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M-r Lirim Shabani
Minister of Local Self
Government

Respected,

Ministry of Local Self Government with the support of the European Union manages implementation of the Cross-border cooperation Programmes including the Cross-border Cooperation Programme with Albania as a key instrument for development of the region.

Programme implementation so far counts 3 Call for Proposals, with total number of 266 project proposals, out of which 51 joint projects between partners of the two countries have signed contracts with the respected contracting authority.

The total amount of allocated funds for grants was 9.540.000 Euro, out of which 7.292.732,85 Euro were contracted for projects implemented in both countries.

I express my gratitude to the European Delegation, which constantly gives strong support with concrete knowledge and experience in the development, management and implementation of IPA CBC Programmes. As a result of this support, we have established a real cross-border cooperation between partners, and achieved excellent and fruitful results in past years.

The operating structures of both countries, the Ministry of Local Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the Ministry of Integration of the Republic of Albania responsible for implementation for this CBC Programme have successfully completed the programming process of the new IPA Cross-border Cooperation between Macedonia and Albania 2014-2020, which has been approved by the EU end of the previous year December 2014. Ministry of Local Government will continue in the future to fully commit to the successful implementation of the Programme and to strengthen good neighborly relations by stimulating cooperation across the border.

This publication presents the enthusiasm in implementation of the joint projects with the partners from Albania, with the support of the EU Delegation and the Ministry of Local Self Government.

Thank you to all who have shown interest in getting involved in activities carried out under this Programme, for helping us to successfully accomplish our mission. For everyone involved in implementation of this Programme wish a successful work and collaboration.

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Minister of Local Self Government



ACRONYMS

IPA	Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance
CBC	Cross-Border Co-operation
MoE	Minister of European Integration
OS	Operating Structure
JTS	Joint Technical Secretariat
NGOs	Non Governmental Organisations

CSOs	Civil Societies Organisations
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
VET	Vocational Educational Training
EU	European Union
CB	Cross Border
RES	Renewable Energy Sources
EE	Energy Efficiency

INTRODUCTION

The cross-border programme between Republic of Macedonia and Republic of Albania 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.

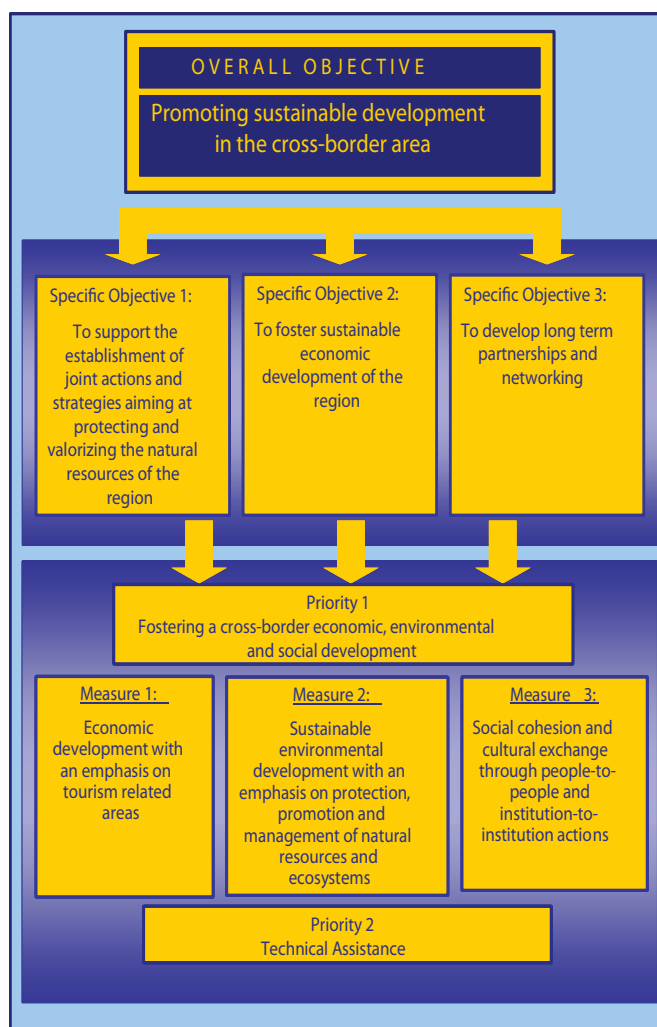
The objective of the cross-border programme is to promote good neighbourly relations, foster stability, security and prosperity, which is in the mutual interest of both countries, and encourage their harmonious, balanced and sustainable development.



The Map and the Description of the Eligible Areas

PRIORITIES AND MEASURE

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



PROGRAMME STRUCTURES

1.1 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES AT NATIONAL LEVEL

Each country has designated National IPA Coordinator.

In Republic of Macedonia, the Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs is designated as the National IPA Coordinator, who acts as the representative of the country vis-a-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 (MoEI).

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.

1.2 OPERATING STRUCTURES

The cross-border programme shall be implemented by the Operating Structure (OS) which is designated in each country. These are:

Republic of Macedonia
Ministry of Local Self Government

Republic of Albania
Ministry of European Integration

Operating Structure of each country cooperates closely in the programming and implementation of the relevant cross-border programmes. The OSs are responsible for the implementation of the programme in their respective country.

