European Union	EE	Energy Efficiency
EU	European Union		

INTRODUCTION

The IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme between MK-AL was 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. The eligible area for the IPA CBC Programme between the Republic of Macedonia and Republic of Albania covers 19 969 km², 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".

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CBC Programme IPA financial allocations			
Year	MK	AL	Total
2007	2,200,000	1,100,000	3,300,000
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
Total	6.200.000	4.400.000	10.600.000

CBC Programme IPA financial allocations			
Year	MK	AL	Total
2012	850000	850000	1.700.000
2013	850000	850000	1.700.000
Total	1.700.000	1.700.000	3.400.000

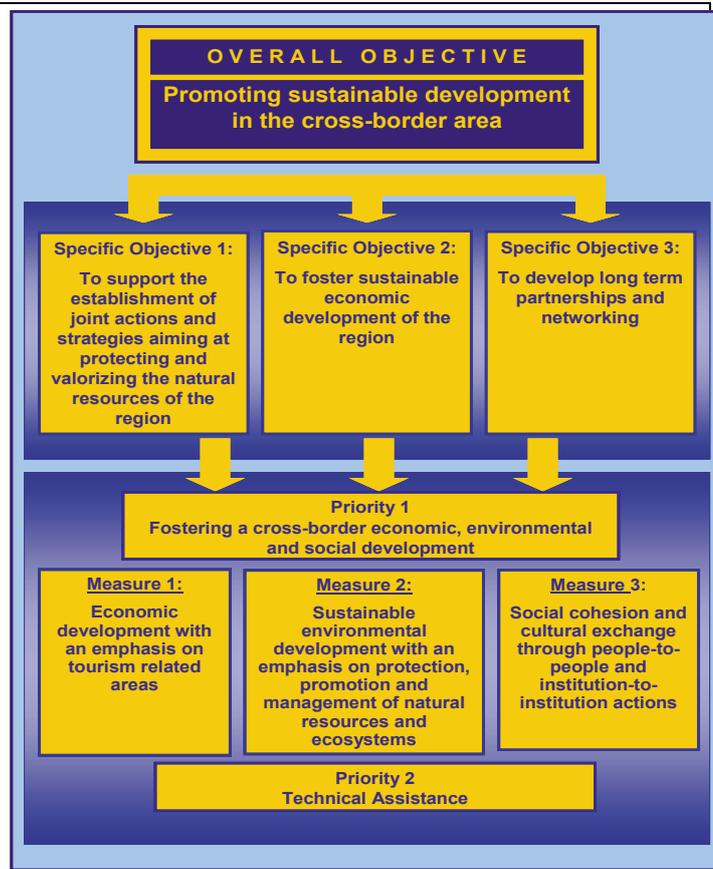
PROGRAMME PRIORITIES AND MEASURES

The global objective of the CBC programme is “Promoting sustainable development in the cross-border area is the global objective of the cross-border programme”.

Joint actions and cross-border projects implemented within the programme should have an impact on the social and economic situation of the population, improve the joint management and valorisation of natural and cultural resources and strengthen the image and the cohesion of the cross-border region and sub-regions.

The objectives will be achieved through the implementation of the one priority comprising of three measures and the second priority for the technical assistance to the programme.

Three specific objectives have been defined:
 To support the establishment of joint actions and strategies aiming at protecting and valorizing the natural resources of the region;
 To foster sustainable economic development of the region;
 To develop long term partnerships and networking between civil society organizations, professional organizations, and decentralized institutions.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURES

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES AT NATIONAL LEVEL

Each country has designated National IPA Coordinator. In MK, the Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs is designated as the National IPA Coordinator, who acts as the representative of the country vis-à-vis the Commission. National IPA Coordinator has designated the Minister of Local Self Government as the Cross border cooperation Coordinator.

In Albania the National IPA Coordinator is the Minister of European Integration. Within the MEI, the Department of EU Programmin Assistance, Unit for Cross-Border Cooperation, was designated as the IPA-Component II Coordinator. Cross border cooperation Coordinator is the main contact point between each beneficiary country and the Commission for all issues related to participation of the respective country in programmes under the IPA CBC Component. The beneficiary countries have set up a Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) to ensure the effectiveness and quality of the implementation of the programme.

OPERATING STRUCTURES

This CBC programme is managed by the Operating Structures established in each of the two beneficiary countries which are: for MK, the Ministry of Local Self-Government and for AL the Ministry of European Integration).

OS of each country cooperates closely in the programming and implementation of the relevant CBC programme establishing common co-ordination mechanisms and 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.

JOINT TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

The Joint Technical Secretariat assists the JMC and the Operating Structures in carrying out their responsibilities. The JTS is jointly managed by both OSs. The location of the JTS is in Struga, MK and it has an Antenna in Elbasan, AL. The Joint Technical Secretariat is the administrative body of the programme responsible for its day-to-day management.

CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES

In both countries, the European Union will be the Contracting Authority which is the Delegation of the European Union to Skopje and the Delegation of the European Union to Albania.

In both countries, in line with Article 140(1) of the IPA Implementing Regulation, the European Commission retains overall responsibility for ex ante evaluation on calls for proposal, awarding grants, tendering, contracting and payment functions.

