



# **Projects implemented within the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals of the Interreg IPA CBC Programme Croatia — Bosnia and Herzegovina — Montenegro 2014–2020**



# Foreword



*Dear Reader,*

*I am honoured to present in this brochure the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals of the Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro 2014-2020.*

*Ever since Programme implementation launch, the Programme bodies, namely Managing Authority, Joint Secretariat, National Authorities, Certifying Authority, Audit Authority, Control bodies and Joint Monitoring Committee proved that cooperation is the key to success.*

*As a result of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals, Managing Authority contracted 35 projects in the total value of EUR 38.046.699,13.*

*I am firmly convinced that all the projects presented in this brochure feature good practice examples providing valuable cross-border assets and strong proof of*

*integrated, sustainable and inclusive growth of the Programme area.*

*Allow me to give you a short outline on how the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals projects contributed to strengthening the social, economic and territorial development of the Programme cross-border area.*

*Within Priority Axis 1, projects succeeded in enhancing the quality of health and social care services by adapting social care services to the needs of children and youth with developmental disabilities and their families, equipping hospitals, public health institutes, palliative care centres, emergency services and medical centres with modern diagnostic and medical equipment, as well as transport vehicles, establishing four nutrition counselling centres for preschool children and their parents, creating joint cross-border manuals and training programmes in the areas of dental medicine, working therapy, social integration, palliative care and telemedicine and creating 2 multisensory recreational zones in Zadar and Mostar.*

*Within Priority Axis 2, projects increased renewable energy production capacity by installing solar plants on public buildings. Furthermore, projects increased energy efficiency by conducting energy management trainings, installing biomass boilers, and implementing energy efficiency infrastructure in primary and secondary schools thus contributing to the reduction of CO2 emissions and energy consumption across the cross-border area. In the field of risk prevention, the projects created cross-border early warning system (EWS) for preventing landslides and floods, procured valuable geological equipment in all three countries and renovated training centres for risk prevention in Daruvar, Gradiška and Podgorica.*

*Within Priority Axis 3, projects upgraded cultural and tourism offer of the cross-border area by improving bicycle trail of old Narrow Gauge Railway ČIRO, promoting underwater cultural heritage, equipping culinary heritage showrooms, creating new thematic paths dedicated to endemic species and birdwatching, reconstructing and equipping numerous tourism and cultural sites and facilities in the Programme area. Furthermore, projects also developed new tourism products such as joint cross-border manifestation “Night of Fortress”, digital interactive cookbook “Taste of Tradition” and joint mobile application for nautical tourists.*

*Within Priority Axis 4, projects established business networks, clusters and platforms in the sectors fundamental to the cross-border regions such as IT industry, wood sector, creative industry and tourism. Projects also created new co-working spaces, equipped business competence centres and hubs, digital innovation hubs and creative centres, including cross-border Centre for olives in Mostar. Projects also ensured education and trainings for numerous entrepreneurs and start-ups from the region and enhanced cooperation between enterprises and research institutions.*

*I would like to thank all project partners for their courage and persistence despite difficult task of implementing the cross-border projects during last few challenging years.*

*Also, I would like to thank Programme stakeholders from all three countries for providing their support during the implementation of the Programme.*

*This Programme will continue to serve as the solution for addressing common needs and challenges and turning them into common strengths also in new programming period thus contributing even stronger to enhancing employment, competition and better living conditions for the people of the Programme area.*

*In this programming period, as well as in the upcoming one, the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia as the Managing Authority remains reliable partner to all stakeholders and beneficiaries. We are looking forward to all future challenges and opportunities and we are counting on your cooperation.*

***Please enjoy learning more on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals projects and their valuable results presented in this brochure.***

*Yours sincerely,*

*Minister*

*Nataša Tramišak, mag.iur.*



Priority Axis 1  
**Improving  
the quality  
of public social  
and health  
services in the  
Programme  
area**



## ASIQ

The main objective of the ASIQ project is to increase the accessibility, availability and quality of the health and social care services for children and youth with developmental disabilities in the cross-border area through the development of new service for diagnostics of hearing and speech.

This goal is achieved through several components, as project partners procured modern diagnostic and medical equipment, as well as transport vehicles in total amount of EUR 316.290,00, and improved knowledge and skills of medical staff and social workers.

Moreover, small-scale adaptation works in Public Institution Resource Center for children and youth in Podgorica enable better conditions and services for children, as well as social workers.