1.3 JOINT TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

Joint Technical Secretariat – Struga (JTS) 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, Republic of Macedonia. It has an Antenna in Elbasan, Albania.

The Joint Technical Secretariat is the administrative body of the programme responsible for its day-to-day management.

Republic of Macedonia

Joint Technical Secretariat Struga

Republic of Albania

Antenna Elbasan

1.4 CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES

In both countries, the European Union will be the Contracting Authority.

Republic of Macedonia

Delegation of the European Union

Republic of Albania

Delegation of the European Union

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.

1.5 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 Neighbourhood 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.



PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Under the implementation of this programme there were launched three Call for Proposals:

1st Call for Proposals – the overall indicative amount available under the 1st Call for Proposals was €1.020.000 (out of which €680,000 for the Republic of Macedonia and €340,000 for Republic Albania). In the Republic of Macedonia were signed 14 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the Delegation of the European Union in the Republic of Macedonia in total amount of €571,270.46. In the Republic of Albania were signed 15 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Albania in total amount of €527,139.41. For the Republic of Albania 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.

2nd Call for Proposals – the overall indicative amount available under the 2nd 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 the Republic of Macedonia were signed 8 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the Delegation of the European Union in the Republic of Macedonia in total amount of €662,447.46. In the Republic of Albania were signed 8 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Albania in total amount of €581,740.46.

3rd Call for Proposals – the overall indicative amount available under the 3rd Call for proposals was €4,995,000 (out of which €2,700,000 for the Republic of Macedonia and €2,295,000 for Republic of Albania). In the Republic of Macedonia were signed 25 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and Delegation to the European Union in the Republic of Macedonia in total amount of €2,680,203.00. In the Republic of Albania were signed 24 grant agreements between grant beneficiaries and the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Albania in total amount of €2,262.095.00.

Projects awarded under the 1st Call for proposals of the IPA Cross-border

Programme Republic of Macedonia – Republic of Albania:

Disability and Prevention

The project aim was to contribute to the prevention of disability, through workshops and materials on relevant issues related to early prevention, detection, treatment and rehabilitation. The specific objective was to improve the quality of life of the disabled people and their families, indirect stimulation of the work of institutions dealing with the disabled, as well as increased level of education of the target group and development of joint strategies between the Republic of Macedonia and Albania. The project contributed to the social inclusion and better understanding of the people with intellectual disability in this region.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 55,591.58**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 40,064.01**



Location

Macedonia – Struga, Southwest region

Albania – Elbasan, Librazhd

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Poraka Nova – Macedonia,

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Lead Partner:

Defending the rights of people with disabilities (MEDPACK) – Albania,

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Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups through Joint Cross-Border Initiatives in the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania

The aim of the project was to increase the capacities of local governments in designing and implementing the Local Strategy and Action Plan for Employment, and initiating sustainable partnerships through the Regional Network for Employment Development. The project contributed to the incensement of the social integration of marginalised groups in the cross-border communities of the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania through developing and implementing strategies, action plans and employment programmes. The final result was to initiate sustainable partnerships for the capacity building of grassroots NGOs and marginalised youth groups to cope with the entrepreneurship and free-market possibilities of both cross-border areas.

Project Duration (months): 8

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 52,922.20

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 49,858.00



Location

Macedonia – Prilep

Albania – Elbasan, Librazhd

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Centre for Civic Initiative – Macedonia,
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Lead Partner:

National association of social workers – Albania,
Eliona Kuluri, info@nasw-albanian.com

Establishment of a Cross-Border Institutionalized Partnership in a People-to-People Approach

Contribution to the promotion of sustainable development in the cross-border area was the aim of the action. Through presentation of mechanisms and instruments was established and developed a long-term partnerships and networking between university communities, local government, and civil society organizations in the cross-border area.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 53,437.50

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 53,064.38



Location

Macedonia – Gostivar, Tetovo

Albania – Elbasan

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

CSD Alka – Macedonia,
Gjorgi Velkovski, gjorgi.velkovski@alka.org.mk



Business without Borders

The project goal was to contribute to a wider economic development of the cross-border area of the south-west region in the Republic of Macedonia (Struga, Ohrid, Zajas, Debar municipality) and Korca region in the Republic of Albania (Pogradec and Korca municipalities). The project established interactive communication between representatives of Economic Chambers of Albania (Tirana-Korca) and the Macedonian Chambers (OEMVP). By achieving this kind of communication, the project created a possibility for mutual introduction of best practices that both Chambers shared, and thereby established a lasting cross-border partnership. This was done through identifying differences in these practices, as well as recommendations for improving them and defining the cooperation between the Chambers. The resulting partnership contributed to further regional development by using a new tool of cross-border cooperation.