PROGRAMME BENEFICIARIES

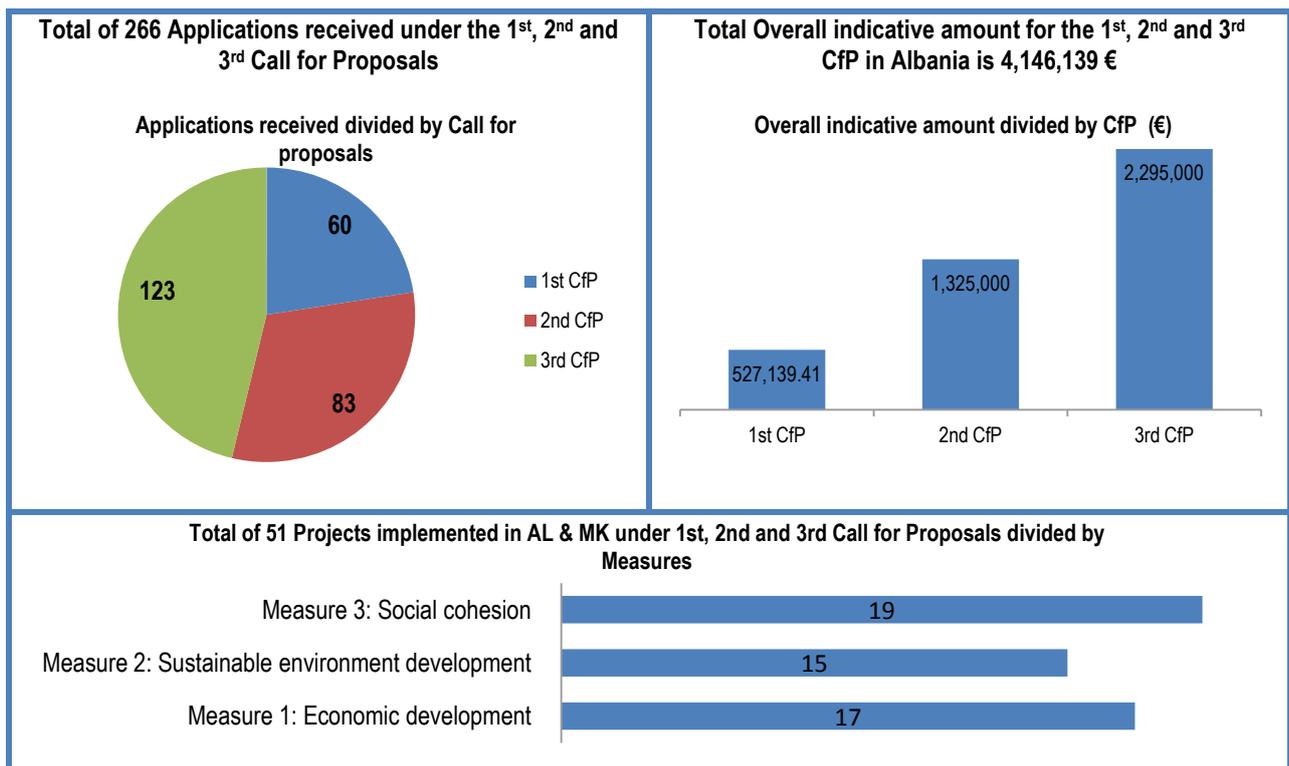
Programme beneficiaries (partners) are nationals of a Member State of the European Union, other IPA beneficiary country, a country that is a beneficiary of the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument, or a Member State of the European Economic Area.

The partners in each beneficiary country shall appoint the Lead Partner among themselves prior to the submission of the Application. In principle there will be two Lead Partners/Applicants for each application, one in each participating country.

The two Lead Partners shall appoint among themselves a Functional Lead Partner prior to the submission of the project proposal, for coordination and reporting purposes

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IPA CBC PROGRAMME MK-AL 2007-2013

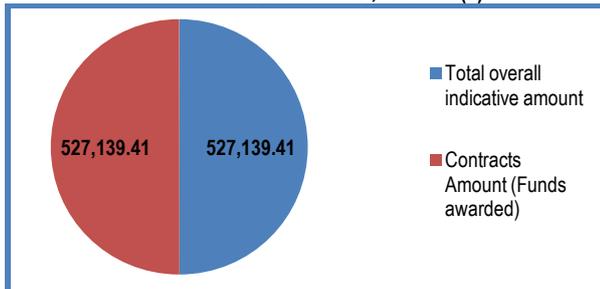
Under the implementation of this programme there were launched three Call for proposals with a total number of 266 project applications, out of which 51 projects contracted in both countries by the respective Contracting Authority.



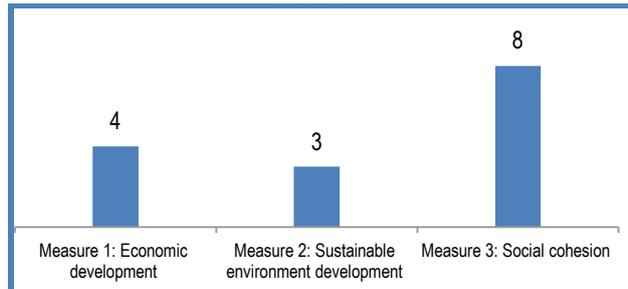
The tables and diagrams below present data per CfP and measures for the Albanian grant beneficiaries under the 1st, 2nd and 3rd CfP.

1st Call for Proposals - The overall indicative amount available under the 1st CfP was €1.020.000 (out of which €680,000 for 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. In MK were signed 14 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the DEU to MK in total amount of €571,270.46. For AL were used all available funds from IPA 2007 of the 1st CfP and the allocated funds for the 2nd CfP from IPA 2007 in amount of €187,139.41.