**ACRONYM:**

ASIQ

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Improving Accessibility and Availability of Health and Social Services to Enhance Social Inclusion Quality for Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities

**PROJECT START:**

1 July 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 December 2021

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 575.122,10

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 488.278,64

**LOCATION:**

Banja Luka, Han Pijesak, Višegrad, Foča, Istočno Sarajevo, Doboj, Teslić, Mrkonjić Grad, Kotor Varoš (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Podgorica, Nikšić, Ulcinj, Herceg Novi, Kotor (Montenegro), Zadar, Obrovac, Benkovac, Biograd na Moru, Pag (Croatia)

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** City Development Agency Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** Public Institution Center "Protect me" Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Public Institution Center for Education and Upbringing and Rehabilitation of Hearing and Speech (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Public Institution Resource Center for children and youth "Podgorica" (Montenegro), Primary school Voštarnica – Zadar (Croatia)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- New service for diagnostics of hearing and speech for children and youth with developmental disabilities set up
- 66 health and social workers educated at joint education and training schemes related to health and social care in the cross-border area
- More than 1400 children, youth with developmental disabilities and their parents covered with improved health and social care services

**MORE INFO:**



## ER2 = S2

The focus of ER2 = S2 project is on adults and children with disabilities, and their families as the most vulnerable social categories in society.

Based on the situation analysis in partner countries, the project decided to approach the issue by working with social welfare institutions to improve their technical and human capacities, as well as working with adults and children with disabilities and their families.

Within the project, social care centers are receiving the necessary tools and equipment to improve the quality and content of their services in total amount of EUR 128.000,00. On the other hand, individuals and their families are involved in working therapies which allow them a better integration into society.

The main goal of the project is to improve the social and health protection of people with disabilities by introducing new innovative social protection instruments in the cross-border area (joint manual for occupational therapies and 8 different working therapies implemented which enable better quality of social care services).



**ACRONYM:**

ER2 = S2

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Equality, Respect, Rights = Social Satisfaction

**PROJECT START:**

1 February 2021

**PROJECT END:**

31 January 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 472.436,90

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 401.571,36

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Development Agency of Tešanj Municipality, TRA ltd. (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** Josip Matoš Primary School (Croatia), Association for Help to Mentally and Physically Disabled Persons (Montenegro), Public institution for children and adults with special needs of Zenica-Doboj Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**LOCATION:**

Tešanj, Zenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Nikšić (Montenegro), Vukovar (Croatia)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 1 cross-border social therapy program developed
- 190 beneficiaries included in working therapies
- 400 children with developmental disabilities included in play therapy

**MORE INFO:**



## ERI-Health

The main objective of ERI-Health project is the protection of population by improving public health services in the cross-border area related to diagnostics, prevention and effective treatment of COVID-19 and other frequent anthroozoonoses and vector-borne diseases.

The primary target group is the general public and the secondary target group are health professionals and public health bodies in the cross-border area.

A quick response towards pandemic diseases is ensured through several project interventions, as project resources enable procurement of modern diagnostic and medical equipment, specialized transport vehicles in the total amount of EUR 698.638,00 and the improvement of knowledge and skills of medical staff within responsible public health institutions.

**ACRONYM:**

ERI-Health

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Public Health Preparedness for Cross-border Epidemics and Emergencies

**PROJECT START:**

15 January 2021

**PROJECT END:**

14 January 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 999.329,52

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 849.430,07

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead partner:** Public Health Institute of the Republic of Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** Public Health Institute of Sisak-Moslavina County (Croatia), Public Health Institute of Montenegro (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Banja Luka, Trebinje, Doboj, I. Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Sisak-Moslavina County (Croatia), Podgorica, Herceg Novi, Kotor, Budva, Tivat, Bar, Ulcinj (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 265 epidemiologists, sanitary engineers/technicians and doctors in public primary health care facilities trained in prevention and control of public health cross-border threats caused by anthropozoonoses/vector-borne diseases
- More than 52.000 people covered by improved diagnostic services for anthropozoonoses (including COVID-19) and vector-borne diseases

**MORE INFO:**



## HEPSC

The main goal of the project is to improve the children's health by promoting an efficient and well-functioning food safety and quality control system that leads to improved public health, and to provide support to public health institutions to evaluate eating habits and nutrient intake in preschool population.

The project is establishing four counselling centres for preschool children and their parents in order to provide guidance on healthy nutrition and importance of physical activity. The counselling centres are being established in Bar (Montenegro), Šibenik (Croatia), Mostar and Livno (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

In order to improve food offer in preschool institutions, the project aims to enhance existing laboratory practices for food quality control with new equipment (in total value of EUR 345.000,00) and to develop software for computer analysis of nutritional content of meals and for meal planning.

**ACRONYM:**

HEPSC

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Healthy Eating Pre Schools Children

**PROJECT START:**

1 October 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 January 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 657.923,31

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 559.234,80

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Primary Health Care Center Bar (Montenegro)

**Project Partners:** Institute of Public Health Šibenik-Knin County (Croatia), Institute of Public Health of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Labour, Health, Social Welfare and Displaced Persons of Herzeg - Bosnian Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**LOCATION:**

Bar (Montenegro), Šibenik-Knin County (Croatia), Hercegovina-Neretva Canton, Canton 10 (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- The food safety culture and proper nutrition improved through establishment of four counselling centres and empowerment of the food testing laboratories
- 33 food-testing laboratory staff, public health nurses, paediatric and general practice nurses trained and educated
- Nutrition education provided for over 2.000 preschool children, their parents and general population

**MORE INFO:**



## IMPACT

The main objective of the project is to improve palliative care service in the cross-border region.

