



Selected Projects within the 1st Call for Proposals of the Interreg IPA CBC Programme Croatia — Bosnia and Herzegovina — Montenegro 2014–2020





Foreword



Dear Reader,

I am pleased to present in this brochure the results of the 1st Call for Proposals of the Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro 2014–2020 which was launched in 2016 in cooperation with the Joint Secretariat, National Authorities and Joint Monitoring Committee.

As a result, 24 projects in the total value of EUR 24,134,469.20 were contracted and have started their implementation creating partnerships between 102 organisations and institutions from all three countries. I sincerely hope that all presented projects will become good practice examples of valuable cross-border partnerships and the proof of integrated, sustainable and inclusive growth of the Programme area.

I would like to thank all Programme stakeholders from all three countries for providing their support during preparation and initial steps of the implementation of the Programme. I am also using this opportunity to invite all potential beneficiaries and partners to participate in the upcoming 2nd Call for Proposals at the beginning of 2018 in order to use the Programme as a solution for addressing common needs and challenges and turning them into common strengths that will contribute to enhancing employment, competition and better living conditions for the people of the Programme area.

This brochure presents the projects and partners selected within all four Priority Axes of the Programme covering four areas of intervention and their expected results.

In this programming period, as well as in the previous one, the Agency remains a reliable partner to all stakeholders and beneficiaries during the whole project cycle. We are looking forward to all future challenges and opportunities and we are counting on your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stella', with a stylized flourish at the end.

—
Stella Arneri

Acting Director of the
Agency for Regional Development
of the Republic of Croatia and
Head of the Managing Authority

Programme at a glance

The Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro 2014-2020 is a trilateral programme being implemented during the financial period 2014-2020. In fact, the bilateral IPA programmes Croatia-Montenegro and Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina, that were established for the period 2007 – 2013, were not continued separately. It was decided to establish a single programme including cross-border cooperation for all three countries.

The Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro 2014-2020 was approved on 24 November 2015 by Commission Implementing Decision C(2015)8447.

The eligible Programme area includes the cross-border territory between Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro. The Programme includes 12 counties in Croatia, Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina nad 109 municipalities in Bosnia and Hercegovina and 10 municipalities in Montenegro.

Information about the 1st Call for Proposals

The 1st Call for Proposals within this Programme was published in March 2016. Within the 1st Call for Proposals, EUR 25,016,349 was available, out of which EUR 21,263,897 were funded by the EU. The Call was open until 15 June 2016, and 164 project proposals were received. On 31 January 2017, the Joint Monitoring Committee selected 21 project proposals for financing and contracting. 20 project proposals were contracted in May and June 2017, and the leftover from allocated funds for the 1st Call will be contracted for additional project proposals from the reserve list, in order to contract all available funds.

The Programme consists of the following Priority Axes:

Priority Axis (PA)	Specific Objectives (SO)
<p>1. Improving the quality of public social and health services in the programme area</p>	<p>1.1. To improve the quality of services in public health and social care sector across borders</p>
<p>2. Protecting the environment and biodiversity, improving risk prevention and promoting sustainable energy and energy efficiency</p>	<p>2.1. To promote and improve environment and nature protection and management systems for risk management</p> <p>2.2. To promote utilization of renewable energy resources and energy efficiency</p>
<p>3. Contributing to the development of tourism and preserving cultural and natural heritage</p>	<p>3.1. To strengthen and diversify the tourism offer through cross border approaches and to enable better management and sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage</p>
<p>4. Enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment in the programme area</p>	<p>4.1. To enhance institutional infrastructure and services in order to accelerate the competitiveness and development of business environment in the Programme area</p>

The total Programme value is EUR 67,241,552 out of which EUR 57,155,316 was funded by the EU, while national co-financing amounts to EUR 10,086,236.

Results in a nutshell

Investment in EUR	6,843,802.00
Equipment in EUR	4,921,178.00
Number of planned educations	174
Number of educated persons	3,173
Population covered with improved health and/or social care services	942,560.00
Strategic documents produced	51
Tourism supporting facilities and/or tourism infrastructure developed and/or improved	40
Number of enterprises and business support institutions cooperating with research institutions	36
Improved energy performance of all renovated school buildings (in kWh)	1,676,696.31
Number of jointly developed and/or implemented tools and services that enable better quality of health and/or social care services	46



PA 1

**Improving
the quality
of public social
and health
services in the
programme
area**



We CARE

The project aims to improve the quality and availability of health and social services for the elderly in the cross-border area of Central Croatia, Northern Bosnia and Herzegovina and South Montenegro. The biggest challenge that affects all sectors and aspects of life of the target area is fast aging society and this problem should be addressed in a systematic way at all levels. The project integrates social, economic and territorial development into a joint project to meet the needs of vulnerable older people through social inclusion, care, and at the same time it aims at strengthening cross-border cohesion and cooperation. The key point of cross-border cooperation is the establishment of relationships and social networks among the elderly, carers, volunteers and local communities in the cross-border area. The procurement of equipment in the amount of EUR 358,274.00 and small infrastructure in the amount of EUR 25,200.00 is planned within this project.

ACRONYM:

We CARE

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 690,623.50

TITLE:

Ageing with Dignity and Respect

EU GRANT:

EUR 587,029.96

PARTNERS:

Humanitarian organization Caritas of Roman Catholic Bishop's Ordinary Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina); The City of Garešnica (Croatia); The City of Lipik (Croatia); Caritas of Bar Archdiocese (Montenegro)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- 2 Elderly Day Centres opened
- Organized 4 trainings for the elderly (elderly care/using the new software)
- 660 elderly persons involved in home care and day care services
- 1 joint software developed for elderly care quality assessment
- 1 joint handbook developed with focus on high quality and effective elderly care
- 60 volunteers actively involved in project learning process and quality elderly care —through volunteer/ intergenerational actions

LOCATION:

Banja Luka, Garešnica (Bjelovar-Bilogora County), Lipik (Požega-Slavonia County), Bar

START DATE:

1 June 2017

END DATE:

30 November 2019



Sleep Medicine

Sleep disorders are widespread and can have significant consequences for affected individuals, as well as economic and other consequences for the entire society. The everyday problems and challenges of the Sleep Medicine project are the lack of working sleep medicine centres (SMCs), somnologists-experts in sleep medicine and sleep technicians in the cross-border area. The only operating SMC, in the area, is the one in Split, which covers patients from Croatia and parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Establishing a new SMC in Mostar will diminish the pressure of the Bosnian patients to Split SMC and will increase its capacities for Croatian patients.