Total overall indicative amount and funds awarded for the Actions under the 1st CfP, Albania (€)

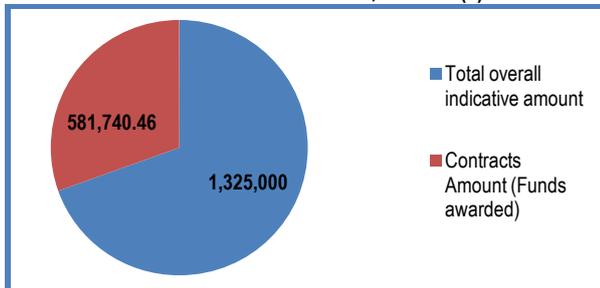


15 Projects implemented in Albania under the 1st CfP divided by Measures

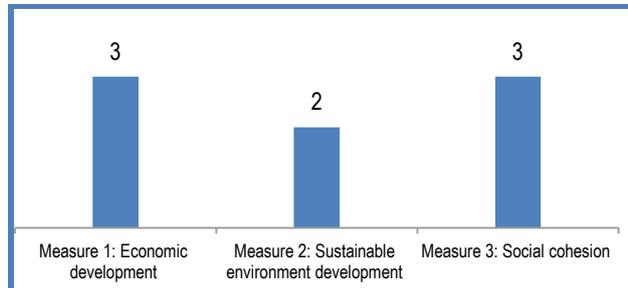


2nd Call for Proposals - The overall indicative amount available under the 2nd CfP was €3,525,000 (out of which €2,200,000 for MK and €1,325,000 for AL). In MK were signed 8 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the DEU to MK in total amount of €662,447.46. In AL were signed 8 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the DEU to AL in total amount of € 581,740.46.

Total overall indicative amount and funds awarded for the Actions under the 1st CfP, Albania (€)

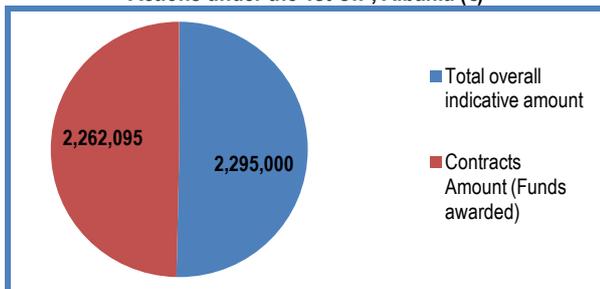


15 Projects implemented in Albania under the 2nd CfP divided by Measures

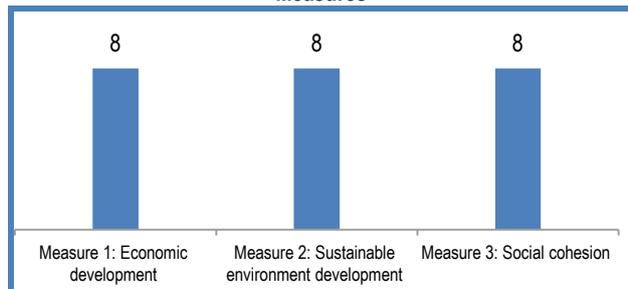


3rd Call for Proposals - The overall indicative amount available under the 3rd CfP was € 4,995,000 (out of which € 2,700,000 for MK and € 2,295,000 for AL). Under the 3rd Call for proposals, in AL were signed 24 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the DEU to AL € 2,262,095.38. In MK were signed 25 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the DEU to MK in total amount of € 2,680,203.00.

Total overall indicative amount and funds awarded for the Actions under the 1st CfP, Albania (€)



15 Projects implemented in Albania under the 3rd CfP divided by Measures



Projects implemented under the 1st Call for proposals of the IPA CBC Programme MK-AL 2007-2013

TITLE OF THE ACTION - Working in the rural areas, investing in the future

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners:

FLP - Tabita Foundation (AL) / LP - Parumba (MK)

Project duration (months) - 12

Project aim & Objective: To improve the economic standards and well-being of local population in the cross border area, to develop and promote rural tourism offer in the villages of Gorna Belica, Visni, Vevcani and Dardha. Building capacity of small businesses; Promotion of cultural heritage; Raising Environmental awareness.

Results: 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.

Total Project Budget

AL - 39,732.58 € / MK - 46,692.00 €

Location: AL – Village of Dardha, Region of Korca
MK – Villages of Gorna Belica, Visni, Vevcani, Region of Struga

Sector of intervention: Business and Environmental promotion



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Promoting Business Women Enterprises in the Cross-Border Area

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Partners Albania - Centre for change and conflict management

LP - Macedonian Enterprise Development Foundation

Project duration (months) - 9

Total Project Budget:

AL - 35,704.95 € / MK - 30,166.00 €

Project aim & Objective: To increase cooperation and commercial exchanges between business community, to create a supportive environment for the development of women SME/SMI and to promote business women enterprises at the cross border area between MK & AL.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Business promotion

Location

AL – Pogradeci in the Korça region,
MK – Struga in the Southwest region



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

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - ORT Training for Sustainable Development (MK)
LP - Local Economical Development Agency AULEDA
AL

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget:

AL - 49,992.14 € / MK - 49,995.00 €

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

Project aim & Objective: 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.

Results: 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; 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; New partnership between the NGOs, local government and businesses is established.

Sector of intervention: Tourism, Business promotion, people to people actions.



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Business without Borders

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Economic Chamber of North-West Macedonia
LP - Chamber of commerce and industry of Tirana (AL)

Total Project Budget

AL - 48,523.97 € / MK - 56,548.40 €

Location: AL– Korça region, towns of Pogradec, Korça
MK – South west region, towns of Struga, Ohrid, Debar

Project duration (months) – 10

Project aim & Objective: Contribution to a wider economic development of the cross border area, promotion and enhancing bridges of economic cooperation between institutions, businesses and citizens in two side of the border. 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.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Business promotion



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Action on Entrepreneurship Business Support and Development of Cross-Border Cooperation

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Regional Enterprise Support Centre Bitola, MK

Total Project Budget MK - 54,850.10 €

Location: AL– Korça / MK –Kichevo

Project duration (months) – 12

Project aim & Objective: This project seeks to contribute to the launching of cooperation development between small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the cross-border region. The project will implement actions to improve commercial exchange and economic relations between MK and AL by creating CB exchange and partnership programmes, emphasizing and defining necessary joint strategies, enabling the exchange of knowledge and good practices between the two countries and encouraging a common interest in supporting and organizing the SMEs.