Project Duration (months): 10

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 56,548.40**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 48,523.97**



Location

Macedonia – Struga, Ohrid, Debara, Zajas

Albania – Korce, Pogradec

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Economic Chamber of North-West Macedonia (OEMVP) – Macedonia,

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Lead Partner:

Chamber of commerce and industry – Albania,

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Capacity Building for the Cross-Border Communities for Improved Environment Governance

The overall objective of the project was to improve the perception and implementation of environmental protection standards. Specific activities included spreading the network of cross-border participants and relevant institutions, associations, and groups, as well as training and promoting community resources and partnerships. Within this framework, the project increased the knowledge and perception of environmental protection in line with European standards, as well as to support and build the capacities of community members, organisations and local authorities from both sides of the border. The results led to a responsible management of natural resources at the community level in the bordering municipalities of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Macedonia.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 56,201.96**



Location

Macedonia – Debar, Kicevo, Ohrid, Struga

Albania – Peshkopi, Kolonje, Bulqize, Korce

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

National Centre for Community Services – Albania,

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Women Crossing Borders for Change

This project aimed to enable and speed-up the social integration of unemployed women of all ages by increasing their capacities for employment and focusing on equal opportunities for women in the very patriarchal and conservative urban and rural areas in the cross-border region. Leadership and management training, exchange of experience, study trips, educational activities, as well as cross-border meetings activities were organised. Final result was increased awareness and interest within the local and national organisations of the problems of social injustice of unemployed women.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 31,704.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 32,130.00**



Location

Macedonia – Struga, Vevcani

Albania – Korce

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Local Development Agency – Macedonia,
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Lead Partner:

CSO Une Gruaja – Albania,
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Working in the Rural Areas, Investing in the Future

This project aimed to improve the economic situation in the cross-border region between the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Macedonia and increase the incomes in the region. Improved the economic situation in the rural areas by developing and promoting rural tourism in Gorna Belica, Visni, Vevcani and Dardha was the overall objective of the action. The action contributed to the promotion of the villages and cultural heritage through build up capacities of the local touristic facilities.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 46,692.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 39,732.58**



Location

Macedonia – Gorna Belica, Visni, Vevcani

Albania – Dardha

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Tabita Foundation – Albania,
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Lead Partner:

Parumba – Macedonia,
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Enhancing Awareness and Organization of Awareness Campaigns on Environment Protection in the Area of Shebenik–Jablanica Trans–Border Park

The project aimed to increase the awareness and participation of local community organisations in better management and protection of the Shebenik–Jablanica National Park and other natural resources. The project was focused on mechanisms for further development by creating cooperation partnerships between NGOs on a trans–border level: Aurora association, Communal Forest and Pastures Users Associations, Local Government Units, District Forest Service, etc. The action resulted with raised public awareness and supported community action for the protection and management of the park and natural resources.

Project Duration (months): 11

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 31,250.31

Location

Albania – Elbasan, Librazhd, Stebleva, Qender, Rajce

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Aurora OJF– Albania,
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Cross–Border Civil Society Forum

In order to contribute to the strengthening of the role of CSOs in the sustainable development in the cross–border region, this project aim was to create an open atmosphere for the exchange of experience, to stimulate free communication and better dialogue in order to motivate mutual understanding and coordination, and increase the cooperation and partnership–building among CSOs. The project raised the awareness of communities at large in the cross–border region about the activities of the CSOs, grounds of their actions, their goals, values and stances. This resulted with an improved broader regional cooperation on specific issues of common interest.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 58,046.00

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 44,353.53

Location

Macedonia – Southwest, Polog
Albania – Dibra, Elbasan

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Macedonian Center for International
Cooperation – Macedonia,
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Lead Partner:

Instituti per demokraci dhe ndermjetesim –
Albania,
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Building a Pathway Together for Employment Opportunities in the Cross-Border Area

The project was focused on improving and developing services on the market in order to create better employment opportunities in the cross-border area. The plan was to create a wider and closer cooperation between the participants who work in employment and professional education fields on a regional level. The Job business centre was created and new services as a business support environment for unemployed people were provided.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 52,183.50** – MK

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 49,940.00** – AL



Location

Macedonia – Ohrid, Struga

Albania – Korce

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Dorcas Aid International – Albania,

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Lead Partner:

Foundation for Support of Enterprises Ohrid – Macedonia,

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

The aim of the project was to improve sustainable management of natural resources between the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania. The project identified the problems related to natural resources in the cross-border region, and also developed a Decision Support System based on information and communication technology. This system has an impact on the efficiency of the decision-making process, involving three sectors: local authorities, NGOs and business organizations.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 43,040.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 23,090.00**



Location

Macedonia– Bitola (Pelagonia), Resen

Albania – Pogradec

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Institute for New Technologies, Innovations and Knowledge Transfer “Carl Friedrich Gauss” (Bitola) – Macedonia,

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Lead Partner:

Nehemia Foundation – Albania,

Mangalina Cane, Nehemia@nehemia-al.org



Cross-Border Shared Integrated Alternative Tourism

The overall objective of this project was to support the economic development of small infrastructure and tourism activities, with focus on eco-tourism in the cross-border region, as well as to launch regional cooperation in tourism. A group of trained tourism professionals was created with aim to contribute to the development of small businesses and the tourism offer in the region. The project implemented “people-to-people” actions that had an impact on cross-border business cooperation.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 49,995.00

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 49,992.14



Location

Macedonia – Krushevo, Pelagonia

Albania – Pogradec

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

ORT Training for Sustainable Development – Macedonia,

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Lead Partner:

Local economical development agency (AULEDA) – Albania,

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Promoting Business Women Enterprises in the Cross-Border Area

Increase the business capacities of 30–40 business women in the cross-border area and promote their businesses for further development was the aim of the project. By using capacity-building programmes, promotional activities and networking, the project developed cooperation and commercial exchange between women-owned business companies in the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Macedonia. This resulted with increased promotion of business women (SMSs) in the cross border area.