Furthermore, to assure that the SMC is working in full accordance with the developing European standards and guidelines of the European Sleep Research Society, this project aims to ensure a sufficient number of working SMCs and somnologists, as well as sleep technicians in the cross-border area. The target groups that will benefit from the project are the patients that will be able to undergo diagnostic and therapeutic interventions regarding their medical condition near their place of residence. The value of equipment planned to be procured within this project is EUR 129,606.00.

ACRONYM:

Sleep Medicine

START DATE:

1 June 2017

TITLE:

Joint Delivery of Sleep Medicine Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services in the Cross-Border Area of Southern Croatia and Western Bosnia and Herzegovina

END DATE:

30 September 2019

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 480,231.54

PARTNERS:

University of Split, School of Medicine (Croatia); University Clinical Hospital Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); School of Medicine University of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

EU GRANT:

EUR 408,196.80

LOCATION:

Split (Split-Dalmacija County), Mostar

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Developed Sleep Medicine Database with structured epidemiological data with at least 10 000 patients in Southern Croatia and Western Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Organized 2 joint training programmes in Sleep Medicine for sleep medicine professionals
- Jointly developed parents' sleeping centres in Split and Mostar, according to European standards



Q-Access-HC

The project area (Adriatic Hinterland) is an area with rather undeveloped roads, which prolongs life-saving time response and results in higher mortality rate. A lack of specialist treatment is a challenge for local vulnerable groups/citizens. The health segment of disaster risk reduction needs strengthening. The approach builds on mutual know-how, existing knowledge/skills. The aim of the project is to improve the quality and access to healthcare in the cross-border area of the Adriatic hinterland, focusing on vulnerable groups. Objectives: introduction of Quality Management System (QMS) and certification of international standards (ISO); knowledge transfer at regional and EU level; procurement of better equipment in the amount of EUR 290,716.00 and small infrastructure in the amount of EUR 33,827.00.

ACRONYM:

Q-Access-HC

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 592,477.60

TITLE:

Q-Access Healthcare: Quality and Accessibility Improvement of Health Care in Cross-Border Area of Adriatic Hinterland

EU GRANT:

EUR 500,643.57

PARTNERS:

Health Centre Ljubuški (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Health Centre Metković (Croatia)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Enlarged management capacities of 2 healthcare centres (HC)
- 2 HCs improved diagnostic services to patients
- Established and trained mobile palliative teams (MPTs) for each of the health centres
- Relevant bodies and the public evaluate MPT performance and achievements in response to emergencies
- Population of 140 000 covered with improved health and/or social care services

LOCATION:

Ljubuški (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Metković (Croatia)

START DATE:

1 June 2017

END DATE:

31 January 2019



Pall Net

The main objective of this project is to increase the availability and quality of health and social services for the elderly, the infirm and persons with disabilities in the cross-border area. The partners jointly identified the main problems of the cross-border area: the public health system in the Programme area is characterized by inefficient network of healthcare institutions, inadequate distribution and mobilization of capacities, reduced access to patient services, insufficient focus on quality standards and reduced access to health/social services, especially for population in rural areas of the Programme area. Equipment —software for network activities, medical equipment and minivans, for the transportation of people with disabilities, in the amount of EUR 420,000.00 will be purchased within PALL NET project.

ACRONYM:

PALL NET

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 776,971.25

TITLE:

Improving accessibility and availability of health and social services for vulnerable groups

EU GRANT:

EUR 660,425.55

PARTNERS:

Bubamara, Association of Persons with Disabilities Vinkovci (Croatia); Public Health Centre Vinkovci (Croatia); Public Health Centre Županja (Croatia); Canton Hospital Dr. Irfan Ljubljankić (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Policy of the Una-Sana Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Access to health/social services for 800 people in the targeted cross-border area
- Established 3 cross-border and interconnected networks between regional hospitals, public health centres and family medicine centres.
- 60 health/social workers trained as palliative care providers

LOCATION:

Vinkovci (Croatia), Županja (Croatia), Bihać (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

START DATE:

1 July 2017

END DATE:

28 February 2019



MELAdetect

The main goal of the project is to raise awareness of the importance of early detection of ocular, skin and mucosal melanoma.

The main challenges of partner countries regarding melanoma are poorly developed public awareness of the danger of melanoma and the importance of early detection, insufficient knowledge of new melanoma treatment methods among health professionals, inadequate equipment used in educational and medical activities, outdated treatment methods and lack of national registers of melanoma. This project will contribute to the development of public awareness of the danger of melanoma by organizing info days and public awareness raising campaigns. Health and pseudo health professionals will get new knowledge of new methods of treatment by getting specialized education. Also, a network of health experts will be established in the cross-border area. New equipment, in the amount of EUR 201,525.00, for educational and medical activities will be purchased. The data gathered through e-health platform and check-ups via new medical equipment will add to research value and improve future treatment methods. The project will have an impact on the improvement of melanoma self-diagnosis and prevention, which will lead to improvements in public health, will reduce melanoma incidence and reduce mortality.

ACRONYM:

MELAdetect

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 652,427.90

TITLE:

Early Detection of Skin, Mucosal and Ocular Melanoma

EU GRANT:

EUR 554,563.70

PARTNERS:

Institute of Public Health Zadar (Croatia); University of Zadar (Croatia); Zadar County Development Agency ZADRA NOVA (Croatia); Faculty of Medicine, University of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); General Hospital "Blažo Orlandić" Bar (Montenegro)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- 120 educated stakeholders in the field of melanoma
- 450 participants (general public) educated and raised knowledge about melanoma
- 900 people (general public) medically examined
- Created Action Plan
- Created platform for melanoma
- Designed e-health tool (application)
- Established network of health experts in the cross-border area

LOCATION:

Zadar (Croatia), Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Bar (Montenegro)

START DATE:

1 July 2017

END DATE:

31 August 2019



NeurNet

The project idea was created as a result of the treatment of patients with pharmacoresistant epilepsy and advanced stage Parkinson's disease.