This is achieved through several components, as project partners procure new equipment for better healthcare service (in total value of EUR 435.000,00), establish new services for palliative care, develop procedures, tools and guidelines needed for better development of the palliative care service in the cross-border region, develop E- Platform for raising awareness of citizens about palliative care service and implement national health care standards.

These activities improve the quality of service, facilities and skills in public health care sector, which, most importantly, will be of great help, primarily for most vulnerable people (people suffering from life-threatening illnesses, elderly and children).

This is achieved through the cross-border cooperation of partners from three neighboring countries which share the common problem – undeveloped palliative care service.

**ACRONYM:**

IMPHACT

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Improvement of Palliative Health Care quality and accessibility in cross-border area

**PROJECT START:**

1 July 2020

**PROJECT END:**

30 June 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 890.347,40

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 756.795,29

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Health Centre Metković (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** Health Centre Ljubuški (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Primary health care center Podgorica (Montenegro), Public Health center Zenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**LOCATION:**

Dubrovnik-Neretva County (Croatia), West Herzegovina County, Zenica-Doboj Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Municipality of Podgorica (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- E-platform with Virtual doctor developed
- Specialized training on palliative care developed and conducted for more than 100 medical professionals
- Specialized training for 53 participants on the usage of new medical equipment conducted
- More than 6.000 patients covered with improved service on palliative care
- Diagnostic service for vulnerable groups improved and new services developed in 2 health centers – Hospital Center Zenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Hospital Center Podgorica (Montenegro)

**MORE INFO:**



## **INCLUSIVE PLAY**

The main objective of the project is to improve the quality and accessibility of services for children with disabilities by creating new inclusive public spaces where all children feel safe and accepted.

The project provides various resources, tools and 11 different trainings for therapists, family members and other individuals and institutions working with children with developmental disabilities.

New multisensory recreational areas in Zadar and Mostar enable learning and playing in a safe, inclusive and engaging environment. The total value of investment (works and equipment) is more than EUR 487.000,00.



**ACRONYM:**  
INCLUSIVE PLAY

**PROJECT TITLE:**  
Inclusive Play

**PROJECT START:**  
1 March 2021

**PROJECT END:**  
31 January 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**  
EUR 948.203,05

**EU GRANT:**  
EUR 805.972,57

**PARTNERS:**  
**Lead Partner:** City of Zadar (Croatia)  
**Project Partners:** Kindergarten Latica (Croatia), City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Center for Children and Youth with Special Needs "Los Rosales" (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**LOCATION:**  
Zadar (Croatia), Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 20 experts working with children with disabilities trained and certified in various therapy techniques
- 20 experts working with children with disabilities attended the know-how workshops
- 40 family members of children with disabilities participated in six educational workshops
- 2 new Multisensory parks in City of Mostar set up
- 2 new Multisensory parks in City of Zadar set up
- "Los Rosales" Center in Mostar equipped with a therapy room

**MORE INFO:**





## LAB-OP

The project aims to improve the quality of public health services in the cross-border area through infrastructure improvements, enhancing knowledge and expertise in the laboratory diagnostic sector.

Pneumatic tube transport system installed in two hospitals ("Blažo Orlandić" General Hospital Bar in Montenegro and General Hospital Zadar in Croatia) in total amount of EUR 455.280,00 enables faster delivery and lower contamination of the laboratory samples, reducing the time required for patient treatment. Laboratory Information System in Hospital Livno with 5 connected health centres in the surrounding area (in total amount of EUR 115.000,00) standardizes and improves accuracy and speed of the laboratory tests.

New laboratory equipment in Hospital Bar also improves the efficiency of laboratory testing. The project reduces the pressure on the secondary and tertiary health care system which leads to reduction of time needed for patient treatment, improves overall public health and allows access to better health care to larger number of citizens.

To download smartphone app and educational movies on how to properly prepare for laboratory testing, please scan the QR code.

**ACRONYM:**

LAB-OP

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Improving Laboratory and Diagnosis Operational System

**PROJECT START:**

15 May 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 September 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 978.236,45

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 831.500,97

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** General Hospital Zadar (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** "Blažo Orlandić" General Hospital Bar (Montenegro), Institute of Public Health Zadar (Croatia) and Ministry of Labour, Health, Social Welfare and Displaced Persons of Herzeg – Bosnian Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**LOCATION:**

Zadar (Croatia), Bar (Montenegro), Herzeg – Bosnian Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- Smartphone app created to inform the general population about preparation for laboratory testing
- 129 health professionals educated on topics: "Ensuring proper blood and urine sampling"; "Preparation for laboratory tests"; "Various factors influencing the lab research and their proper interpretation"
- New Laboratory Information System (LIS) implemented in Herzeg-Bosnian Canton
- Pneumatic tube transport systems (PTS) implemented in two hospitals, Bar and Zadar
- More than 90.000 patients covered with improved health services

**MORE INFO:**



## MADE

The main objective of the project is to develop preventive dental health care in cross-border area of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro.