Project Duration (months): 9

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 30,166.00

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 35,704.95



Location

Albania – Pogradec

Macedonia – Struga

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Centre for change and conflict management – AL,

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Lead Partner:

Macedonian Enterprise Development Foundation – MK,

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Assistance Provision for Children with Speech and Language Difficulties

Improvement of the life quality of children with speech and language difficulties in the Republic of Albania, with a special focus on 3–6 year-olds in the Elbasan region was the goal of the project. Several activities were undertaken to educate society on how these difficulties occur, what the statistics show and what the available services are in Albania and the neighbouring countries, as well as raising the awareness of how to identify and support children who may have speech, language and communication difficulties. The end result was expanded abilities of the Albanian society to offer these children an easier way to communicate with their surroundings.

Project Duration (months): 9

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 51,875.00



Location

Albania– Elbasan, Cerrik, Librazhd, Gramsh, Peqin

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Hope and Homes – Albania,
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Contribution to the Biodiversity and Enhancement of Regional Cooperation in the Pelagonija/Prespa–Ohrid Trans–Boundary Region

The goal of this project was 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. Through customized national parks' promotional material in accordance with visitor profiles, distribution of the promotional material to a wide range of customer service providers, improved the connectivity between the national parks, as well as between development agencies was created a cooperation platform for customer service providers in the region. As a result was established a data base for natural values and services in the Ohrid-Prespa region.

Project Duration (months): 7

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 42,819.00



Location

Macedonia – Bitola, Resen
Albania – Korca

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Pelagonija Regional Development Agency –
PREDA – Macedonia,
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Borders without Boundaries

The overall objective was to create new relations and networks as the most important tools for exchanging experience and define development strategies between the municipalities of Korca in the Republic of Albania, and Bitola in the Republic of Macedonia. The project created social cohesion among the youth from the two cities and helped the people to overcome all prejudices about the way of life and culture in the neighbouring country. The project has used the cultural and historical heritage, as well as new media products, to achieve the final result which was creation of presentation of the two cities' potentials and specificities for the general public.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 83,550.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 25,690.00**



Location

Macedonia – Bitola

Albania– Korce

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

Municipality of Korca:
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Action on Entrepreneurship Business Support and Development of Cross-Border Cooperation

This project contributed towards cooperation development between small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the cross-border region. Several actions were implemented to improve commercial exchange and economic relations between the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Albania by creating cross-border 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. The project activities reflected at enhanced capacities for entrepreneurs' development and also creating opportunities for establishing contacts, assistance, communication and strengthening relationships between.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 54,850.10**



Location

Macedonia – Kichevo

Albania – Korca

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Regional Enterprise Support Centre Bitola –
Macedonia,

Simeon Petrov, sime.petrov@gmail.com



Projects awarded under the 2nd Call for proposals of the IPA Cross-border Programme Republic of Macedonia – Republic of Albania:

Cross border cooperation for Improvement of VET

The objective of this project was to contribute to the improvement of vocational educational and training (VET) through cross border cooperation between neighbouring regions of Albania and Macedonia. The realization of this project resulted with: development of Study for 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, performed training course for 20-30 teachers in oriented competence education and training course for 50-60 teachers in ICT, improved curricula and developed three vocational text books.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 27,534.99

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 44,614.50



Location

Macedonia – Ohrid, Struga, Bitola
Albania – Elbasan, Korca, Pogradec

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Educational Centre Elbasan – Albania,
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Lead Partner:

Centre for Sustainability and Advance
Education – Macedonia,
Igor Mishevski, igor@csae.mk.

Strengthening Education and Training Capacity on Natural Resource Conservation in Ohrid – Prespa Basins

The project aim was to improve professional performance in environmental education contributing to a sustainable economic development of the cross border area of South-West region in Macedonia and Korca and Elbasan regions in Albania. The specific objectives of Build TRACA (Environmental Educational Network) were to 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, and promote joint activities.

Project Duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 121.519.96

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 147.236.00



Location

Macedonia – South-West Region, towns of
Struga and Ohrid
Albania – Korca region, town of Pogradec;
Elbasan region and town of Librazhd

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Research Centre for Rural Development, Albania,
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Lead Partner:

The Union of the Ecologists“Natyra”– NGO, Macedonia,
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Strengthening the SME Sector in the cross border region

The overall objective of the project was 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. The project was focused on 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 and strengthening the institutional infrastructure and establishment of public-private dialogue for improving the local economic development.

Project Duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 114,188.50**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 81,661.00**



Location

Macedonia – Bitola, Prilep, Ohrid, Struga and Kicevo
Albania – Korca and Pogradec

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Foundation for small and medium sized enterprises development Regional Enterprises Support Centre Bitola, Macedonia,
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Lead Partner:

Regional Development Agency Korca, Albania,
Aurel Grabocka, rdakorca@yahoo.com

Dibra Region Environment Promotion Project (DREPP)

The goal of this project was to contribute at protecting, promoting and managing sustainable environmental development in the cross-border area through support of joint initiatives. The specific objective of the project was 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 Albania and Commune of Dibra in Macedonia).

