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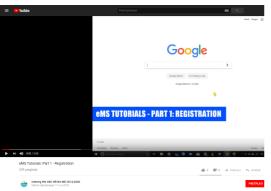
it's time for another newsletter from the Interreg IPA CBC Programme Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro 2014-2020. As we've been busy with the Second Call for Proposals, this is the first newsletter in 2018 with updates on interesting things going on in our cross-border area. Below you can find a brief overview of activities we've accomplished this year.

We hope you'll enjoy reading, Your Interreg IPA CBC Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina -Montenegro team.

## **First Call for Proposals**

As the last and 24th project of the First Call for Proposals was contracted in October last year, during 2018 we organised activities and workshops to help partners in implementing their projects. One of them was the Output indicator workshop in February 2018. Another were Youtube tutorials, developed by project managers at the Joint Secretariat in order to help partners with user-friendly video instructions on using the eMS.







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

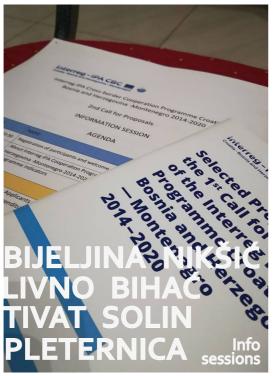
## **Second Call for Proposals**

The 2nd CfP, with a total allocation of approximately 26 million EUR, was opened from September 2018 to December 2018. The Call targeted new and innovative project ideas which seek to improve social and health services, protect the environment and promote energy efficiency, develop new tourism products and encourage competitiveness in our Programme area. We celebrated the opening of

the Call with a Launching conference in Trebinje, after which a series of educational events followed.









## **European Cooperation Day 2018**

The ECD is a showcasing event dedicated to successful cooperation between neighboring regions of European countries. It demonstrates the successful outcomes of Interreg projects to the local community.

This year we organized the ECD with an idea of helping create a cooperative Europe by letting the children lead the way and paint our future together. In a form of a cross-border art project, we gathered children from Home for Children Maslina Dubrovnik, Home for Children Mostar and Home for Children Mladost Bijela on the 3 October in an all-day event of watching theater shows, decorating T-shirts, painting canvases and a wall mural.

Why this kind of an event? We believe it's the best way to highlight the role of children and young people in building the Europe they want. We believe it's the best

way to tell the story of cooperation between Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro as well.









## **Project Library**

Projects co-funded within the Interreg IPA CBC Programme Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro 2014-2020 are bringing new and innovative ideas to our

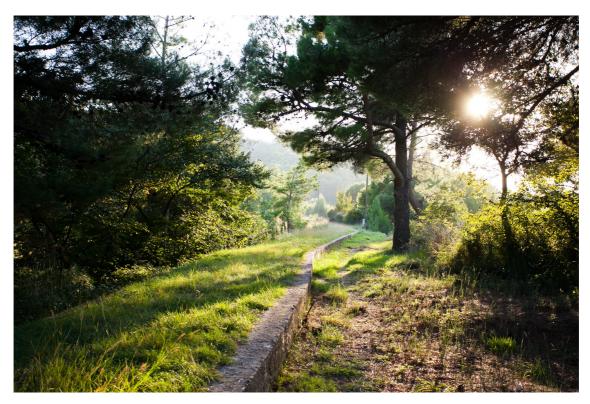
cross-border area on a daily basis. In this newsletter we're sharing info on projects from Priority Axis 3 dealing with tourism and heritage.

Want to explore other projects we're funding? Follow us on our web and Facebook page linked below.



How to digitalize historical fortifications? What do Vranduk Fortress in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kanli Fortress in Montenegro and Klis Fortress (photo) in Croatia have in common? What is a Fortress Reality Window?

The **Fortress ReInvented** project has the answers to these questions. By reviving the cultural and historical heritage and using interactive tools in tourism, the project seeks to bring new experiences to the tourism of our Programme area.



The richness of cultural and natural assets set across Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro is a well-know fact. It is the main reason for bringing in large numbers of tourists, especially to the coastline. A different story is found in areas far-off the sea. Karst rivers of the Adriatic basin are one of these areas, exhibiting both natural charm and a perfect setting for specialized tourism offer.

The **RiTour** project starts with the facts mentioned above and is developing new tourism products related to rivers of the Adriatic basin.

#### About us

Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro 2014-2020 is part of the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC), better known as Interreg.

The Programme is managed by the Managing Authority and assisted by the Joint Secretariat within the Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia. Both the MA and JS are a team of (mostly) young and ambitious experts dedicated to supporting regions in working together across borders.

The Programme covers Croatia's, Bosnia and Herzegovina's and Montenegro's cross-border area - 12 counties in Croatia, Brčko District and 109 municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and 10 municipalities in Montenegro. It seeks to strengthen the social, economic and territorial development of the area.

The overall budget of the Programme for the 2014-2020 period is 67.241,552,00 EUR. The allocation originates from two funds: the ERDF and IPA II cover more than



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