Project partners are implementing innovative Demo Mobile Access Dental Clinic (in total value of EUR 300.000,00). Joint dental medicine training program for dental professionals addressing skills and joint capacity strengthening is organized to improve dental care services.

Oral Health Database will enable a comparative analysis of qualitative and quantitative indicators of the population's oral health status and enable relevant inputs for delivering required cost-effective measures.

Action plan for the development of oral health preventive programmes will ensure sustainability and transferability of results in all participating countries.

**ACRONYM:**

MADE

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Mobile Access Dental Clinic

**PROJECT START:**

1 August 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 December 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 550.436,78

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 467.871,26

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** University of Split,  
School of Medicine (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** University of Mostar  
(Bosnia and Herzegovina), Public  
institution University of Montenegro  
Podgorica (Montenegro), Institute for  
the Mediterranean economy perspective  
(Croatia)

**LOCATION:**

Split (Croatia), Mostar (Bosnia and  
Herzegovina), Podgorica (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- Demo Mobile Access Dental Clinic set up
- 75 experts participated in joint dental medicine training programme
- 1.600 patients in programme area received improved health services such as fluoridation and fissure sealants, tooth sealing and descaling

**MORE INFO:**



## ON TIME

The main objective of project is to improve the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of cancer with improved quality of the services in the public health sector through the modernization of equipment, and establishment of Cross-border Health Education Centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina, acting as a knowledge hub for life-long learning education and networking of health care professionals.

Three mobile teams are formed within 3 public health institutes consisting of trained health professionals with the aim to increase the knowledge of the general public about the importance of prevention and early detection of colon and breast cancer, as well as to perform individual consultations on-site.

Project Partners are equipped with modern medical equipment for the purpose of improving early diagnosis and treatment (total value of more than EUR 380.000,00).

**ACRONYM:**

ON TIME

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Prevention and early detection for more effective treatment of colon and breast cancer

**PROJECT START:**

1 June 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 May 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 813.445,71

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 691.428,85

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Institute of Public Health Zadar (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** General hospital Zadar (Croatia), Institute of public health of Montenegro (Montenegro), PHI General Hospital "Blažo Orlandić" Bar (Montenegro), Institute for public health of West Herzegovina County (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**LOCATION:**

Zadar County (Croatia), Municipality of Podgorica, Municipality of Bar (Montenegro); West Herzegovina County (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 45 health care professionals educated in prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of cancer
- 1.500 patients received improved health services related to early detection of colon and breast cancer
- Cross-border Health Education Center for transfer of knowledge and experiences set up and equipped in Grude (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**MORE INFO:**



## RACE

Main objective of project is to increase the availability and quality of the Emergency medical services (EMS) of 3 project partners in order to provide the framework for innovative and more flexible actions in case of mass accidents.

Results of the project are reflected in: technical capacity improvement of the EMS with new medical equipment procured in the total amount of EUR 650.000,00 (7 sanitary vehicles with pre-installed medical equipment, 32 automated external defibrillators AED, ultrasound machine, medical devices and measuring instruments, educational equipment, IT equipment for EMS field offices, education centres and project management team, software for networking of external defibrillators, etc.), trainings of non-medical staff in providing first aid (enabling general population to use defibrillators to save human lives) and training of medical staff to reduce morbidity during prehospital care for traumatized patients.



**ACRONYM:**

RACE

**PROJECT TITLE:**

RACE FOR LIFE

**PROJECT START:**

15 February 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 May 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 940.443,19

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 799.376,69

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Health Center Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** Institute for Emergency Medicine of Zagreb County (Croatia) and Emergency medical services of Montenegro (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Zagreb County (Croatia), Podgorica, Nikšić, Danilovgrad, Cetinje, Herceg Novi, Tivat, Kotor, Budva, Bar and Ulcinj (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 249 medical staff educated in "Prehospital Care for Traumatized Patients"
- "Unified protocol in case of mass accidents" and accompanying exercise developed
- Technical capacity for provision of emergency medical services for 41.107 patients from project area improved
- Training program "Reanimation of Basic Vital Functions" developed and implemented for 1.905 non-medical persons (policemen, firemen, teachers, coaches etc.)

**MORE INFO:**



## TELE.DOC

The project supports the use of telemedicine in trauma and emergency care through investments in specialized medical equipment (in total value of EUR 800.000,00) and capacity building of health professionals.

In public hospitals, effective injury care is crucial for patient recovery and significantly decreases future health risks.

New jointly developed telemedical service (introducing IT tools for improved coordination and communication of trauma experts in cross-border area of three hospitals involved) enables more accessible health care for trauma patients, facilitates cross-border cooperation in this important field of medicine and creates new opportunities for targeted capacity building of medical professionals.