Project Duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 90,311.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 123,893.70**



Location

Macedonia – Southwest Region, Municipality of Debar
Albania– Dibra Region, Districts of Dibra, Burrel and Bulqize.

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Democratic Integration and Development Center, Kukës (DIDC) – Albania,
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Lead Partner:

Centre for Sustainable Community Development, Debar (CSCD) – Macedonia,
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Cross-border water resource management

The project guided two cross-border municipalities in Macedonia and Albania towards prudent use of water resources and increased awareness of the communities for sustainable living and behaviour. 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.

Project Duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 196,556.25



Location

Macedonia – South west region – municipality of Debar

Albania– District of Diber – Municipality of Peshkopi.

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Branding: Paving the Path for Promoting and Protecting Local Products in the Cross-Border Region

The project goal was contribute to the rural economic development of the CBC Area through promotion of regional products branding (sheep cheese, kaskaval (yellow cheese) and lamb meat but also some fruits and vegetables (such as apples, cherries plumps, beans, forest nuts, medicinal herbs). Specific objective of the project were: 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 and established cross-border cooperation and coordination of CBC channels related to promotion of regional products.

Project Duration (months): 15

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 96,413.25

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 88,761.00



Location

Macedonia – Polog Region, Municipalities – Gostivar and Mavrovo and Rostuse

Albania– Dibra Region– Communes of Maqellare, Melan, Tomin, Kastriot, Slllove, Kala e Dodes.

Project partners

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Lead Partner:

Institute for Democracy and Mediation – Albania, Sotirag Hroni, shroni@idmalbania.org



Social inclusion of persons who served prison sentence

This action responded to the common needs identified in the targeted countries, Macedonia and Albania, regarding the social inclusion of the marginalized groups – prisoners and the need for improvement of the prisons conditions in the cross-border region. Cross border cooperation was established between institutions – prisons and human rights NGOs in favour of partnerships for quality reintegration of prisoners as one of the priorities for EU accession.

Project Duration (months): 10

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 58,021.01

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 41,906.00



Location

Macedonia – Prilep, Bitola

Albania– Korca

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

Albanian Rehabilitation Center for victims of trauma and torture – Albania,

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Empowerment of women in touristic areas through handcrafting production

This project has contributed to the promotion of sustainable economic growth and attractiveness of the Albanian Korca Region and Macedonian Struga Region. Several activities that have been implemented under this project resulted with: enhanced capacities and cross border cooperation 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 the creation of three artisan business incubators and a series of trainings that were conducted with a particular inclusion of woman from the cross border region.

Project Duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 83,470.00

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 113,838.00



Location

Macedonia – Region of Struga, Kalishta Village

Albania – Region of Korca, Tushemisht Village, Voskopoja Village

Project partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

Women Association “Aureola” – Macedonia,

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Enable new forms of services for children with autism spectrum disorders

The overall objective of this proposal was 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.

Project Duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 52,750.00



Location

Albania – Municipality of Elbasan

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Hope and Homes – Albania,
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Projects awarded under the 3rd Call for proposals of the IPA Cross-border Programme Republic of Macedonia – Republic of Albania:

Experience the Healthy Rural Life

The overall objective of the project is to improve quality life of the inhabitants in the cross border area and increased opportunities for economic development in the cross border region. The aim is to enhance rural areas development in the cross border region through promoted agro tourism and high quality food production. The action 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, explored possibilities and promoted agro tourism potential in the cross border region. In this regard was establish Rural training centre within the Municipality of Gostivar, were performed several exchange visits of rural women and young farmers in Macedonia and Albania and created and distributed broshure with the title “Experience the Healthy Rural Life”.

Project Duration (months): 20

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 161,721.00

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 137,523.20



Location

MK – Polog region/Gostivar, Tetovo, Vrapcishte and Pelagonia region

AL – Elbasan region/Elbasan, Librazhd, Gramsh and Dibra region/Diber and Burrel

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

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Sustaining rural development in the Deshati mountain range region: Deshati LAGs

Overall objective of the project is to contribute to the sustainable rural development of the Deshati mountain range region. The aim was to establish two Local Action Groups and develop Strategies of tourism development for the Deshati mountain range region. The households involved in rural/mountainous tourism have increased their capacity in service provision, the coordination of touristic offer from two sides of the border has improved, as well as the cooperation between local actors across the border was promoted. Result of the project is re-adopted hiking path 17.5 km both sides of the border, as well as set up of info tables along the path.

Project duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 144,608.36**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 132,345.40**



Location

AL– Peshkopi, Melan, Maqellare, Tomin, Kala e Dodes, Slllove - Diber region

MK – Mavrovo & Rostusha, Gostivar (Polog region) and Debar (South-west region)

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner

Local Community Development Foundation, MK
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Partner: Association Center for Sustainable Community Development

Improvement of business cooperation in the cross-border area

The overall objective of the project was to contribute to economic development in the cross-border area. Increasing business cooperation in the cross-border (CB) area between Macedonia and Albania was the aim of the action. This project introduced cross-border business support platform, increased lobbying & advocacy for improvement of business environment in the cross-border area and promote B2B opportunities and cooperation in the cross-border area.