Results: Enhanced capacities for entrepreneurs' development and also creating opportunities for establishing contacts, assistance, communication and strengthening relationships.

Sector of intervention: Business promotion



TITLE OF THE ACTION

Integrated Sustainable Environmental Management with the Implementation of a Decision Support System

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development

Project Partners

FLP - Institute for New Technologies, Innovations and Knowledge Transfer "Carl Friedrich Gauss" – Bitola, MK

LP - Nehemia Foundation (AL)

Total Project Budget

A L- 23,090.00 € / MK - 43,040.00 €

Location: AL – Pogradec and Korca (Korca region)

MK – Bitola, Resen (South west Pelagonia region)

Project duration (months) – 12

Project aim & Objective: To improve the sustainable natural resources management in CB region, using Decision Support System based on information and communication technology to increase public awareness of cross-border area on importance of Sustainable Natural Resources Management.

Results: Joint information and promotional structure and services, concern natural resources issues established; Developed and presented local and CB Natural resources Inventory with DSS implementation.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection



TITLE OF THE ACTION

Enhancing Awareness and Organization of Awareness Campaigns on Environment Protection in the Area of Shebenik - Jablanica Trans-Border Park

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development

Project Partners: FLP - Aurora OJF, (AL)

Total Project Budget: AL - 31,250.31 €

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection.

Location: AL – Librazhd area.

Project aim & Objective: To improve the sustainable natural resources management in CB region, using Decision Support System based on information and communication technology to increase public awareness of cross-border area on importance of Sustainable Natural Resources Management. Increased participation of CSO and local communities in environmental protection activities, which improves the management of the national park of Shebenik-Jabllanica and natural resources.

TITLE OF THE ACTION - Capacity Building for CB Communities for Improved Environment Governance

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development

Project Partners

FLP - National Centre for Community Services (AL)

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget: AL - 56,201.96 €

Location: AL– Peshkopi, Kolonje, Bulqize, Korce
MK – Debar, Kicevo, Ohrid, Struga

Project aim & Objective: Development of 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.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection.



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Contribution to the Biodiversity and Enhancement of Regional Cooperation in the Pelagonija/Prespa-Ohrid Trans-Boundary Region

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development

Project Partners

FLP - Regional Development Agency – PREDA, MK

Project duration (months) - 7

Total Project Budget: MK - 42,819.00 €

Location: AL – Korce / MK – Bitola, Resen

Results: The project customized the national parks' promotional material in accordance with visitor profiles, distribute the promotional material to a wide range of customer service providers, improve the connectivity between the national parks, as well as between development agencies, and create a cooperation platform for customer service providers in the region.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection.

Project aim & Objective: The goal of this project is to increase the general awareness of the natural values of national parks Galicica, Pelister and Prespa, and to promote these national parks as future tourist destinations.



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Cross-Border Civil Society Forum

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Macedonian Center for International Cooperation
Lead Partner – Institute for Democracy & Mediation, AL

Total Project Budget

AL- 44,353.53 € / MK - 58,046.00 €

Project aim & Objective: To contribute towards strengthening the role of CSOs in the sustainable development of the cross-border region. Exchange of experiences and partnership building among CSOs on the both sides of the border

Project duration (months) - 12

Results: 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. **Sector of intervention:** Cultural. Enhancing civil society cooperation

Location: AL– Dibra, Elbasan; MK – Southwest, Polog



TITLE OF THE ACTION

Assistance Provision for Children with Speech and Language Difficulties

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Hope and Homes (AL)

Project duration (months) - 9

Total Project Budget: AL - 51,875.00 €

Location: AL– Elbasan, Cerrik, Librazhd, Gramsh, Peqin

Project aim & Objective: To positively contribute to the life of children with speech and language difficulties through expanding the abilities of society to offer a communication way to these children.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Social inclusion of vulnerable groups



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Women Crossing Borders For Change

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Local Development Agency- Struga (MK)

LP – CSO Une Gruaja (AL)

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget

A L - 32,130.00 €

MK - 31,704.00 €

Location: AL– District of Pogradec

MK – Municipalities of Struga and Vevcani

Project aim & Objective: Enabling social integration of long-term unemployed and young women entering the workforce from urban and rural areas in the cross-border region by increasing women's capacities for employment through leadership and management, trainings, experience-exchange study trips and cross-border meetings.

Results: Organized promotional campaign posters, postcards, educational manuals; TV announcements; Trained women from both rural and urban parts; Developed training modules; Delivered training sessions in AL and MK; Organized local events by women participants; Organized Study trips.

Sector of intervention: Social integration of long-term unemployed women



TITLE OF THE ACTION

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

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Dorcas Aid International Albania (AL)

LP–Foundation for Support of Enterprises Ohrid (MK)

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget

AL - 49,940.00 € / MK - 52,183.50 €

Location:

AL– Korce

MK – Ohrid, Struga

Project aim & Objective: Presentation of the two cities potentials and specifics in front of the general public in the cross border area. Bringing down all prejudices regarding way of life and culture in the neighboring country.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Cultural-natural heritage. Social cohesion among the youth



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Borders without Boundaries

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners:

FLP - Municipality of Bitola (MK)

LP – Municipality of Korca (AL)