**ACRONYM:**

TELE.DOC

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Innovative Trauma and Injury Management Practices for Improved Patient Care in Cross Border Area

**PROJECT START:**

1 March 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 May 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.116.030,02

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 948.625,51

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** General Hospital Kotor (Montenegro)

**Project Partners:** Dubrovnik General Hospital (Croatia), Mostar Canton Hospital "Dr. Safet Mujić" (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Municipality of Kotor (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Kotor (Montenegro), Dubrovnik (Croatia), Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- New joint innovative telemedical service introduced at three hospitals
- Improved treatments for 1.468 patients by acquiring adequate medical equipment and supplies for trauma departments
- Improved capacity of 36 medical professionals in three cross border hospitals in Dubrovnik, Mostar and Kotor
- Medical care in Montenegro for emergencies at sea improved by acquiring one small rescue boat equipped with emergency medical equipment and diving equipment

**MORE INFO:**



Priority Axis 2

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



## Flood & Fire

The project aims to strengthen the capacity of local communities to manage and reduce disaster risks by developing timely, coordinated and effective emergency responses.

This includes the establishment of effective early warning systems (EWS) based on advancements in monitoring and forecasting of weather-related hazards, combined with investments in emergency response equipment (in total value of more than EUR 1.200.000,00) and capacity building activities.

The Communication Centre for Disaster Management in Herceg Novi (ME) plays a central role in coordinating disaster risk management initiatives in the cross-border region - Herceg Novi (Montenegro), Konavle (Croatia), Trebinje and Ravno (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

**ACRONYM:**

Flood & Fire

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Flood & Fire

**PROJECT START:**

15 August 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 December 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.849.508,00

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 1.572.081,80

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Municipality of Herceg Novi (Montenegro)

**Project Partners:** Municipality of Konavle (Croatia), City of Trebinje, Municipality of Ravno

**LOCATION:**

Herceg Novi (Montenegro), Konavle (Croatia), Trebinje (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Ravno (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- Communication centre for disaster management established covering 1.547,75 km<sup>2</sup> of programme area
- Holistic early warning information system for preventive flood protection provided, tested and put into function covering more than 59.000 inhabitants of the programme area

**MORE INFO:**



## INER

The project promotes the use of renewable energy sources and savings in energy consumption in the cross-border area through smart energy management, primarily in public buildings.

In order to analyse energy consumption and determine possibilities for energy savings and implementation of energy efficiency measures, the project enables performance of energy audits in 30 selected public buildings. Investments in 6 demonstration actions (in the total amount of EUR 618.129,00) increased the level of energy produced from renewable energy sources and enabled the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Joint activities, such as energy management cycle trainings, were attended by more than 200 participants through 18 trainings.

In parallel, project enabled the promotion of innovative technologies and solutions for smart and efficient energy management, increase of target groups' capacity for energy management (through transfer of knowledge and exchange of experience) and ultimately reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and energy consumption across the cross-border area.



**ACRONYM:**

INER

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Intelligent energy management and renewable energy sources promotion

**PROJECT START:**

1 July 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 December 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.154.867,69

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 981.637,51

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** City of Ilok (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** LIR Evolution Banja Luka, Municipality of Laktaši (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Local Democracy Agency – Nikšić, Old Royal Capital Cetinje (Montenegro), NGO EU Centar (Croatia)

**LOCATION:**

City of Ilok, Municipality of Lovas (Croatia), Municipality of Laktaši, Municipality of Derventa (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Municipality of Nikšić, Old Royal Capital Cetinje (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

• 0,9 MW of additional capacity of energy produced from renewable sources: solar energy in City of Ilok, Municipality of Lovas and Municipality of Nikšić, biomass energy in Municipality of Derventa and ambient energy in Municipality of Laktaši

**MORE INFO:**



## **I.N.G.R.I.D.**

The main objective of the project is to promote the use of renewable energy sources through small investments (in the amount of EUR 474.114,00) in public buildings in Krnjak, Podgorica and Velika Kladuša and to educate and raise awareness among the population of local communities across the cross-border area on the topic of sustainable energy development.

Through pilot projects for the installation of photovoltaic panels and pellet stoves, the project demonstrates how energy savings are achieved and the emissions of hazardous pollutants into the air are reduced.

Through the cross-border partnership, the platform for joint educational activities is established in order to increase the capacity of local communities, notably through: the creation of the energy efficiency initiative of municipalities and cities (which will sign the Joint declaration on the use of EE measures and RES) and the establishment and equipping of energy efficiency Info Offices, which will provide education and promotion of EE measures and RES.

**ACRONYM:**

I.N.G.R.I.D.