There are only two reference centres for these diseases in the region and the received diagnoses are usually incorrect or incomplete due to a lack of expertise, outdated equipment and similar factors that exist in other hospitals and clinics across the programme area. The project

aims to offer a solution to this problem by establishing a network that will enable audio-visual communication, remote diagnosis, medical data exchange, second-opinions, consultations and other medical services between reference centres and hospitals on a real-time basis.

For that purpose, new equipment, in amount of EUR 459,250.00 will be purchased, such as Software for exploration of NeurNet, Software for the exchange of medical digital content and other similar equipment. Since capacities for the treatment of these diseases exist only in the reference centres, the cross-border added value is obvious and is realized through the increased and improvement communication, cooperation and coordination between reference centres and hospitals of the region, harmonization and improvement of the quality of health services in hospitals of the Programme area as a whole, as well as the improved and more efficient transit of patients at cross-border level.

ACRONYM:

NeurNet

TITLE:

Care management network for patients with pharmaco-resistant epilepsy and patients with late stage Parkinson's disease

PARTNERS:

Federal Ministry of Health (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Croatian Institute of Telemedicine (Croatia); Ministry of Health of Montenegro (Montenegro)

LOCATION:

Zadar (Croatia), Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Bar (Montenegro)

START DATE:

15 October 2017

END DATE:

14 October 2019

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 865,767.12*

EU GRANT:

EUR 735,902.04

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Developed ICT care management network for pharmaco-resistant epilepsy and late stage Parkinson's patients in 11 hospitals in the Programme area
- Improved capacities, knowledge and skills for 30 neurology specialists
- New healthcare services and medical expertise available and accessible to the public of the Programme area, for approx. 2 000 000 people

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**Protecting the
environment
and biodiversity,
improving risk
prevention
and promoting
sustainable
energy and
energy
efficiency**



Smart Schools

The main objective of the project is to contribute to sustainable development in the cross-border area by increasing energy efficiency and increasing the use of renewable energy sources in the public sector. The project will increase school capacities in the area of energy management and increase the energy efficiency of school buildings. Project activities include 2 cross-border seminars for 40 energy managers, a cross-border energy-saving school competition that will include more than 29 000 students, teachers and principals who will gain new knowledge of affordable and innovative energy-efficient solutions. Two winning schools will be equipped with the school solar-labs and also the cross-border Youth Innovators Camp will be organised, whereby participants will create technically innovative prototypes.

ACRONYM: Smart Schools

TITLE:

Innovative minds for smart schools

PARTNERS:

Association Centre for Development and Support —CRP (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Green Action (Croatia); Brod-Posavina County (Croatia); Tuzla Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Brod Ecological Society —BED (Croatia)

LOCATION:

Brod-Posavina County and Tuzla Canton

START DATE: 1 June 2017

END DATE: 31 August 2019

TOTAL BUDGET: EUR 1,644,127.88

EU GRANT: EUR 1,395,864.54

AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE

AND WORKS: EUR 1,010,130

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Installation of 2 demo solar-power generating photovoltaic (PV) systems, each installed for one energy-saving competition winning-school
- Production of 2 sets of renewable/solar items and equipping school solar-labs with them
- Developing 20 models /prototypes of IT/technical renewable-energy innovations by project-area students-innovators
- 7 target school buildings renovated in order to increase their energy efficiency
- Increasing knowledge in affordable zero/low-investment solutions for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources increase of 29 624 school students, teachers and management staff
- Installation of new biomass-using heating boilers in school buildings within their energy efficiency renovation works
- Improving energy performance of all renovated school buildings
- Creation of 640 new man-month green-jobs in the cross-border project area
- Reduction of 846 t CO₂ emission at annual level

Irene

The project's objective is to contribute to the protection and conservation of nature through the promotion of sustainable use of natural resources in border areas through joint development and networking of local energy management systems, and to encourage energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources in the public sector. The added cross-border value of this project is the development of a common network database of projects and facilitating the development of new initiatives as well as investment in infrastructure in the form of 11 light systems and 1 solar system at locations in the Zadar County, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and Boka Bay Area.

ACRONYM:

Irene

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 1,915,820.00

TITLE:

Interregional Renewable & ENEergy efficiency network

EU GRANT:

EUR 1,628,447.00

PARTNERS:

Zadar County Development Agency ZADRA NOVA (Croatia); Zadar County (Croatia); Eco Centre DOLPHIN (Montenegro); Tivat Municipality (Montenegro); Association for economic development (Bosnia and Herzegovina); City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS:

EUR 1,060,020.00

LOCATION:

Zadar County, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and Boka Bay Area

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- 1 Energy Efficiency (EE) team established in the Municipality of Tivat
- 15 EE team members trained for energy management
- Improved and further developed the Energy-Efficiency-Renewable Energy Sources Network (EE-RES-NET) project network
- Conducted energy audits in 13 public buildings in the project area
- Installation of 7 demonstrative EE lighting systems in the Zadar County, 3 in the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and 1 in the Boka Bay Area
- Installation of 1 demonstrative Renewable Energy Sources (RES) system in the Boka Bay Area

START DATE:

1 July 2017

END DATE:

31 December 2019

The background image shows a house with a landslide occurring on its side. The house is partially obscured by a large, dark, earthy mass that has slid down the hillside. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. The text 'safEarth' is prominently displayed in the center of the image.

safEarth

The consequences of climate change are extreme weather conditions and flooding, which in turn leads to unstable soil. Many landslide zones are found in heavily populated areas that directly endanger people and property. Given this high risk, the goal of this project is to identify and classify these areas by designing and developing landslide susceptibility maps (LSM), which is recognized as one of the priorities in risk management and prevention.