Project duration (months) - 12

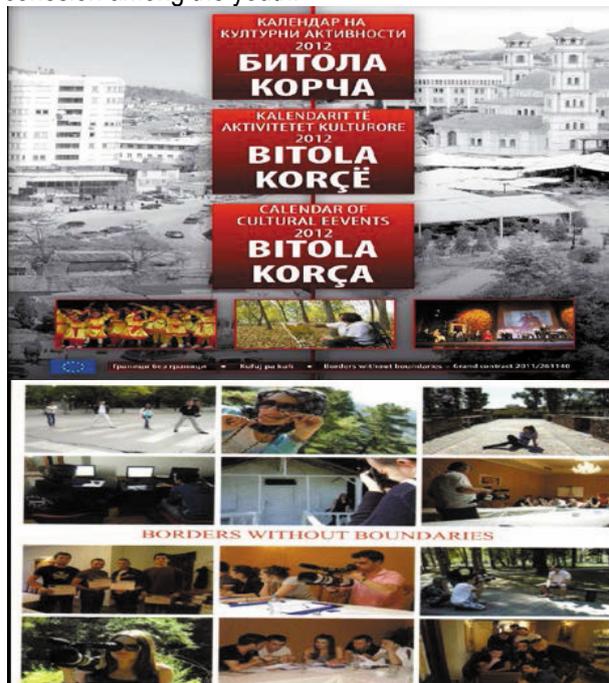
Total Project Budget: AL-25,690.00 € / MK-83,550.00 €

Location: AL – Korce / MK – Bitola

Project aim & Objective: Presentation of the two cities potentials and specifics in front of the general public in the cross border area. Bringing down all prejudices regarding way of life and culture in the neighboring country.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Cultural-natural heritage. Social cohesion among the youth.



TITLE OF THE ACTION

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

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Tjeter Vision (AL)

Lead Partner – CSD-ALKA (MK)

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget

AL - 53,064.38 € / MK - 53,437.50 €

Location: AL– Elbasan / MK – Gostivar, Tetovo

Project aim & Objective: Establishment and development of long term partnerships and networking between Universities, Communities, Local Groups and 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

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Cultural-people to people and institutions to institutions actions.



Projects implemented under the 2nd Call for proposals of the IPA CBC Programme MK-AL 2007-2013

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

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Association for Women with Social Problem, AL

LP - 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

Project aim & Objective: Contribution to the promotion of sustainable economic growth and attractiveness of the CB area. Enhanced capacities and CBC among local stakeholders and institutions in managing and programming regional cultural tourism development, increased role of cultural heritage in social and economic development, raised awareness about regional cultural assets through structured and professional information dissemination and socio-cultural activities targeting internal and external audiences, markets and customers, strengthened capacities of local artisans to reach international and tourism markets through with a particular inclusion of woman from the cross border region.

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

Total Project Budget

AL -113,838.00 € / MK - 83,470.00 €

Results: Regional Strategy for Cultural Marketing of Korca Region (Bucimas and Voskopoje) and the one of Struga; Promotional materials; Regional Touristic Guide; Artisan incubators established; Three cross regional fairs delivered; Three mini artisan fairs delivered; Workshops, round tables and training session delivered. **Sector of intervention:** Tourism, cultural-natural heritage. Employment. Business promotion. Vulnerable groups.



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

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Regional Development Agency Korca, AL

LP - Foundation for SME development Regional Enterprises Support Centre Bitola, MK

Project aim & Objective: 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. **Results:** interviews conducted; summary and final reports; trainings for SMEs, and consultants; modules for unemployed persons organize; B2U match making events; reduction of the unemployment rate; study tour to AL and MK; SMEs in AL and BSO network visited; policy documents; fair organized; people visited the fair.

Sector of intervention: Employment Competitiveness, capacity building of the SME from the tourism sector.

Total Project Budget

AL - 88,761.00 € / MK - 114.188,50 €

Location: AL – Korca / MK –Southwest and Pelagonija

Project duration (months) - 18



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

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Center for Sustainable Development ALKA, MK
LP - Institute for Democracy and Mediation, AL
Partners: Agritra-vizion 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 €

Project aim & 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.

Results: Developed and Enhanced cooperation and experience exchanged between the two CBC regions related to product branding; 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.

Location: AL–Dibra Region / MK–Polog Region

Sector of intervention: Promotion of regional 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

FLP - Research Centre for Rural Development, AL
LP - The Union of Ecologist Natyra, MK
Partners: Programi Kombetar i Qendrave Rinore, AL; "Kadmi & Harmonia", AL; "Krste Jon", MK

Location: AL – Pogradec, Librazhd / MK – Struga, Ohrid

Project aim & 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. Protected Area Management, Natural resources Management and Tourism Management.

Results: Eco camps organized; 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.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection and education. Natural resources

Project duration (months) - 18

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

FLP - Democratic Integration and Development Center, AL

LP - Centre for Sustainable Community Development, Debar, MK

Location

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

MK – Southwest Region, Commune of Dibra

Project aim & 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. Protected Area Management, Natural resources Management and Tourism Management. **Results:** Environmental infrastructure in the CB area improved and better protected from land erosion and beautified as a result of planting trees on each side of the border. Capacities of local stakeholders on environmental issues increased. Needs of local stakeholders assessed through Needs Assessment Survey.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection and education. Natural resources

Total Project Budget

AL - 123,893.70 € / MK - 90,311.00 €

Project duration (months) - 18



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Cross-border water resource management

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development

Project Partners

FLP - REC - Country Office for MK

Location

AL – Municipality of Peshkopi

MK – Municipality of Dibra

Project aim & Objective: This project recognizes needs expressed by representatives of municipalities and local stakeholders for further development of environmental planning, efficient public participation in decision-making, facilitating environmental investments and improving environmental resource management. Project would open channels of communication and improve cooperation across national borders and among different ethnic groups in MK and AL.