Project duration (months): 20 months

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 181,124.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 135,191.70**



Location

MK – Polog region

AL – Korça Region

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

Institute for Contemporary Studies AL

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Partner: Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Albania, AL



Towards an Alternative Tourism

The overall objective of the project was to contribute to “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. Small-scale infrastructure improvements were performed like putting up map signs for tourism attractions and video ads (1 regional and 1 for Southwest region) were produced about the touristic attractions of each part of the region and promoted on local and national TV stations. This project contributed to the identification and development of local tourism products, development of the capacity for tourism, promotion of the tourism potential of the region, improving tourism infrastructure and exchange of best practices.

Project duration (months): 20

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 209,994.68**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 117,141.11**

Location

MK – Southwest region, Municipalities: Ohrid, Debarca, Struga and Vevcani

AL – Korça Region, the districts of Korça and Pogradec

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

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Partner: Center for change and conflict management, AL



Virtual Action - Real Result

The overall objective of the project was to create favourable 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. The aim was to support to the active business sector in order to meet the new conditions and challenges in the economy through modern tools widely dispersed globally. The assignment contributed to the improvement of competitiveness and attractiveness of the companies through creation, promotion and utilization of inventory: Data Base and Virtual Software (<http://traveltomkal.com/>), including Manual, Marketing Strategy, Raised awareness and capacity building on competitiveness and improving standards (including appropriate behaviour) for more effective production, delivering services and work in general through organisation of several trainings.

Project duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 146,176.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 124,643.00**



Location:

MK – Ohrid & Struga municipality

AL – Korca & Pogradec

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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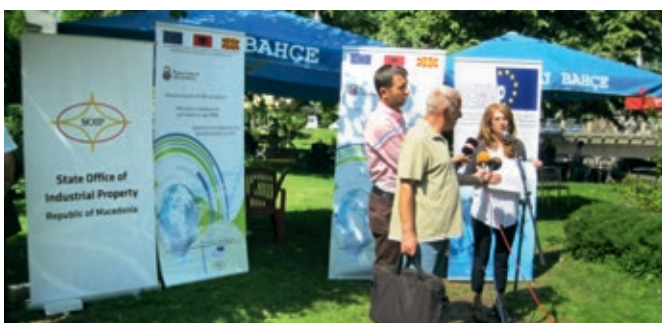
Protect marks of CBC Product

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to increased competitiveness of cross-border businesses through promotion and protection of trademarks and patents. The aim is to protect local trademarks and patents of businesses in the cross-border (CB) area. This project will establish platform for promotion of trademark and patent protection in CB area and improve understanding of trademark and patent regulations in the region.

Project duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 136,114.70**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 134,100.16**



Location:

MK – Polog and Southwest region

AL – Korca & Dibra

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Economic Chamber of Northwest Macedonia, MK

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Partners: State Office of Industrial Property - SOIP

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General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks, AL

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Promotion of eco-products in the cross-border area

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to economic development of cross-border areas with promotion of organic food production. The aim is to support the development and promotion of eco-products in the cross-border area. This project will establish eco-markets for local producers and gatherers, and will improve capacity of local producers and gatherers for eco-products sale and enhance promotion of eco-products as viable economic generation activity.

Project duration (months): 20

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 181,210.09**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 152,060.11**



Location:

MK – Polog region

AL – Elbasan Region

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

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Partner: Gjinar Commune

Development of integrated tourist products for sustainable economic growth of Gostivar and Korca Region

The overall objective of the project is 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. The aim is to assess 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 as well as promotion of an integrated tourist product.

Project duration (months): 20

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 244,698.87**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 239,209.00**



Location

MK – Gostivar

AL – Korca

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

Municipality of Korca, AL

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Improvement of national and natural park management in the cross-border area

The overall objective of the project was to contribute to sustainable environmental development by improvement of protection, management and promotion of natural habitats in the cross-border area between Macedonia and Albania. The aim was to enhance protection of national and natural parks in the cross-border areas between Macedonia and Albania. Procurement of GIS system and GPS devices in national parks Mavrovo and Pelister in Macedonia and national park Lura and natural park Korab-Koritnik in Albania was purchased in order to contribute to better management of the national parks. In this regard, were organized trainings on GIS management for the employees from the national parks.

Project duration (months) - 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 203,335.98**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 216,862.28**



Location

MK – National Parks Mavrovo and Pelister

AL – National Park Lura and Natural Park Korab-Koritnik

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Public Institution National Park “Mavrovo”, MK

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Lead Partner:

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Partner: Directorate of Forest Service, AL

BLUE&GREEN versus BLACK&GRAY

The overall objective of the project is to facilitate effective and responsible use of the water and forest resources in the cross-border region around Ohrid Lake, thus enhancing the sustainable development in the area. The aim is 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, local and central authorities responsible for the management of forest and water resources on the importance of their sustainable use. Implementation of this project

Project duration (months) - 20

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 102,680.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 73,752.96**

Location

MK – Southwest Region

AL – Korca Region

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

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will increase information accessibility of the relevant stakeholders in the cross border area of Ohrid Lake, on management of natural resources related to forest and water, rural communities. Web page for the project has been created [http:// "bg-bg.org"/](http://bg-bg.org/) with all the necessary information related on water and forest initiatives about the sustainable use of these resources. Also it was prepared study "Integrated Ecosystem Approach for the Lake Ohrid Basin as a Tool for Conservation and Protection of Natural resources".