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Development of Energy Efficiency Sustainable Network of Cities and Municipalities in Cross Border Area

**PROJECT START:**

15 February 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 October 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 935.870,15

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 795.489,61

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Municipality of Krnjak (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** Municipality of Velika Kladuša (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Capital City of Podgorica (Montenegro), City of Hrvatska Kostajnica (Croatia)

**LOCATION:**

Krnjak, Hrvatska Kostajnica (Croatia), Velika Kladuša (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Podgorica (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 0,61 MW of additional capacity for energy production deriving from installation of solar panels (Podgorica, Municipality of Krnak and Velika Kladuša) and pellet stoves (Municipality of Krnjak and Velika Kladuša) installed
- Joint study and the analysis on EE measures, including Action Plan and Case study

**MORE INFO:**



## RESPONSa

The project aims to improve landslide and flash flood risk prevention system by creating an Early warning system (EWS) that enables individuals, communities and organizations threatened by a hazard to prepare and act appropriately and in due time to reduce the possibility of harm or loss. EWS also involves the identification of risk scenarios, emergency plans, societal considerations, public awareness, etc. The project encourages better cooperation between academic/scientific organizations, civil protection organizations, municipalities and other relevant institutions.

Project results include: direct implementation of scientific methodologies in practice, data collection from local communities (areas with geological hazards), knowledge transfer between partner institutions, setting up remote sensing laboratory with new equipment, application and development of new technologies, setting up a mobile team for geological hazard prospection and consulting in case of emergency. Web portal "Report a landslide" created during safEarth project was improved during project RESPONSa and available to general public to report landslides in Croatia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. It serves as a platform for updating landslide information, leading to national landslide inventory in the future. All three project partners procured valuable new geological equipment, in total value of EUR 330.000,00.

**ACRONYM:**

RESPONSa

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Response to landslide and flash flood risk with early warning system design

**PROJECT START:**

1 October 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 March 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 935.168,30

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 794.893,04

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Croatian Geological Survey (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** Faculty of Mining, Geology and Civil Engineering (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Geological Survey of Montenegro (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Zagreb County, Brod-Posavina County, Sisak-Moslavina County (Croatia), Brčko District, Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Podgorica, Budva (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- More than 220 km<sup>2</sup> in Croatia and Montenegro covered by Landslide inventory and flash flood triggered areas
- Early warning system (EWS) created in cooperation with relevant institutions (civil protection, meteorological service) and local authorities implemented in pilot areas: Kutina (Croatia), Tuzla and Brčko (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Budva (Montenegro) covering more than 200.000 inhabitants

**MORE INFO:**



## **SAFE TOGETHER**

The main objective of the project is to improve the capability to react to natural disasters through an increase in the level of preparedness and operability of the rescue services in the cross-border area of central Croatia, northern Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro.

The project educated staff (10 people from each partner), founded new Mountain rescue stations/services, and raised awareness of preserving the environment and nature. Also, infrastructure works, in the amount of EUR 514.737,00 performed within the project, resulted in renovated training centers for risk prevention in the cross-border area (Daruvar, Gradiška and Podgorica).

By implementing joint trainings for more than 120 participants, project partners are considerably increasing the capability of intervention rescue services to react in the situation of crisis.

**ACRONYM:**  
SAFE TOGETHER

**PROJECT TITLE:**  
SAFE TOGETHER - Risk prevention in the cross-border area

**PROJECT START:**  
1 October 2020

**PROJECT END:**  
31 January 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**  
EUR 1.276.113,94

**EU GRANT:**  
EUR 1.084.696,84

**PARTNERS:**  
**Lead Partner:** Ministry of the Interior (Montenegro)  
**Project Partners:** City of Gradiška (Bosnia and Herzegovina), City of Daruvar (Croatia)

**LOCATION:**  
City of Podgorica (Montenegro), City of Gradiška (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Bjelovar-Bilogora County (Croatia)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- More than 31.000 inhabitants covered by flood protection measures (hazard maps of threatened flood area, relevant stakeholders certified and equipped for protection and rescue, National Training Centre in Podgorica and Training Centre in Gradiška established)
- More than 18.000 km<sup>2</sup> covered with improved emergency preparedness and risk prevention systems (Risk Assessment Plans and equipment for civil protection services)

**MORE INFO:**





## SMART SCHOOLS 2

The project's overall objective is the implementation of cross-border activities that support energy savings, promote investments through renewable energy sources and encourage the population and all stakeholders to use sustainable energy solutions. The project implemented significant infrastructure works (in total amount of EUR 736.000,00) with the aim of switching to new renewable energy capacities (biomass, solar energy) in 35 public facilities (primary and secondary schools).

The project will annually generate 6.217.693 kWh of renewable energy and 4.217.693 kWh of energy savings. A special component of the project focuses on innovative educational content for both students and teaching staff (e.g. through cross-border school competition in saving energy covering more than 40.000 students, through development of entertaining educational tools for primary and secondary schools, set of competitive digital quizzes with educational EE topics and online mentoring for students), as well as key decision makers.



**ACRONYM:**

SMART SCHOOLS 2

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Innovative minds for ICT smart schools

**PROJECT START:**

15 October 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 April 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.855.805,07

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 1.577.434,30

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Association Centre for Development and Support (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** Tuzla Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Brod-Posavina County (Croatia)

**LOCATION:**

Tuzla Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Brod-Posavina County (Croatia)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- New automated programmable wood/biomass (pellet) boilers with total installed capacity of 4,43 MW installed in 19 primary and secondary schools in Tuzla Canton
- New grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) power plants with total installed capacity of 0,36 MW installed in 16 primary and secondary schools in Brod-Posavina County

**MORE INFO:**



## Wood Key

The main objective of the project is to encourage the transition of the energy sector in the targeted cross-border area through the use of wood biomass as the main energy source for heating. The project aims to change the way in which the cross-border local communities produce energy by switching to low-carbon energy production, thus contributing to decarbonization and developing a regional market that makes optimal use of renewable energy resources.