The main objective of the project is to use cross-border cooperation to mark critical areas of landslide hazards, thus creating prerequisites for the wider use of LSMs in the region for better risk prevention systems. The main results of this project will be the development of LSM through specific applied research that will be available to the public on the internet. LSMs will have the practical application of providing information to local authorities and citizens in areas such as spatial planning, human health protection, biodiversity and nature. These maps are intended to be used before any major investment by individuals, municipalities, private companies, as well as large-scale public investment.

ACRONYM:

safEarth

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 974,695.50

TITLE:

Transnational advanced management of land use risk through landslide susceptibility maps design

EU GRANT:

EUR 828,491.17

PARTNERS:

Croatian Geological Survey (Croatia); Geological Survey of Montenegro (Montenegro); Faculty of Mining, Geology and Civil Engineering (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Development Agency Žepče (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS:

EUR 91,700.00

LOCATION:

Zagreb County, Brod-Posavina County, Sisak-Moslavina County, Tivat municipality, Brčko district, Tuzla, Prozor-Rama and Žepče

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Development of transnational guide for designing Landslide Susceptibility Maps (LSM)
- Implementation of derived guidelines during LSM design
- Development of a Strategy for the improvement of policy guidelines
- Reconstructed infrastructure of the part of landslide affected area in Žepče

START DATE:

1 July 2017

END DATE:

31 November 2019



Renew Heat

The project Renew Heat is about changing the reputation of wood by showing that the oldest renewable fuel cannot only reduce carbon footprint but also help to develop the local economy if used sustainably.

The goal will be achieved by introducing a new business model – heat contracting on the Croatian and Bosnian market based on best practices from the EU. Heat contracting is a market-orientated model for selling heat produced from biomass to one or more users. It is a new and innovative opportunity for investments with high added value appropriate for forest owners, farmers, and other target groups in rural areas. Targeted investments in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina including the installation of 3 biomass boilers of a total 775 kW capacity are to serve the purpose of increasing the local demand for woody biomass as an incentive for new economic activities in form of supply. The project directly contributes to the development of the local community, the school community, local authorities and includes and encourages cooperation with the private sector. Apart from the fact that it is raising awareness and brings education, the project will establish a network that includes private forest owners, biomass companies and end consumers, thus indirectly promoting the development of local economy and the quality of life.

ACRONYM:

Renew Heat

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 698,681.14

TITLE:

Heating communities with renewable energy

EU GRANT:

EUR 593,878.95

PARTNERS:

JNorth-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency —REGEA (Croatia); Development Agency of Una-Sana Canton Bihać (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Karlovac County (Croatia); Municipality of Cazin (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Educating 430 people in the project area on renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Development of joint strategic plan
- Preparation and implementation of 3 contracts for renewable heat supply
- Installation of 3 highly efficient bio-mass boilers counting a total capacity of 0,78 MW

LOCATION:

Karlovac County, Una-Sana Canton

AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS:

EUR 397,400

START DATE:

1 July 2017

END DATE:

31 December 2018



PESCAR

To avoid great yield reductions, there has been an increased use of pesticides during recent decades in the cross-border area. This overwhelming and uncontrolled use of pesticides causes serious environmental degradation that endangers the nature, food and human health. Although needed in industrial production, the use of pesticides should be strictly controlled and minimized. Much can be done by establishing a prediction model that could predict the likelihood of outbreaks and spread of pests and/or illness-induced diseases. Such a prediction system would help growers in determining when pesticide use is needed or if it is needed at all, resulting in minimal application of pesticides. To ensure this, the project's objective is to establish a common Pest and Disease Forecast (PDF) System across the cross-border area. Joint activities will contribute to the main objective of the project, which is to promote the reduction and targeted use of pesticides in the Zadar County area in Croatia, and Herzegovina-Neretva and Western-Herzegovinian counties in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in order to protect the environment and nature, agricultural producers. The main target group consists of agricultural producers who will, by following PDF System expert recommendations, significantly reduce their agricultural production costs and have great economic benefits, which is definitely added value to the project. The population and visitors will also benefit from the project since they will have better life quality.

ACRONYM:

PESCAR

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 601,639.26

TITLE:

Pesticide Control and Reduction

EU GRANT:

EUR 511,393.35

PARTNERS:

Zadar County (Croatia); Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Zadar County Development Agency ZADRA NOVA (Croatia); University of Zadar (Croatia); Institute of Agriculture West Herzegovina County (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Implementation of fully functional and effective pest and disease (PD) warning system.
- Providing and displaying professional assessment of necessity of pesticide use.
- Creation of joint database of producers in agriculture and effective dissemination of recommendations accomplished.
- Raising capacities of employees of system providers and SMEs in agricultural production via practical trainings and usage of Practical Guide for System Providers on PD Forecaster System.
- Increasing knowledge of over 120 agricultural producers on economic and ecological benefits of targeted crop protection.
- Definition of policy for sustainable prevention of pesticides pollution in the Zadar County, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and West Herzegovina County.

LOCATION:

Zadar County, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and West Herzegovina County

START DATE:

1 July 2017

END DATE:

31 December 2019

Chestnut

In Croatia, relatively recently a disease of chestnut forests has emerged called chestnut wall gasps, which has also occurred in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the past two years. It is a rapidly expanding disease, it has the effect of decreasing the yield and dissemination of chestnut and it can lead to its extinction. In the cross-border area there is a belt of Chestnut forests and therefore joint activities of both countries are crucial for quick response and prevention of further damage to chestnut forests. Throughout the project, a series of activities will be carried out (analysis, research and application of parasitic disease control, action plans and systems and measures to prevent the disease) that will have a significant impact on the problem. The main objective of the project is to increase the protection of chestnut forests in the cross-border area of Croatia — Bosnia and Herzegovina through joint activities and promotion. The project will contribute to the study and monitoring of chestnut wall gasps disease in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the project, when its significant expansion is expected. The project will also contribute to the transfer of knowledge and experience from Croatia to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

ACRONYM:

Chestnut

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 589,558.39

TITLE:

Protection and promotion of chestnut

EU GRANT:

EUR 501,124.61

PARTNERS:

