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In the final phase of preparation of the IPA III Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia-Montenegro for the next seven-year financial perspective 2021-2027, the second draft of the Programme document was presented at the Public Consultations held on April 21, 2021. Participants in this event contributed to this important process by making suggestions for improving this document.



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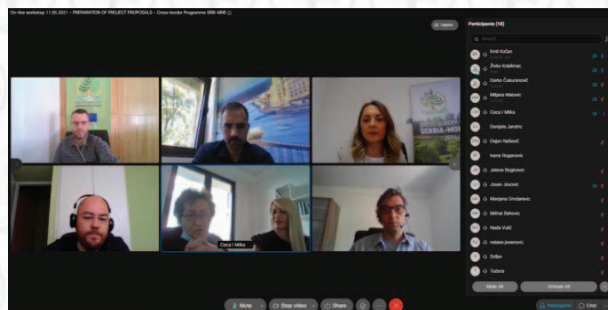
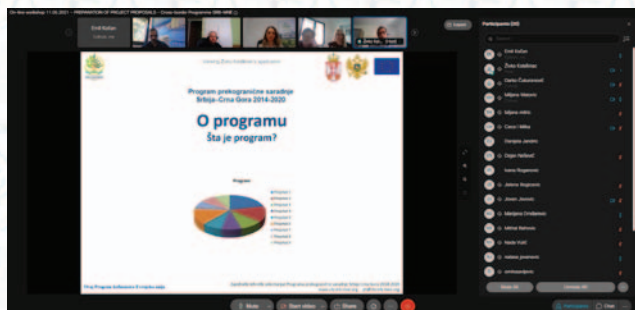
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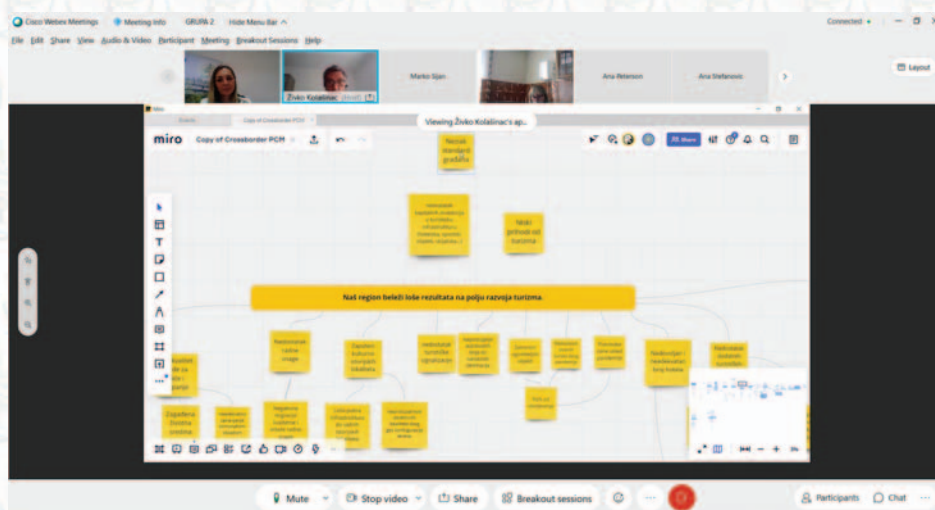
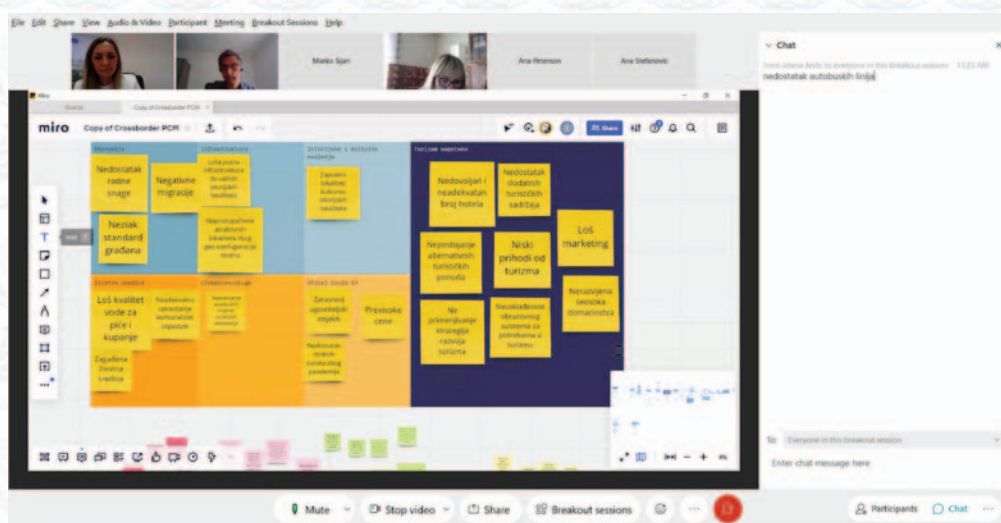




The online Workshops on project cycle management “Preparation of project proposals for the Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia–Montenegro 2014-2020” were held on May 11 and 13, 2021. With regard to preparation for the next Call for Proposals, the workshops were organized by the Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia and European Integration Office, Government of Montenegro with the assistance of the Joint Technical Secretariat of the Programme.