The project activities include investments in technical infrastructure in public facilities (installation of 3 biomass boilers in the amount of EUR 651.950,00), capacity building of local participants through educational activities and preparation of strategic documents that are crucial for future investments in the renewable energy resources in the targeted cross-border area.

**ACRONYM:**

Wood Key

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Boosting wood biomass energy market as a key for regional energy transition - Wood Key

**PROJECT START:**

15 February 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 February 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.114.206,99

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 947.075,93

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** Karlovac County (Croatia), Development Agency of Una-Sana Canton Bihać, City of Bihać (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Municipality of Herceg Novi (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Karlovac County (Croatia), Una-Sana Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Herceg Novi (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 3 biomass boilers installed with total capacity of 1,8 MW
- 14 educational activities held with more than 350 participants
- 1 joint Strategy on renewable energy source utilization developed
- 1 investment web platform created

**MORE INFO:**



Priority Axis 3  
**Contributing  
to the  
development of  
tourism and  
preserving  
cultural and  
natural  
heritage**



## ĆIRO II

The main project objective is to strengthen and diversify the tourism offer of Herzegovina, Dubrovnik-Neretva County and Boka-Kotorska Bay through development of joint thematic tourism destination: Old Narrow Gauge Railway ĆIRO. The abandoned railway was revitalized into a bicycle trail during the financial perspective 2007-2013.

ĆIRO II project expands the existing infrastructure of the bicycle trail for 20 km in Montenegro and creates a new tourist content through the construction of 10 resting places, 2 parks and 1 playground for children, development of ĆIRO mobile application and 3D animation, etc.

Total value of infrastructure and works is more than EUR 1.000.000,00. Additionally, 15 service providers from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro are trained to apply the bike friendly standards and quality control in cyclotourism.

**ACRONYM:**

ĆIRO II

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Cross-border Thematic Tourism  
Destination: Old Narrow Gauge Railway  
ĆIRO

**PROJECT START:**

1 September 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 December 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.770.362,68

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 1.504.808,26

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Municipality of Ravno  
(Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** Agency for  
construction and development of  
Herceg Novi (Montenegro), Municipality  
of Konavle (Croatia)

**LOCATION:**

Ravno (Bosnia and Herzegovina),  
Herceg Novi (Montenegro), Dubrovnik-  
Neretva County (Croatia)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

• Cross border thematic touristic  
route ĆIRO developed

**MORE INFO:**



## CUHaCHA

The project contributes to development of tourism in cross-border area through strengthening and preservation of the common culinary heritage.

Traditional ways of producing and consuming food in the cross-border area are at risk of extinction due to the growing globalization and internationalization of the food market. As a response, CUHaCHA developed a new tourist offer based on the creation and promotion of culinary heritage.

Seven culinary heritage trails of local, regional and translational character are developed and they include catering establishments that cherish traditional gastronomy and customs. With an investment of EUR 280.000,00 culinary heritage showrooms are developed and equipped to serve as a facility for cooking classes for tourists and students as well as for practical seminars of service providers.

Theoretical educations and practical workshops held within the project enabled tourism service providers to address the potentials that culinary heritage brings and to pass knowledge on preparation and presentation of traditional dishes to domestic and foreign visitors.



**ACRONYM:**

CUHaCHA

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Enhancing Sustainable Tourism Development through Culinary Heritage

**PROJECT START:**

15 August 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 December 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 710.943,79

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 604.302,21

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Zadar County Rural Development Agency (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport Herzegovina-Neretva Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Municipality of Tivat (Montenegro), Zadar County (Croatia)

**LOCATION:**

Zadar County (Croatia), Herzegovina-Neretva Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Tivat, Herceg Novi, Kotor, Budva, Bar and Ulcinj (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- Culinary heritage innovative interactive map developed
- 3 culinary heritage showrooms equipped and presented
- 15 service providers trained to present and maintain the quality of the culinary heritage within the cooperation area

**MORE INFO:**



## ePATH

Nature parks and other protected natural areas in programme area create important economic opportunities for local communities. ePATH project aims to strengthen the potential of unused natural resources by creating new sustainable tourism experiences that both residents and visitors can enjoy through the entire year.

The project improves several tourism supporting facilities in sensitive ecosystems (in total value of EUR 902.400,00), creates two thematic paths dedicated to endemic species (in total value of EUR 186.400,00), and promotes the appreciation of cultural and natural heritage.

Within the project, 12 protected area professionals are trained and certified to deliver quality heritage interpretation services. Certified interpretive guides are equipped with valuable skills and knowledge to develop successful interpretive talks and innovative ways to interact with nature park visitors.