Municipality of Velika Kladuša (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Agricultural Institute of Una-Sana Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Municipality of Bužim (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Municipality of Vojnić (Croatia); Centre for plum and chestnut (Croatia); City of Karlovac (Croatia)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Conducted analysis of the 43.399 ha of chestnut forests
- Plan for protecting damaged chestnut trees developed
- 3 ha of permanent crops of chestnuts in the Municipalities Velika Kladuša, Vojnić and Bužim in experimental purposes planted
- Reconstruction of the alley of chestnuts in the City of Karlovac

LOCATION:

Karlovac County, Una-Sana Canton

AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS:

EUR 149,875

START DATE:

1 July 2017

END DATE:

31 December 2019



RMPPPI

The main objective of the project is to strengthen and mobilize research and innovation capacity in the Programme area for solving key renewable energy issues, thus contributing to renewable energy utilization through smart secure, competitive and sustainable cross-border MPP initiative. Through its implementation activities, the project will develop a hybrid solar-wind power module which will give novelty perspective to MPPs through increased energy production density and raised availability. A total of 80 prototypes will be produced and distributed to public institutions in the Programme area resulting in 80 kW of additional renewable energy (RE) power installed.

This will be used as a prototype and as an example of adequate solution for small implementation of renewable energy sources in public buildings in the Programme area. Also, the goal of the project will be achieved through education on energy consumption and renewable energy in buildings, demonstrating integrated solutions, which are considered to have most of the energy produced in the locality of consumption.

ACRONYM:

RMPPi

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 718,978.00*

TITLE:

Sustainable cross-border Renewable Micro Power Plant initiative

EU GRANT:

EUR 611,131.30

PARTNERS:

University of Split, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture (Croatia); Society for Sustainable Development Design (Croatia); Foundation for innovation and technology development (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Development and production of the Hybrid solar-wind power module for micro power plants (MPP)
- Promotion of the Hybrid solar-wind power module for MPPs in the project area

LOCATION:

Split-Dalmatia County, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton

AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS:

EUR 62,740

START DATE:

15 October 2017

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END DATE:

14 February 2020



PA 3

**Contributing
to the
development
of tourism and
preserving
cultural and
natural heritage**

Heritage Route

The tourist offer in the target area is characterized by low tourist migration, low number of visitors and overnight stays. The main reason for this unsatisfactory situation lies in the fact that tourist infrastructure is undeveloped, existing locations and attractions insufficiently marked and promoted and lack additional contents that could provide destinations with added value. This project will enhance opportunities to increase spending per visitor through the establishment of a cross-border tourist route, and contribute to the solution of specific tourism problems and constraints in the mentioned area in order to increase destination tourism traffic. The project will also try to facilitate the preservation of historical heritage located along the thematic route of the cross-border area and development of new tourist destinations and facilities along that route. Within this project, a total value of EUR 220,535.00 will be spent on equipment, and EUR 213,700.00 invested in tourist infrastructure.

ACRONYM:

Heritage Route

TITLE:

Heritage route — From Trappists to Border guards

PARTNERS:

Town of Lipik (Croatia); Town of Garešnica (Croatia); Humanitarian Organization Caritas of Roman Catholic Bishop's Ordinary Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

START DATE:

1 June 2017

END DATE:

31 May 2019

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 706,517.08

EU GRANT:

EUR 600,539.51

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Setting up a 116 km long thematic tourist route in the target cross-border area
- Creating 3 joint tourism packages aimed at attracting tourists to the target cross-border area
- Providing education in rural tourism management (30 participants), development of local souvenirs (30 participants) and tourist/water route guiding (9 participants)
- Educating representatives of local authorities, local tourist boards, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders from the target cross-border area in destination management (39 participants)
- Developing strategic documents related to destination and heritage development (1 guide on managing tourist destinations and 3 plans for sustainable management of cultural and natural heritage in the target cross-border area)
- Restoring and presenting Garešnica ethnographic collection and opening cultural exhibitions devoted to Lipik history and Trappist history
- Preserving and developing for tourist purposes of 16 cultural, sacral and natural assets in the target cross-border area

Becharac & Ganga

The aim of the project is to improve the tourist infrastructure in Pleternica and Tomislavgrad, to educate tourist workers on tourist offer and products, and to establish and brand the tourist destination based on cultural heritage “Becharac” and “Ganga” – the forms of folk songs protected by the UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage. Both towns have protected the names “Becharac Museum” in Pleternica and “Ganga Museum” in Tomislavgrad as intellectual property (label) and as such are unique in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The goal of the project is to revive cultural intangible heritage that will become a tourist, cultural attraction of Pleternica and Tomislavgrad accompanied by new infrastructure. With the assistance of this project, Pleternica and Tomislavgrad will build new squares with interpreting centres (museums) of “Becharac” and “Ganga”.

ACRONYM:

Becharac & Ganga

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 2,307,174.13

TITLE:

Cultural route of Becharac & Ganga

EU GRANT:

EUR 1,961,098.00

PARTNERS:

Town of Pleternica (Croatia); Municipality of Tomislavgrad (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Tourist Board of City of Pleternica (Croatia); Entrepreneurial Centre Pleternica Ltd. (Croatia); Cultural-Information Centre Tomislavgrad (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Developed and promoted 10 new tourist offers related to the targeted cross-border area
- Developed and promoted 2 new tourist products: Basket of Pleternica and Basket of Tomislavgrad
- Developed sustainable management plans for cultural and natural heritage sites in order to provide guidance for destination management (cultural heritage and untapped tourism potential)
- Provided education in the field of managing destinations (2 participants) and managing rural development and tourism (20 participants)
- Developed (constructed) cultural assets– Square of Becharac and Square of Ganga

LOCATION:

Pleternica and Tomislavgrad

START DATE:

1 June 2017

END DATE:

30 September 2019

Adriatic Canyoning

This project aims to encourage the development of tourism in the hinterland of the Adriatic, and for this purpose selected specific locations (Peć mlini and Borak in BiH, Zrmanja and Čikola in Croatia, and Orjen and Vrbanj in Montenegro —places rich in cultural and historical heritage although currently not part of any existing tourist offer), will serve as a model for active tourism development in the hinterland of the Adriatic.

