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Nine Projects Under the 1st CfP Were Contracted



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Let's Do Things Better Together!

The 1st Call for Proposals has been published with the aim to increase employability and employment opportunities, as well as to protect the nature resources of the Programme area. As a result of the 1st CfP five projects were contracted by the end of December 2018. After budgetary cleaning process, additional four projects were contracted in June 2019. During the previous period, the monitoring visits and workshop were organized with purpose to assist beneficiaries in implementing their projects. In addition, Programme was promoted through Grant Award Ceremony.

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Grant Award Ceremony Within the 1st Call for Proposals of the IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia–Montenegro 2014-2020 and Closing Conference of the Cross-border Programme Serbia–Montenegro 2007-2013

Ceremony with an aim to promote award of the EU grants to the selected project proposals submitted under the 1st Call for Proposals within the IPA CBC Programme Serbia–Montenegro 2014-2020 and the results achieved within the IPA I Cross-border Programme Serbia–Montenegro 2007-2013 was held on May 16, 2019 in Podgorica, Montenegro.

On that occasion the five Certificates of Appreciation have been officially awarded to the successful applicants for project proposals within 1st Call for Proposals for the IPA Cross-border Programme Serbia–Montenegro 2014-2020. Also, promotion of the results achieved within the projects the IPA Cross-border Programme Serbia–Montenegro 2007-2013 was presented at the conference.



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The Implementation Workshop for the Awarded Grant Beneficiaries Within the 1st Call for Proposals for the IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia–Montenegro 2014-2020 Was Held on April 17-18, 2019 in Nova Varoš

The Implementation workshop was organized with regard to provide support to grant beneficiaries in implementation of the projects.

The projects team members were informed on legal framework for the implementation of the CBC projects under Programme and familiarized with implementation process of the projects funded by the European Union (financial management, secondary procurement, reporting, auditing, monitoring and visibility) in order to prepare themselves for the successful implementation of their projects.



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Craftsman

Two municipalities, Rožaje and Sjenica, with joint efforts, will contribute to strengthening of craftsmen capacities for development of new and present businesses in craft field through implementation of the project.

The story of old crafts in the area of Rožaje and Sjenica is very interesting and may be tracked through material remains, written historical sources and toponyms. Today, the old crafts are kept from oblivion at the Regional Museum in Rožaje. Project was designed with the aim to promote old and new crafts, increase employability and labour mobility in the field of crafts. Establishment of new services in the local self-governments and adoption of promoting strategies will provide support to potential and new craft entrepreneurs for business development.

Through the renovation of old crafts and preservation of tradition, the Craftsman project will provide access to the wider market, enable the development of an attractive offer of craft products, and thus contribute to the valorisation of the past and increasing of the component of tourism development of the cross-border area.



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Rehabilitation of Illegal Waste on the River Lim and Raising Awareness of Its Harmfulness

The rehabilitation of the Lim river will be carried out during the project realization, which will improve the ecological conditions of the river. Strengthening the environmental awareness of the local population by the implementation of the project is one of the key conditions for maintaining the established rehabilitated sites.

Through realization of the project activities, cleaning and closing of illegal landfills is planned, followed by afforestation and establishment of nature parks, as well as the installation of the video surveillance system and placing of physical barriers to prevent re-disposal of solid waste.

Local environmental cooperation between municipalities Bijelo Polje and Priboj will contribute to the improvement of the entire eco-system of the border region. Therefore, as local community representatives said, this project is only the beginning of a wider common action involving other municipalities from Montenegro and Serbia, in order to keep the river clean and improve the quality of life of the local population.