Increasing energy efficiency and utilization of renewable energy sources in the cross border region

This project objective was 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. The aim of the project was to improve the living and working conditions , to reduce energy poverty, decrease the CO2 pollution in the cross border region, promote utilization of RES and EE measures in the cross border region, as well as preserve natural resources. This project raised awareness of the general population about EE, built capacity of the local administration and determined potential for utilization of renewable energy sources and implementation of energy efficiency measures. As a final result of this project was prepared "Study for potential of the energy efficiency and utilization of the renewable energy sources in the cross border region".

Location

MK – Southwest region

AL – Korca district

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner

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Project duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 71,115.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 77,915.77**



Green schools, Cleaner environment, Healthier life

Overall objective contributed to increase awareness and understanding of the young generation in the cross-border areas between Albania and Macedonia on environmental development issues and influence their friendly behaviour towards the protection, promotion and management of natural resources. The aim of the action was to improve environmental education of students' in 16 primary and secondary schools in the border areas between Albania and Macedonia, through improved curricula that equips students with better skills in addressing practical environmental problems. Implementation of the projects contributed to improvement of the curricula on environmental issues related to energy, waste and water in 16 schools in Albania and Macedonia;

Project duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 114,830.26

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 93,253.00



Location

AL – Regions of Pogradec and Korca

MK – Regions of Struga, Ohrid, Bitola and Pelagonia

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Civil Association OXO, MK

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

Overall objective was to contribute to the promotion of best practices on sustainable use of natural resources in 5 communes of Jablanica – Shebenik trans-boundary mountain range. The aim was 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. This project increased awareness on the need for a sustainable use of natural resources of Jablanica-Shebenik Mountain, contributed to the exchange of experiences and partnerships in the cross-border region among local authorities, harmonized and increased management standards and policies, promoted and stimulated alternative environmental friendly practices and Young people are in nature preservation.

Project duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 81,837.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 75,130.00**

Location:

Jablanica – Shebenik Mountain Range in the south border area between Macedonia and Albania

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Macedonian Ecological Society, MK

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Partner: EuroNatur

Lead Partner:

Protection and Preservation of the Natural Environment in Albania, AL

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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

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, aluminium waste and waste glass) recycling program, that includes poor informal waste collectors, in CBC region in Albania and Macedonia. The aim of the action is establishing effective and economically viable model of recycling in the cross border region and generate income and employment for informal waste collectors through establishing recycling yards and enable formal, safe and sustainable employment. Added value to the project is the inclusion of the Roma people as informal waste collectors on both sides of the borders. In the framework of the project will be provided safety clothing and tricycles for the waste collectors, bailing machine, building recycle yards and purchase of containers.

Project duration (months) - 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 189,665.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 167,463.88**



Location

MK –Struga and Ohrid (southwest region)

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

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Partner: Petra

Lead Partner:

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Partner: RDA



Initiative to Enhance Public Dialog on Sustainable Use of Energy

The overall objective of the project is 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. The aim is 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. This project will contribute to increasing capacities of 4 municipalities (Korca, Pogradec, Bitola, Kicevo) and other local stakeholders on EE issues and across borders, established platforms for actions, set up a long-term dialogue on EE issues and its implementation at local level, as well as increase awareness on EE issues and its implementation.

Project duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 108,468.91**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 78,812.54**



Location

AL –Korca, Pogradec

MK – Bitola, Kicevo

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

Center for Research and Policy Making, MK

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Innovative Practices in Environmental protection

The Overall objective is support to sustainable environmental management of natural resources in Prespa Lake Basin and Korce region. The aim of the action is to support pilot practices for improvement of the treatment and quality of water in Prespa Lake Basin and Korce region. Expected results of the project are: Installed automatic agro meteorological stations in Podmocani and annual maintenance of existing software for processing collected data of the AM Stations, Established sustainable and innovative small scale Reed Beds Techniques as natural

Project duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 181,990.15**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 175,266.00**

Location:

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

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Comitato di Coordinamento delle Organizzazioni per il Servizio Volontario - MK

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Lead Partner:

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Partners: Municipality Liqenas; Transborder Wildlife (TWA); University “Fan S. Noli”



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.



Youth without borders

The overall objective of the project was to promote effective collaboration between the civil society actors towards fruitful social development in the CBC region. The aim was 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. The project created informal network of youth CSOs from the CBC region, strengthened organizational and programme capacities of the youth organizations through training process, initiated sharing positive practices and knowledge on successful programme and organizational management between youth CSOs in the region and established partnerships for joint projects that target young people under the EU programmes.

Project duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 49,424.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 44,179.39**

Location

MK – Pelagonia region and South-West region
AL – Elbasan and Korça Region

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Lead Partner:

National Centre for Community Services, AL
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Youth Empowerment and Employment Generation Project

The overall objective was 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. The aim is to support 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. This project provided 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, Labour Offices) in long term, built Network through promotion of public – private partnerships to enhance youth employment and youth entrepreneurship and improved issues related to work-force development by preparing the youth for the workplace according to different local, regional, national and cross border specific needs.