The workshops were attended by more than 35 representatives of national and local institutions, development agencies and non-governmental organizations. The participants were informed on characteristics of the Cross-border Cooperation Programme between the two countries, its aims, structures and priorities, educated on key aspects on the project cycle management, project development, as well as practically advised on application procedure and development of LFM. All interested participants had the opportunity to be provided with detailed answers to their questions.







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## The future of the planet is in our hands, we can save it

The project "Reducing impact of local communities of the cross border region Serbia-Montenegro to ClimAte chaNGes – WE CAN" identified regional cross-border priorities in reducing greenhouse gas emission in order to improve regional cooperation and coordinated action to reduce the negative impact on climate change.



Every second, about 800 tons of carbon dioxide are released into the atmosphere on our planet by the action of the human factor, which causes unfavorable climate change. The project has contributed to reducing carbon dioxide emissions by about 75 tons annually in the cross-border area among Serbia and Montenegro.

The project also includes activities aimed at improving the educational process and acquiring knowledge of primary and secondary school students about renewable energy sources. A total of six primary schools and heating plant in Kraljevo are equipped with equipment that uses solar energy and pellets, and the heating plant in Pljevlja got equipment for quick intervention during malfunction.



On May 20, 2021, the Head of Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, Mrs. Oana-Cristina Popa, paid her first official visit to the municipality of Pljevlja and visited the Primary School "Salko Aljkovic", where the European Union financed the installation of solar panels within the project "We can"

During the two-day closing conferences held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Kraljevo and on June 7<sup>th</sup> in Pljevlja, the participants were familiarised with the achieved results of the project.

Within the project that is implemented by the Ibar Development Association "IDA" Kraljevo, Public Energy Company "Toplana" Kraljevo, "Grijanje" Ltd Pljevlja and NGO Centar ekoloških inicijativa Berane, the promotional video under the slogan "*The future of the planet is in our hands, we can save it*" was prepared.







## Composting kits distributed

As part of the support for the introduction of the concept of sustainable solid waste management, the Municipality of Gusinje procured 30 containers and 15 bins for waste disposal, which will contribute to a more beautiful look of the town.

This procurement is very important for the Utility company because the new utility containers will replace the old ones, and they will also be placed at new locations in the inner town zone and the surrounding rural settlements.

The value of the procurement of containers and bins was € 8,700, and the procurement was realized with the financial support of the European Union within the project “**Bringing in sustainable waste management – BinS**” which is realized within the Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia–Montenegro 2014–2020. The Project is implemented in partnership with the Utility Company “Vrela” from Sjenica.

In addition to this procurement, the project also supported the procurement of two trucks for the collection and disposal of solid waste, as well as a set of activities aimed at protecting the environment, introducing a sustainable waste management system and composting promotion.

The training on composting was held in Gusinje on June 15 and 16, 2021, and was intended for young farmers, residents of urban and suburban settlements in Gusinje who are interested in composting.



The training was attended by 30 participants who had the opportunity to learn new information on this very interesting topic. During both days, a theoretical part of the training was held in the Municipality of Gusinje while field work was carried out in the yards of interested citizens where the method of making composters and stacking biodegradable waste for its decomposition and later composting was presented.

During the training, a total of 30 composting kits were distributed to interested citizens, with a intention of spreading the trend of composting bio-waste among farmers and other residents of Gusinje.





## Procured new equipment through the project “Let’s be prepared”

The conference within the project “Let’s be prepared” was held on June 3, 2021 in Novi Pazar. New equipment procured for the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia - Sector for Emergency Situations was presented at the conference. Equipment for protection and rescue from floods and fires was procured, which includes five off-road vehicles, five thermal imaging cameras and five portable water tanks, which were delivered to the city of Novi Pazar and the municipalities of Tutin, Sjenica and Raska. The value of the purchased equipment is € 82,421.48.



The project aims to improve the capacities of institutions from Serbia and Montenegro that deal with protection and rescue for fire and flood prevention and mitigation, as well as informing the population of the cross-border area about the importance of reducing the risk of disasters. Other project activities include cross-border trainings and demonstration exercises on fire and flood protection and rescue, cross-border seminars on good practice models for fire and flood protection, an international conference on disaster risk reduction, an information campaign on disaster risks, preventive measures and activities that should be taken in cases of certain disasters, etc.

In addition, brochures on flood risks and protection have been prepared in order to inform the population about the causes of floods, dangers that accompany floods, but also ways of proper behavior, measures to prevent and reduce harmful consequences for human life and health, goods, environment, cultural and historical heritage, economic activities and infrastructure.

The lead partner in the project is NGO FORS Montenegro, while the partner in the Republic of Serbia is the Ministry of Interior. The project is being implemented in Montenegro in the municipalities of Berane, Bijelo Polje, Niksic, Savnik, Zabljak, Pljevlja and Petnjica, while in Serbia it is being implemented in the municipalities of Novi Pazar, Sjenica, Tutin and Raska.