The main objective of the project is integrating these attractive locations into outdoor tourism offer of the Adriatic Hinterland and at the same time integrate these inland municipalities into overall tourism offer with new and attractive tourism content, targeting tourists and visitors wishing more active vacation. Since these locations are also rich in cultural and historic heritage this will also facilitate integration of existing cultural and historical heritage into tourism offer. The added value is the involvement of young people in tourism businesses.

ACRONYM:

Adriatic Canyoning

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 1,879,251.32

TITLE:

Adriatic Canyons Adventure Tours

EU GRANT:

EUR 1,597,363.59

PARTNERS:

City of Široki Brijeg (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Municipality of Grude (Bosnia and Herzegovina); City of Obrovac (Croatia); City of Drniš (Croatia); Agency for Construction and Development of Herceg Novi d.o.o. (Montenegro); Zadar County Development Agency ZADRA NOVA (Croatia)

LOCATION:

Croatia: Canyon of Zrmanja in Zadar County (Obrovac) and and Canyon of Čikola in Šibenik-Knin County (Drniš);

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Spring of river of Tihaljina Peć Mlini in Grude and Canyon of Borak in Široki Brijeg in Wester Herzegovina Canton;

Montenegro: Orjen Mountain and village Vrbanj in Herceg Novi

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Developed 5 different sustainable management guides for each targeted location which will serve as inputs for elaboration of a joint model for better management and sustainable use of natural heritage locations in the target cross-border area
- Introduced quality standards to tourist service providers in the target cross-border area through trainings and seminars
- Equipped selected sites in the target cross-border area (Zrmanja and Čikola in Croatia, Borak and Peć Mlini in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Orjen and Vrbanj in Montenegro) with tourist infrastructure such as walking trails, mountain trails, investments in park areas, small walking bridges, zip line, rock climbing, lightning, cycling trails, signalization (amount of infrastructure and works: EUR 1,046,810)

START DATE: 1 July 2017

END DATE: 31 December 2019



RiTour

The project aims to develop tourist destinations on the rivers Jadro, Buna and Neretva, with a special emphasis on the historic cities of Salona (today's Solin), Doclea (today's Podgorica) and Bona (today's Blagaj, Mostar). The activities will include harmonizing the relevant strategic documents with the principles of sustainable development, building capacities of the relevant providers of tourist offer, making of new cross-border tourist products as well as improving and valorising of protected cultural and natural goods. Apart from that, proper marketing strategies will be developed with the aim of increasing the number of tourists and improving the socio-economic environment in the targeted cross-border region.

ACRONYM: RiTour

TITLE: Valorisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage through Cross-border Cooperation of Urban Tourist Destinations on the Adriatic Basin Karst Rivers

PARTNERS:

Public Institution for Coordination and Development of Split Dalmatia County RERA SD (Croatia); City of Solin (Croatia); Public Institution for the Management of Protected Areas in the County of Split and Dalmatia “Sea and Karst” (Croatia); The Tourist Board of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina); City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Tourist Organization of Podgorica (Montenegro)

LOCATION:

the rivers Jadro, Buna and Neretva, with a special emphasis on the historic cities of Salona (today's Solin), Doclea (today's Podgorica) and Bona (today's Blagaj, Mostar)

START DATE: 1 July 2017

END DATE: 31 December 2019

TOTAL BUDGET: EUR 840,700.03

EU GRANT: EUR 714,594.99

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Improving, developing and implementing cross-border tourist products in the targeted urban destinations on the Adriatic basin rivers
- Developing tourist info points in the targeted urban destinations on the Adriatic basin rivers
- Drawing up Sustainable Tourism Development Strategies for the targeted riverine cities
- Training relevant stakeholders to guide tourists and present cultural and natural values of the Adriatic basin urban areas
- Improving cultural and natural assets of urban destinations on the Adriatic basin rivers
- Setting up of 3 tourist info points (Solin, Mostar and Podgorica)
- Valorisation and renovation of the Diocletian aqueduct at the source of the river Jadro
- Preservation of the Special Ichthyologic Reserve Jadro (signalisation of illegal activities in the reserve, landscaping of land part of the reserve, installation of educational-info content, direction of visitors to spaces for recreation that are outside the reserve, etc.)
- Valorisation of the antic city of Doclea (arrangement of walking paths, landscaping, installation of signs and information boards, lighting, procurement of portable equipment for tourists visiting the site)

Fortress Reinvented

The project aims to develop and promote existing tourism potential through innovative approaches and digital content in the historical fortification monuments in the project implementation area. Equipment in the value of EUR 716,140.00 will be purchased. Specifically, this project will digitize historical fortresses in two Croatian cities, Šibenik (St. Michael's fortress) and Klis (Klis fortress).

In addition, the revitalization of two other fortresses is planned, in Zenica in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Vranduk Fortress) and Herceg Novi in Montenegro (Fort Kanli Kula). These four fortifications of invaluable historical and scientific value have an important role to play in creating a common tourist offer in the Programme area. Fortress Reinvented project will develop a cross-border tourist offer based on an innovative approach, as well as new opportunities for cross-border communication, including transfer of knowledge and creation of joint cultural events.

ACRONYM:

Fortress ReInvented

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 1,310,232.40

TITLE:

Innovative approach and digital contents in historical fortification monuments

EU GRANT:

EUR 1,113,697.53

PARTNERS:

Šibenik City Museum (Croatia)
Municipality of Klis (Croatia)
Municipality of Herceg Novi (Montenegro)
Public Institution City Museum of Zenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Digital and technological innovations as part of developed digital content that will enrich museum settings and visitor experience
- Fortress Reality Window, in the form of a touch-screen that contains an application that allows visitors to visit the partners fortresses live (live streaming technology)
- An innovative audio guide installed in four forts
- Info point —digital touch-screen info kiosks in the partner cities area
- Training of 120 participants in management of cultural heritage sites with innovative perspective

LOCATION:

Croatia: Šibenik (St. Michael's fortress) and Klis (Klis fortress)

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Zenica (Vranduk Fortress)

Montenegro: Herceg Novi (Fortress Kanli Kula)

START DATE:

1 July 2017

END DATE:

31 March 2019

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**Enhancing
competitiveness
and developing
business
environment in
the programme
area**



CODE

The project will tackle the challenges related to the development of support services to SMEs, with a special emphasis on start-ups. It will contribute to strengthening of business support infrastructure with the aim of fostering innovation and activities of ICT clusters, as well as creating a positive environment for development of start-ups in the cross-border area. The project will provide support to selected business support institutions through improvement of quality of their services and through setting up a fruitful working environment within targeted co-working spaces.