Project duration (months): 14

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 104,959.19**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 104,878.80**



Location

AL – Region of Diber

MK – Southwest Region

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Partners: Albanian National Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center, AL

Lead Partner:

Economic Chamber of Northwest Macedonia, MK

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Partner: PREDA plus, MK

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

The overall objective was 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

Project duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 66,400.00**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 58,360.22**



Macedonia. This project established 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 cultural organizations to work with vulnerable people through structural trainings on social sculpture, developed and deliver publications and organized pilot activities with trained artists in each partner country to enhance exchange, knowledge and dialogue between cultural organizations and artists in AL and MK with EU countries such as Sweden. As a final result of this project was publication of a guide –“The use of art in work with vulnerable groups”.

Location;

AL – Korce Pogradec, Diber

MK – Ohrid, Struga

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

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Association of Artists Cultural Centre Media Artes, MK

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Education, Employment and Equality for Young People, Vulnerable, Marginalized Groups and Minorities in Elbasan and Bogovinje

The overall objective was to facilitate 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. This project provided Complex Analysis on targeted population, employment service providers, relevant NGOs and local employers. Also, it has developed database of potential employers, established cooperation of all stakeholders and project open days for results presentation and established Network of stakeholders focused on follow up actions, long-term cooperation and information flow.

Project duration (months): 15

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 86,826.76**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 85,675.00**



Location

MK – Municipality of Bogovinje

AL –Municipality of Elbasan

Project Partners

Functional Lead Partner:

Association for Local Rural Development, MK

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Municipality of Elbasan, AL

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Alternative tourism in Dibra

The overall objective of the action is local and regional economic development and the aim of the project is to promote the tourism in Dibra through construction of 2.2 km new sidewalks in the Dibra lake side.

Construction of lakeside infrastructure will provide a good basis for attracting larger numbers of visitors. Visitors will be able to enjoy activities like walking, biking, and jogging.

Project duration (months): 20

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 238,320.00



Location

MK – Municipality of Debar
AL – Peshkopi

Project Partners

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Lead Partner:

Municipality of Peshkopea, AL

Days of Roma culture

The overall objective of the project was 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. This project contributed to the NGO development and youth collaboration in direction for faster social inclusion, promotion of the culture, education and the positive examples, development of joint review initiatives for the both regions, creation partnerships between NGOs and networking to advocacy for social integration, promotion of the cultural and historical heritage, introduction of the culture, tradition and folklore and exchange the experiences from the education, cultural and traditional values of Roma community.

Project duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 47,684.00

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 43,266.00



Location

MK – Gostivar, Prilep, Bitola
AL – Korca

Project Partners

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Preservation of the unique heritage and cultural exchange between Bilisht and Brvenica

The overall objective of the action is to promote 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. The aim is 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. This project 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 neighbouring areas, explored cultural diversity in the region, so that it can be better understood and promoted, provided the targeted region with an image of a place for tolerance to differences as an 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.

Project duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is **€ 50,637.83**

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is **€ 49,918.00**

Location

AL – Municipality of Bilisht

MK – Municipality of Brvenica

Project Partners

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World Heritage in Young Hands – Together Protecting our Culture and Nature

The overall objective of the project was the Albanian and Macedonian high school youth to learn to value diversity and to protect the world's and their own cultural and natural heritage and teachers to be better prepared to foster intercultural collaboration and understanding. The aim was to implement the world renowned World Heritage in Young Hands (WHYH) programme as an intercultural collaborative activity in schools of the region. The project established networking between partners and main stakeholders in both countries, provided training program for training teacher for teacher kit “World Heritage in Youth Hands” and a program for web based collaboration.

Project duration (months): 12

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 65,149.10

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 65,214.50



Location

AL – Pogradec, Korca

MK – Polog, Southwest region

Project Partners

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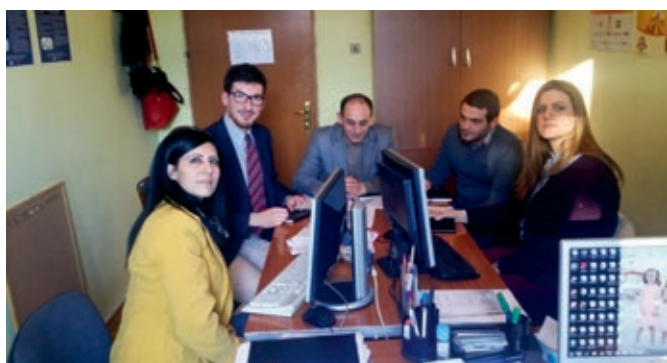
Women and theatre creation Hub

The overall objective of the project is to foster the women employment in the artistic field and exchange experiences and practices of intercultural work. The aim of the action is to improve the knowledge of the women's creative resources and to improve competences and services in theatre field. Expected results of the project are good cross border partnership, a stronger impact of the artistic activities on the social and economic development of the target area, as well as improvement of the social and intercultural dialogue.

Project duration (months): 18

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Macedonia is € 80,000.00

Total Project Budget for the grant beneficiary in Albania is € 60.000.00



Location

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

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

Project Partners

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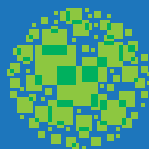
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