Results: With the procurement of the SCADA equipment water supply systems efficiency was improved, capacities in the Municipalities and Public Communal Enterprises were strengthened and capacity of the stakeholders in the basin for Integrated Water Resource Management Planning was enhanced.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection and education

Total Project Budget: MK - 196,556.25€

Project duration (months) - 18



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

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners: FLP - Hope and Homes, AL

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget: AL - 52,750.00 €

Location: AL – Municipality of Elbasan

Project aim & Objective: 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. **Results:** Situation Analysis Report on Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – the case of Elbasan city; Study report; Booklet; e-forums in the social networks; regional Conference titled “Children with ASD in the city of Elbasan”; promotional materials. **Sector of intervention:** Social inclusion of vulnerable groups.



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

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Educational Centre Elbasan, AL

LP - Centre for Sustainability & Advance Education, MK

Total Project Budget: AL-44,614.50 € / MK-27,534.99 €

Project aim & Objective: Improvement of VET through cross border cooperation between neighboring regions of AL and MK. Improve links between schools and business, curricula's, twinning between schools with cooperation with business and national agencies in the fields of ICT. **Results:** Round tables with VET school managers, local institutions, etc; study visits; promotional materials; Studies of actual situation of the VET and labour market and recommendation for the future of VET **Sector of intervention:** Vocational educational.

Project duration (months) - 12

Location: AL – Elbasan, Korca, Pogradec

MK – Ohrid, Bitola



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

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Center for Civic Initiative, MK

LP - Rehabilitation Center for victims of trauma & torture

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

Project aim & 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. **Results:** Trainings, round table on human rights and mental health in Prison; promotional materials; Comparative Analysis on the Regional recommendations for reintegration of prisoners; study visits, etc.

Project duration (months) - 10

Total Project Budget: AL-41,906.00 € / MK- 58,021.01€

Sector of intervention: Social inclusion



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TITLE OF THE ACTION - Experience the Healthy Rural Life

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners:

FLP - Federation of Farmers of the Republic of Macedonia (MK)

LP - Albanian Agribusiness Council, (AL)

Project duration (months) - 12

Project aim & Objective: Improved quality life of the inhabitants in the cross border area, increased opportunities for economic development in the cross border region. Enhanced rural areas development in the cross border region through promoted agro tourism and high quality food production.

Results: 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.

Total Project Budget:

AL - 137,523.20 € / MK - 161,721.00 €

Location: AL – Elbasan and Dibra region

MK – Polog and Pelagonia region

Sector of intervention: Promoted agro tourism and high quality food production.



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Sustaining rural development in the Deshati mountain range region: Deshati LAGs

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Albanian National Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center, (AL)

LP - Local Community Development Foundation, MK

Total Project Budget

AL - 144,608.36 € / MK - 132,345.40 €

Location

AL– Diber region / MK –Polog and Southwest region

Project aim & Objective: Contributing to the sustainable rural development of the Deshati mountain range region and support the development of rural and mountain tourism in the Deshati mountain range region.

Results: 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.

Project duration (months) - 18

Sector of intervention: Tourism.



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Towards an Alternative Tourism

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Macedonian Enterprise Development Foundation
LP - Partners Albania - Center for change and conflict management

Total Project Budget

AL - 135,191.70 €

MK - 209,994.68 €

Location:

AL – Korça Region, the districts of Korça and Pogradec
MK – Southwest region, Municipalities: Ohrid, Debarca, Struga and Vevcani.

Project duration (months) – 20

Project aim & Objective: Development and implementation of training, educational activities and transfer of know-how, in the fields of tourism and business management" aimed at rural entrepreneurs (family businesses) in the cross-border area.

Results: Identified and developed local tourism products; Developed capacity for tourism; Promoted tourism potential of the region; Improved tourism infrastructure; Exchanged best practices.

Sector of intervention: Tourism, Business promotion.



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Improvement of business cooperation in the cross-border area

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners Information

FLP - Macedonian Chambers of Commerce, (MK)
Lead Partner - Institute for Contemporary Studies, (AL)

Project duration (months) - 20 months

Total Project Budget

AL - 135,191.70 €

MK - 181,124.00 €

Sector of intervention: Business promotion

Project aim & Objective: Support to increasing business cooperation in the CB area between through introducing CB business support platform, increased lobbying & advocacy for improvement of business environment in the cross-border area, promotion of B2B opportunities and cooperation in the cross-border area.

Results: Introduced cross-border business support platform; Increased lobbying & advocacy for improvement of business environment in the cross-border area; Promoted B2B opportunities and cooperation in the cross-border area.

Location:

AL – Korça Region

MK – Polog region



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Virtual Action - Real Result

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - MDC-TI.Net, MK

LP - Foreign Investors Association of Albania, AL

Project duration (months) - 20

Total Project Budget

AL - 124,643.00 € MK - 146,176.00 €

Location:

AL – Korca & Pogradec

MK – Ohrid & Struga municipality

Results: 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;

Project aim & Objective: 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.

Sector of intervention: Business promotion, competitiveness



TITLE OF THE ACTION - PROTECT MARKS OF CBC PRODUCTS

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Economic Chamber of Northwest Macedonia, MK

LP - General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks, AL

Project duration (months) - 18

Total Project Budget

AL – 134,100.16 €

MK - 136.114.70 €

Project aim & Objective: Contribution to increased competitiveness of cross-border businesses through promotion and protection of trademarks and patents. Established platform for promotion of trademark and patent protection, increased understanding of trademark and patent regulations, promoted trademark and patent protection in the CB area.

Results: 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.

Location: AL – Korca & Dibra / MK – Polog and Southwest region

Sector of intervention: Promotion of trademark and patent protection



TITLE OF THE ACTION - PROMOTION OF ECO-PRODUCTS IN THE CROSS-BORDER AREA

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Municipality of Mavrovo and Rostusa, MK

LP - Tjeter Vision, AL

Total Project Budget; AL – 152,060.11 € / MK – NA €

Location: AL – Elbasan Region / MK – Polog region

Project aim & Objective: Contribution and support to economic development of cross-border areas with promotion of organic food production and eco-products. Established eco-markets for local producers and gatherers, improved capacity of local producers and gatherers for eco-products sale and enhanced promotion of eco-products as viable economic generation activity.