It will also support the selected business support institutions in setting up their own cooperation network and developing new mentoring and training programmes aimed at start-ups from the cross-border area. One of the focuses of the project will also be fostering cooperation between research, educational and business support institutions and SMEs through supporting activities of ICT clusters.

ACRONYM:

CODE

START DATE:

1 July 2017

TITLE:

Cooperation for Development of
Cross Border Business Environment

END DATE:

31 December 2019

PARTNERS:

City of Zadar (Croatia);
Zadar County Development Agency
ZADRA NOVA (Croatia);
Foundation for Innovation and Tech-
nology Development (Bosnia and
Herzegovina);
Public Company "Business Innovation
and Technology" Ltd. Tuzla (Bosnia
and Herzegovina);
Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cen-
tre TEHNOPOLIS (Montenegro)

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 883,555.54

EU GRANT:

EUR 751,022.20

LOCATION:

Zadar, Tuzla, Nikšić, Mostar

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Setting up and promoting co-work-
ing spaces
- Strengthening and networking of
business support institutions
- Establishing cooperation between
research, educational and business
support institutions and SMEs, with
the aim of developing, strengthening
and networking of ICT clusters

competenceNET

The project will focus on strengthening the institutional framework for providing educational programmes aimed at employees of SMEs from the targeted cross-border area, and for facilitation of access of SMEs to new technologies. Apart from that, a set of educational and mentoring programmes will be organized, with the aim of strengthening business competences of employees of SMEs from the targeted cross-border area. That will result in strengthening market competitiveness of SMEs, which will be further enhanced through establishment of an institutional framework for systematic cooperation of SMEs and institutions of higher education. In that way, the level of technological advancement of SMEs' products and services will be uplifted. In the framework of the project, 2 buildings will be entirely reconstructed and equipped with the purpose of serving as business competence centres in the Municipality of Žepče and in the Municipality of Stari Jankovci.

ACRONYM:

competenceNET

TITLE:

Improvement of Transnational Business Environment through Development of Business Competence Centres and Networks

PARTNERS:

Development Agency Žepče Ltd. (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Municipality of Stari Jankovci (Croatia)

Montenegrin Employers Federation (Montenegro)
Municipality of Tovarnik (Croatia)

LOCATION:

Žepče, Stari Jankovci

START DATE:

1 July 2017

END DATE:

30 November 2019

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 670,619.24

EU GRANT:

EUR 570,026.34

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Establishing 1 cross-border network of stakeholders with the aim of creating a positive environment for business development
- Developing curriculum for SME competence training programme
- Educating 45 persons from the target cross-border area in business-related competences
- Reconstructing facilities of the targeted business competence centres
- 10 enterprises and 10 trainees participating in the Mentoring Programme
- 10 enterprises and 5 research institutions participating in the Smart Cooperation Programme
- Reconstruction and equipping of 2 buildings to be used as business competence centres (1 building in the Municipality of Žepče and 1 building in the Municipality of Stari Jankovci)

Invest In LOG

The project aims to develop an efficient business environment by strengthening the role of business support institutions in the targeted cross-border area. It will also focus on fostering networking of all stakeholders that are relevant to development of SMEs, introducing innovative approaches to supporting SMEs, promoting investment in the target cross-border area, and raising awareness of entrepreneurs and local authorities about the importance of their mutual cooperation in the field of setting up of enabling business environment. In that way, the project will contribute to raising the level of competitiveness of SMEs, employment rates and overall economic development of the targeted cross-border area. In the framework of the project, 3 buildings will be entirely reconstructed and equipped with the purpose of serving as business support institutions in the Municipality of Orašje, in the City of Garešnica and in the City of Lipik.

ACRONYM:

Invest in LOG

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 731,906.95

TITLE:

Invest in Lipik, Orašje & Garešnica

EU GRANT:

EUR 622,120.89

PARTNERS:

Municipality of Orašje (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Local Development Agency – Business Center Garešnica (Croatia)
City of Lipik (Croatia)

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Setting up of a joint virtual incubator in the targeted cross-border area
- Setting up of a joint platform for internationalization of SMEs in the targeted cross-border area
- Organizing international business fairs
- Improving business knowledge and skills of staff of the selected business support institutions
- Increasing levels of entrepreneurial competencies of SMEs
- Reconstruction and equipping of 3 buildings to be used as business support institutions (1 building in the Municipality of Orašje, 1 building in the City of Garešnica and 1 building in the City of Lipik)

LOCATION:

Lipik, Orašje, Garešnica

START DATE:

1 July 2017

END DATE:

31 October 2019

BACAR

This project aims to strengthen the competencies of entrepreneurs with establishment of 3 national cross-border networked clusters. Grouping or clustering of small and medium-sized enterprises will increase the negotiating power with government bodies, financial institutions and, horizontally, towards customers of their products or services. In addition, the project seeks to encourage cross-border networking, strengthening entrepreneurial capacities in cooperation with institutions for supporting entrepreneurship and strengthening innovation and transfer of new technologies, penetration into new markets and internationalization of clusters through joint promotion. Experts will be contracted to support and advise cluster members in the region during the 27 months of the duration of the project. A project web site and 3 web portals for each cross-border cluster will be created as efficient show case or 'shop window' for clusters, companies and their products and represented clusters and its current member capacities and needs, including search for a new supplier, distributor and potential buyer. Valuable teaching equipment for vocational schools in Mostar will be procured (greenhouse 50 m2 for agricultural school, kitchen equipment for tourist and catering school, educational equipment and devices for hairdressing and textile school). A common strategy and branding for all three cross-border clusters will be developed. Cluster members will apply acquired knowledge in their future work in order to improve their business. The model created within this project will be a positive example of clustering in the region.