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Protection Observatory for Regional Area of Medicinal Plants as Lively Cross-Border Infrastructure of Sustainable Tourism (PORALIST)

Southwestern Serbia and northern Montenegro, with their geographical location and suitable climatic conditions, are favourable regions for many self-grown medicinal plants. Also, there is a growing need for planned cultivation of medicinal herbs, but also exploitation of natural habitats, which, if not carried out rationally and controlled, may lead to the endangerment or even destruction of certain plant species. Therefore, the Regional Development Agency Zlatibor, Užice and NGO Multimedijal Bijelo Polje with support of Institute for Medicinal Plants Research “Dr. Josif Pančić” implement project with the aim to contribute to the enhancement of nature protection through responsible management and use of natural resources. The realization of project activities such as: establishment of online Regional Observatory for the Protection of Medicinal Herbs, introduction and transmission of a newly developed model of local annual planning for reporting on the protection of plants and sustainable use, will greatly contribute to preserving the population of medicinal plants. The project also plans to upgrade the system of protection, collection, crop protection and sustainable commercialization of medical plants.



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Bringing in Sustainable Waste Management (BinS)

Municipality of Gusinje and Public Utility Company “Vrela” from Sjenica implement the project with the aim to contribute to the preservation of the environment by strengthening the capacities of institutions, education and raising of public awareness. The Action will make an effort to emphasize the necessity to change the attitudes towards nature and the environment through trainings, educational workshops, campaigns, integrated practices and various promotions. Also, the preparation of investment plans for solid waste and the establishment of the network of waste collectors in rural areas will contribute to achieving the set goals.

Within the project, municipalities and utility companies have had the opportunity to expand their business activities, and final beneficiaries have the opportunity to feel the benefits of the introduced primary waste and composting system, which will be additional motivation for them to adopt a proactive attitude towards the protection of the environment.



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Increasing Employability, Mobility and Employment Opportunities in Health and SPA Tourism Chain of the Five Stars Resorts in Vrnjačka Banja and Žabljak

The realization of the project will contribute to increasing the employment opportunities in the field of health and spa tourism, as well as the in the areas of production and processing of high-value food. The project is implemented by the municipality of Vrnjačka Banja and the Tourism Organization Žabljak.

Capacities of tourist centers, Vrnjačka Banja and Žabljak, will be used by the project as a good base for improving employment and labor mobility in the field of SPA and health tourism. Also, the realization of project activities will increase the employability in the chain of production and processing of foods of high added value for health and spa resorts with five stars in Vrnjačka Banja and Žabljak. The uniqueness of the climate and the traditional way of food production in these areas also enables the inclusion of producers who foster the tradition of organic production of protected geographical origin.

With the successful cooperation among the partners within the project, in addition to the activities in the field of employment, it is possible to recognize the progress through connecting the tourism centers and their joint offer at the tourism map of the region.

Four Projects Are Contracted in June 2019

Increasing Employability Opportunities for Textile and Tourism Industry in the CBC Area

Project partners: Municipality of Raška (SRB) and Municipality of Plužine (MNE)

Project duration: 08.06.2019. - 07.12.2020. (18 months)

Specific objective of the Programme: Increasing employability and employment opportunities

Skilled Women's Workforce for Better Future

Project partners: PI Home for the elderly "Bijelo Polje" (MNE), Social Welfare Centre Novi Pazar (SRB), The Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs (SRB) and The Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MNE)

Project duration: 08.06.2019. - 07.06.2020. (12 months)

Specific objective of the Programme: Increasing employability and employment opportunities

Reducing Impact of Local Communities of the Cross Border Region Serbia-Montenegro to Climate changes - WE CAN

Project partners: Ibar Development Association "IDA" (SRB), Grijanje" Ltd (MNE), NGO Centar ekoloških inicijativa (MNE) and Public Energy Company "Toplana" (SRB)

Project duration: 08.06.2019 - 07.10.2020 (16 months)

Specific objective of the Programme: Protection of nature resources

Let's Be Prepared

Project partners: FORS Montenegro – Foundation for the Development of Northern Montenegro and Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia – Sector for Emergency Management

Project duration: 01.12.2019. - 31.05.2021. (18 months)

Specific objective of the Programme: Protection of nature resources

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