Results: 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.

Project duration (months) - 20

Sector of intervention: Business and eco-products promotion



TITLE OF THE ACTION - DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED TOURIST PRODUCT FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF GOSTIVAR & KORCA REGION

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Municipality of Gostivar, MK

LP - Municipality of Korca, AL

Project duration (months) - 20

Total Project Budget:

AL – 239,209.00 € / MK – 244,698.87 €

Location: AL – Korca / MK – Gostivar

Sector of intervention: Tourism

Results: 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; Elective courses introduced with tourism professionals; 10 professional mountain leaders trained; 70 km of trails created in Gostivar; 10 monuments lighted in Korca;

Project aim & Objective: 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.



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Alternative tourism in Dibra

Measure 1.1 – Economic development

Project Partners

FLP - Municipality of Debar, MK

LP - Municipality of Peshkopia, AL

Project duration (months) - 20

Project aim & Objective: The purpose of the project is local and economic development of the Dibra region with construction of sidewalk infrastructure which will provide a good basis for attracting larger numbers of visitors as well as local and foreign investors.

Sector of intervention: Tourism

Total Project Budget: MK – 238,320.00 € / AL – NA €
Location: MK – Municipality of Debar / AL – Peshkopi



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Improvement of national and natural park management in the cross-border area

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development

Project Partners Information

FLP - Public Institution National Park "Mavrovo", MK

LP - Albanian Local Capacity Development Foundation

Project duration (months) - 18

Total Project Budget

AL - 216,862.28 € / MK - 203,335.98 €

Location

AL – National Park Lura and Natural Park Korab-Koritnik

MK – National Parks Mavrovo and Pelister

Project aim & Objective: Contribution to sustainable environmental development by improvement of protection, management and promotion of natural habitats in the cross-border area between Macedonia and Albania. Enhanced protection of national and natural parks in the CB areas between MK and AL.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection of national and natural parks



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

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environmental development

Project Partners

FLP - MDC TI Net., MK

LP - Dorcas Aid International Albania, AL

Total Project Budget

AL - 167,463.88 € / MK - 189,665.00 €

Location

AL – Municipalities of Korca, Pogradec (District of Korca)

MK –Struga and Ohrid (southwest region)

Project aim & Objective: 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.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection; Employment

Project duration (months) - 18



TITLE OF THE ACTION - BLUE&GREEN versus BLACK&GRAY

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development

Project Partners

FLP - CSO "Local Development Agency" Struga, MK
LP - Euro Partners Development, AL

Total Project Budget

AL - 73,752.96 € / MK - 102,680.00 €

Project aim & Objective: 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.

Results: 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 forest management. Local Advisory Groups on Environment established with representation of different stakeholders, actively participating in providing sustainable solutions to their problems.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection. Management of natural resources related to forest and water

Location: AL – Korca Region / MK – Southwest Region

Project duration (months) - 20



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Green schools, Cleaner environment, Healthier life

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environmental development

Project Partners

FLP - Biologist of Albania, AL
LP - Civil Association OXO, MK

Total Project Budget

AL - 114,830.26 €

MK - 93,253.00 €

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection; Energy, waste and water

Project aim & Objective: Improved environmental education of student's in 16 primary and secondary schools in bordering areas between AL and MK, through improved curricula that equips students with better skills in addressing practical environmental problems.

Results: Improved curricula on environmental issues related to energy, waste and water in 16 schools in Albania and Macedonia;

Location:

AL – Regions of Pogradec and Korca

MK – Regions of Struga, Ohrid, Bitola and Pelagonia

Project duration (months) - 18



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Enhancing trans-boundary protection and development of the Jablanica-Shebenik mountain range by active local involvement

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development

Project Partners

FLP - Macedonian Ecological Society, MK
LP - Protection and Preservation of the Natural Environment in Albania, AL

Total Project Budget

AL - 75,130.00 € / MK - 81,837.00 €

Project duration (months) -18

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection and natural resources

Project aim & Objective: 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.

Results: 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.

Location: Jablanica – Shebenik Mountain Range in the south border area between MK and AL



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Increasing energy efficiency and utilization of renewable energy sources in the cross border region

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environment development

Project Partners Information

FLP - Macedonian Center for Energy Efficiency, MK
LP - Albania-EU Energy Efficiency Center, AL

Location:

AL – Korca district

MK – Southwest region

Project aim & Objective: Determining and increasing the utilization of Renewable Energy Sources and the Energy Efficiency in the cross border region. Improving the living and working conditions; Reducing energy poverty, decreasing the CO2 pollution in the cross border region and preservation of the natural resources.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection, Energy Efficiency

Project duration (months) – 18

Total Project Budget

AL - 77,915.77 €

MK - 71,115.00 €



TITLE OF THE ACTION - INITIATIVE TO ENHANCE PUBLIC DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF ENERGY

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environmental development

Project Partners

FLP -. Academy of Political Studies, AL

LP - Center for Research and Policy Making, MK

Total Project Budget

AL – 108,468.91 € / MK - 78,812.54 €

Project duration (months) - 18

Location:

AL –Korca, Pogradec / MK – Bitola, Kicevo

Project aim & Objective: 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.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection, Energy Efficiency



TITLE OF THE ACTION - INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Measure 1.2 – Sustainable environmental development

Project Partners

FLP - COSV - MK

LP - Destination Management Organization AL

Total Project Budget

AL - 108,468.91 €

MK - 181,990.15 €

Project duration (months) - 18

Sector of intervention: Environmental protection

Location: The area of Prespa Lake between Resen, Liqenas and Korce, encompassing Galicica and Prespa

Project aim & Objective: Support to sustainable environmental management of natural resources and pilot practices for improvement of the treatment and quality of water in Prespa Lake Basin and Korce region. Natural system for waste water collection and treatment.