Under the Second Call for Proposals of the IPA Cross -border Cooperation Programme Serbia-Montenegro 2014-2020, three additional projects were contracted in the previous period from the remaining funds. The projects aim to strengthen social and cultural inclusion of vulnerable groups as well as improve capacities for exploiting tourism potentials of the Programme area.

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## **Establishment of thematic trails**

Launching the project “Thematic Journey through Heritage Corridor from Serbia to Montenegro – CREATIVE TWINNING “ within the IPA Cross-border cooperation Programme Serbia-Montenegro 2014-2020 support strengthening cooperation between people and institutions in capacity building and promotion of cultural historical and natural values of the proposed area. The development of thematic trails in accordance with the existing potentials will contribute to the improvement of conditions for the area with significant potential in people and offer to become more accessible and attractive to visitors, makes an impact to the sustainability of economic activities, preserves natural features and fostering tradition.

Project is focusing on the tourist revival of key sites that wrap-up common heritage potential in the Cross-border area of Serbia and Montenegro. Project activities contribute to the creation of a new tourism product in the form of thematic trails emphasizing common cultural and natural heritage.

For conducting a joint marketing campaign and strengthening the capacity of the region, significant initial meetings of the project team and representatives of stakeholders of the territory were held. The meetings had the purpose of establishing functional coordination structures composed of the representatives of decision makers, representatives of NGOs and institutions that are active in the territory and have a strong local impact on its sustainable development. Productive meetings contributed to the harmonization of priority activities, the initial exchange of opinions and creative ideas about the key potentials of the development of thematic trails and the joint cross-border product.



Support for the efficient start of implementation was also provided by the JTS team through the online monitoring visit with guiding principles and clarifications. The formation of the Technical Advisory Board (TAB) for the purpose of coordinating project activities and monitoring the project implementation is in progress. It was agreed that the TAB will be composed of representatives of institutions and the private sector, including representatives of local self-government units.

*„I expect that the Project will contribute to greater recognition, attractiveness and visibility of the cross-border region as a tourist destination with improved tourist offer. Numerous institutions, organizations and individuals involved in the project will also contribute to the achievement of the expected results of the project. The implementation team has experience but with each new project they gain additional energy for capacity building and strengthening cooperation“ – said Radojka Savić, Project Manager.*





## Creation of Owl and Other Wildlife Experiences

Center for Protection and Research of Birds from Podgorica, in cooperation with project partners NGO North Land, Berane, Regional Tourist Organisation of Sandžak, Novi Pazar and the Association of Citizens of Jadovnik, Prijepolje, has been implementing the **“The Hoo Project: Creation of Owl and Other Wildlife Experiences”** from February 2021.

The main goal of the project is to encourage natural heritage-based wildlife tourism in the cross-border area between Serbia and Montenegro. The total value of the project is € 262,028.98 while duration of the project is 24 months.

The project envisages, among other things, the establishment of two wildlife tourism itineraries, the training of tour guides for wildlife, birds watching, a study visit and the establishment of a digital platform to promote wildlife tourism in the region.

In the previous period, the partners started with the implementation of preparatory activities in order to collect data necessary for the development of tourist itineraries in the cross-border region. A series of meetings were held with representatives of tourism organizations from different municipalities, as well as other actors working sector of tourism, to collect data on authentic local tourism service providers (rural households, restaurants, outdoor clubs), as well as individuals who could contribute to the development of itineraries, and to be directly involved in other project activities at later stages.

Assessment and collection of data on wildlife species, medicinal plants and fungi specific to the project area is ongoing. All collected information will be part of an informative manual that will serve both to guides and tourists who will visit this region.

The project team also started preparatory activities on mapping, safety assessment, accessibility and visibility of wildlife and birds trails in the most suitable areas in the eight targeted municipalities.







## Mysterious ways of faith from Lim to Zeta

On April 1, 2021, the implementation of the project “Mysterious ways of faith from Lim to Zeta” began, jointly implemented by the Tourism Organization of Priboj and the Diocese of Budimlje and Nikšić. The total value of the project is € 410,430.38 of which the European Union funds € 336,552.91. The estimated duration of project is 24 months.



The project plans to create conditions for a sustainable joint cross-border product through new tourism infrastructure, better information of tourists, improved quality of services, better promotion of cross-border religious and cultural tourism product and better visibility of the target area. It is also planned to improve the capacities of both partners in the project through the construction of a visitor center within the Priboj Banja complex and the rehabilitation and equipping of a historic villa in the center of Nikšić as well as improving the joint offer of religious tourism in the cross-border area.



*“I am glad that we have established cooperation with the Diocese of Budimlje and Nikšić on this really interesting project, thanks to which we will improve the tourism offer of this cross-border area and contribute to the development of these two underdeveloped areas. I expect successful cooperation, especially since both of us have had experience in the implementation of cross-border cooperation projects”- Vidoje Didanović, Tourism Organization of Priboj.*





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