ACRONYM:

BACAR

TITLE:

Better Access to Growth: Clusters and Competitiveness – Networking on Adriatic Region

PARTNERS:

Municipality of Kotor (Montenegro); Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro (Montenegro); Public institution RERA SD for coordination and development of Split-Dalmatia County (Croatia); Ministry of Economy / Economy of Hercegovacko Neretva County / Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina); KRS-Regional Chamber of Commerce Trebinje (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

LOCATION:

Kotor, Split, Mostar

START DATE:

1 June 2017

END DATE:

31 August 2019

TOTAL BUDGET:

EUR 1,019,843.87

EU GRANT:

EUR 866,867.28

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Cluster concept (including action plan) introduced into each target business sector
- Three business clusters were created: in Croatia (“local food products cluster”), in Bosnia and Herzegovina (“tourism cluster”) and in Montenegro (“creative industries cluster”)
- Three cross-border cluster networks in the creative industry, tourism and local food production have been created
- Equipped and technically improved institutions that support clusters
- Increased general business skills and knowledge about EU funding opportunities among cluster members
- Increased cluster / sector specific business skills based on benchmarking models
- A common branding for each targeted cross-border business cluster/ sector has been introduced
- Three Cluster Support Centres have been opened in the targeted cross-border area clusters (Kotor ME, Mostar BA and Kastela – Split HR)

Compete Plamet

The project aims to enhance institutional support and services offered by business support institutions to SMEs in metal and plastic sector in the targeted cross-border area. Its activities include setting up a cross-border metal and plastic sector knowledge network, improving institutional business support infrastructure in the City of Šibenik and in the Municipality of Posušje, equipping 2 technology parks with necessary technology for metal and plastic processing.

They also include training of personnel of the targeted technology parks with the aim of acquiring competences to deliver higher quality services (with a special emphasis on technical support in CNC machinery) and developing training programmes which shall benefit the project target groups (SMEs, training institutions, universities and research institutions, regional and local public authorities, business support institutions, general public). In the framework of the project, the premises of the Business Zone Osrdak (Municipality of Posušje) will be reconstructed (together with external infrastructure) and the air-condition and ventilation system as well as roof on three buildings of the Business Incubator Podi (City of Šibenik) will be reconstructed.

ACRONYM:

Compete Plamet

TITLE:

Enhancing the Competitiveness of SMEs in Metal and Plastic Sector through Development of Knowledge NETWORK and Common Business Infrastructure

PARTNERS:

Public Institution Development Agency of West Herzegovina County HERAG (Bosnia and Herzegovina);
Public Institution Development Agency of Šibenik-Knin County for Coordination and Fostering Regional Development of Šibenik-Knin County (Croatia); Municipality of Posušje (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

LOCATION:

Šibenik, Posušje

START DATE: 15 October 2017

END DATE: 14 October 2019

TOTAL BUDGET: EUR 1,603,359.67*

EU GRANT: EUR 1,382,855.72

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- Setting up a cross-border metal and plastic sector Knowledge Network
- Drawing up 2 CNC TecPark Training Plans and 1 TecPark Practical Handbook
- Developing 2 innovative organizational solutions for delivering new and quality services by business support institutions in the targeted cross-border area
- Improving institutional infrastructure in the Business Zone Osrdak (Municipality of Posušje) and the Business Incubator Podi (City of Šibenik)
- 2 technology parks for metal and plastic processing jointly used by entrepreneurs in the targeted cross-border area
- Improving external infrastructure and reconstruction of the premises of the Business Zone Osrdak (Municipality of Posušje)
- Reconstruction of roof on three buildings and renovation of air-condition and ventilation system in the Business Incubator Podi
- Purchasing 2 lathe machines, 2 milling machines, 1 semi-automatic band saw, 1 vertical machining centre and 1 plastic moulder machine

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Stronger

Herbs growth, collecting and processing in the Programme area is present, but not organized and developed. Individuals and SMEs are mostly oriented to primary growth, collection and drying of herbs and plants. In the cross-border regions they are facing common challenges: lack of organized business, clusters and cooperation, specific knowledge, no specialized laboratory and focal information centre. The project will provide education programmes with advisory services to BSIs and SMEs joined into a cross-border cluster.

Business supporting organizations and research institutions will be enhanced to provide support and advisory services for SMEs access to market and promote cross-border cluster activities in herbs collecting and processing industry supported by innovative cluster e-platform in all 3 countries. The project will mobilize stakeholders in all 3 countries and initiate cross-border cooperation that will be communicated publicly. Plant dryers, processing machines and machines for extraction and distillation will be placed in Orašje for the Association of Business Women in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Within this project, equipment in the value of EUR 159,100.00 will be purchased in order to support a cross-border cluster in herbs growth, collecting and processing.

ACRONYM:

Stronger

TITLE:

Stronger Together —Product Development and Internationalization

PARTNERS:

Technology Development Centre — Development Agency of Brod-Posavina County Ltd. (Croatia); Business Women Association of Montenegro (Montenegro); Association of Business Women in B&H (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Institution for development of competence, innovation and specialization of Zadar County (Croatia) University of Zadar (Croatia)

LOCATION:

Central Croatia and Dalmatia, Central and southern Montenegro and Western and Northern Bosnia and Herzegovina

START DATE: 1 November 2017

END DATE: 31 January 2020

TOTAL BUDGET: EUR 979,309.95*

EU GRANT: EUR 832,413.46

MAIN OUTPUTS:

- 1 Cross-border cluster supported by cluster e-platform for business-to-business, e-learning and cluster operation support functionality established.
- 4 Business support organisations trained in capacity building programme including training of trainers (ToT) education to enable them for future advisory services to SMEs; NGOs are acting as a business supportive institution (BSI) in their context —supporting woman entrepreneurship.
- 2 Laboratories for research, product testing and standardisation purposes for herbs and plants processing will be equipped and offered for plant product testing to SMEs from all 3 participating countries fostering cross-border cooperation.
- 22 SMEs from all 3 participating countries educated through education programme and advisory services about importance and benefit of cooperation with research institution, product testing and standardisation, clusters and cluster network models, access to market skills including business internationalisation, export, cross-border cooperation, entrepreneurial skills etc.

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