Results: Established sustainable and innovative small scale Reed Beds Techniques as natural system for waste water collection and treatment in the villages Grcari/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.



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Youth without borders

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Coalition of youth organizations SEGA, MK

LP - National Centre for Community Services, AL

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget

AL - 44,179.39 € / MK - 49,424.00 €

Location: AL – Elbasan and Korça Region

MK – Pelagonia region and South-West region

Project aim & Objective: Promotion of an effective collaboration between the civil society actors towards fruitful social development in the CBC region. Supporting the networking process and sustainable partnerships between youth local based organizations in planning and implementation of joint actions within the region

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Youth groups education. Enhancing civil society cooperation



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Youth Empowerment and Employment Generation Project

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Sprint Foundation, AL

LP - Economic Chamber of Northwest Macedonia, MK

Total Project Budget:

AL - 104,959.19 € / MK - 104,878.80 €

Location:

AL – Region of Diber / MK – Southwest Region

Project duration (months) – 14

Project aim & Objective: 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. Enhancing civil society and local government cooperation.

Results: 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; Network youth employment and youth entrepreneurship; Improvement of issues related to work-force development by preparing the youth for the workplace.

Sector of intervention: Social cohesion. Education and employment.



TITLE OF THE ACTION - The use of art where is hard to talk-exchanges between artists working in the social field

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Refraction Association, AL

LP - Association of Artists Cultural Centre Media Artes,

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget

AL - 66,400.00 € / MK - 58,360.22 €

Location;

AL – Korce Pogradec, Diber / MK – Ohrid, Struga

Project aim & Objective: 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 AL and MK.

Results: Network of CSO and artists working with vulnerable groups using art activities: Enhanced professional capacities of artists and raised capacity building of cultural organizations to work with vulnerable people; 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;

Sector of intervention: Cultural. Vulnerable groups



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Education, Employment and Equality for Young People, Vulnerable, Marginalized Groups and Minorities in Elbasan and Bogovinje

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Association for Local Rural Development, MK

LP - Municipality of Elbasan, AL

Total Project Budget

AL - 85,675.00 € / MK - 86,826.76 €

Location: AL –Municipality of Elbasan

MK – Municipality of Bogovinje

Project aim & Objective: Facilitating integration of young people, vulnerable /marginalized and minorities in the selected territory into the labor 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.

Results: Complex Analysis on targeted population, employment service providers, relevant NGOs and local employers; On-the-job-training at the local employers; Website, e-newsletter, promotional materials, project open days for results presentation; Network of stakeholders focused on follow up actions, long-term cooperation and information flow.

Project duration (months) - 15

Sector of intervention: Cultural; Employment; Vulnerable groups



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Days of Roma culture

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Initiative for Social Change, MK

LP - Emmanuel Mission, AL

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget

AL - 43,266.00 € / MK - 47,684.00 €

Location: AL – Korca / MK – Gostivar, Prilep, Bitola

Project aim & Objective: 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. Cultural and traditional values.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Social integration. Marginalized groups.



TITLE OF THE ACTION - Preservation of the unique heritage and cultural exchange between Bilisht and Brvenica

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP - Municipality of Bilisht, AL

LP - Municipality of Brvenica, MK

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget: AL-50,637.83 € / MK-49,918.00 €

Location: AL – Municipality of Bilisht

MK – Municipality of Brvenica

Project aim & Objective: The identification, documentation, and promotion of distinct items, practices, and traits of cultural heritage, and to establish conditions for sustainable development of cultural diversity, culture of ethnic groups, to institutionalize the cooperation in the field of promotion of cultural diversity through the establishment of systematic approach, etc

Results: Created conditions for continuous improvement and gaining new knowledge for old traditions; Documented cultural heritage for both municipalities and neighboring areas; explored the cultural diversity in the region; promoted culture of the various ethnic groups that cohabitate in the CBC region.

Sector of intervention: Promotion of distinct items, practices, and traits of cultural heritage



TITLE OF THE ACTION - WORLD HERITAGE IN YOUNG HANDS - TOGETHER PROTECTING OUR CULTURE AND NATURE

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP – Une Gruaja, AL

LP - Local Development Agency - Struga, MK

Project duration (months) - 12

Total Project Budget

AL- 65,149.10 € / MK - 65,214.50 €

Location:

AL – Pogradec, Korca / MK – Polog, Southwest region

Project aim & Objective: Implement the world renowned World Heritage in Young Hands (WHYH) programme as an intercultural collaborative activity in schools of the region. AL and MK high school youth learn to value diversity and protect the worlds and their own cultural and natural heritage; Teachers are better prepared to foster intercultural collaboration and understanding.

Results: 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.

Sector of intervention: Cultural and natural heritage



TITLE OF THE ACTION - WATCH - WOMEN AND THEATRE CREATION HUB

Measure 1.3 – Social cohesion

Project Partners

FLP – Municipality of Tetovo, MK

LP - Municipality of Korca, AL

Total Project Budget:

AL-60.000.00 € / MK-80,000.00 €

Location: AL – Korca, Pogradec, Cerrik, Elbasan, Diber, Librazhd, Gramsh

MK – Tetovo, Prilep, Struga, Ohrid, Gostivar, Debar, Zelino

Project duration (months) – 18

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; stronger impact of the artistic activities on the social and economic development; further specialization of the workforce; improvement of the social and intercultural dialogue; good promotion and image of women artists.

Sector of intervention: Cultural, social inclusion of women

Project aim & Objective: 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. To improve the social dialogue and to develop the sensitiveness towards an active citizenship.



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