**ACRONYM:**

ePATH

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Endemic pathway

**PROJECT START:**

1 November 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 January 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.540.375,21

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 1.309.318,91

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Public Company Hutovo Blato Nature Park (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** City of Makarska (Croatia) and Public Company for Coastal Zone Management of Montenegro (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Čapljina (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Makarska (Croatia), Tivat (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 1 mobile application „Endemic Pathway“ for identifying and recording endemic bird and plant species, bird watching competitions, workshops and bird and plant observation camps, developed
- Interpretation centres in Nature Park Hutovo Blato (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Special Nature Reserve Tivat Salina (Montenegro) reconstructed and equipped
- Tourism supporting infrastructure in Kotišina Botanical Garden (Croatia) improved (1 pathway and 1 instructive trail)
- 12 interpretive guides trained and certified
- Nature Park Hutovo Blato adapted with observatory platform, bird watchtowers, souvenir shop, adrenaline park, instructive trail and walking trail

**MORE INFO:**



## Exchange

The main goal of the project is to strengthen and diversify the tourist offer in the targeted area through exploring aquatic biodiversity and to enable better management and sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage.

Project activities include developing a joint cross-border tourism product called „Blue pass pack“ (containing joint entrance tickets, E-guide, audio guides, interactive kiosks and promo pack) and developing and implementing a training program in standardization of natural heritage.

Additionally, the following investments in total amount of EUR 785.440,00 are implemented: upgrading the Dubrovnik Aquarium (Croatia), extension of Aquarium Boka in Kotor (Montenegro), upgrading of camp facilities in Hutovo Blato (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and reconstruction of City Bath "Banja" in Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

**ACRONYM:**

EXChAngE

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Explore Cross-border Aquatic Biodiversity - EXChAngE

**PROJECT START:**

15 August 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 November 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.686.047,09

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 1.433.140,00

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** University of Dubrovnik (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** Tourist Organisation of Kotor, University of Montenegro, Institute of Marine Biology (Montenegro), Tourist Board of Herzegovina - Neretva Canton, Public Company Hutovo Blato Nature Park (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**LOCATION:**

Dubrovnik (Croatia), Kotor (Montenegro), Mostar, Hutovo Blato (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- New cross-border tourism product called "Blue pass pack" developed
- 3 tourism supporting facilities improved (Dubrovnik aquarium, Boka aquarium and Hutovo Blato camp)
- 40 managers and licensed touristic guides trained in standardization of natural heritage
- 1 cultural asset (City bath "Banja" in Mostar) improved

**MORE INFO:**



## FORTITUDE

The main objective of the project is to develop and improve supporting tourism facilities at historic fortresses and to create joint cultural events that will increase tourism attractiveness of the programme area and increase the number of visitors during the off-peak season.

The result of the project is reflected in the improvement of visitor centers at fortresses in four cities: Šibenik, Karlovac, Banja Luka and Bar (arranged info points for visitors, developed and installed permanent set-ups/exhibitions/multimedia contents for interpretation), development of sightseeing routes featuring visits to fortresses and trained stakeholder representatives in tourism heritage management.

Additionally, three project partners implemented investments in fortress areas with the aim of improving the overall visitors experience of the monument sites. The value of infrastructure works amounts to EUR 257.000,00. Added cross-border value of the project is reflected in development of long-term cooperation in managing joint manifestation "Night of Fortress", mutual digital promotion of sites via digital kiosks and standardization of heritage tourism management through capacity building training and know-how exchange.

**ACRONYM:**  
FORTITUDE

**PROJECT TITLE:**  
Historic Fortresses Intensifying Cross-Border Tourism Development

**PROJECT START:**  
1 March 2020

**PROJECT END:**  
31 August 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**  
EUR 1.618.438,60

**EU GRANT:**  
EUR 1.375.672,79

**PARTNERS:**  
**Lead Partner:** Public Institution Fortress of Culture Šibenik (Croatia)  
**Project Partners:** City of Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina), City of Karlovac (Croatia), Municipality of Bar (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**  
Šibenik, Karlovac (Croatia), Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Bar (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- Visitor centers in 4 historic fortifications improved and equipped
- 76 heritage operators and tourism stakeholders trained in tourism management
- Joint cross-border cultural tourism manifestation "Night of Fortress" developed and launched

**MORE INFO:**





## HeritageREVIVED

The main objective of the Project is to diversify and promote the tourism offer of cross-border region through revitalisation and sustainable use of neglected cultural heritage.

Three cultural assets: Rižinice (Croatia), Old Town Ljubuški (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Shas (Montenegro) were researched, restored and equipped with the supporting facilities and infrastructure for visitors. The value of all these investments amounts to EUR 1.053.817,00. Project partners are developing and promoting new cultural tourism content – virtual reality (VR) reconstruction of three archaeological sites.

VR animations are promoted by local tourist boards, info centers and city museums. The standardization of cultural heritage management is improved by cross-border exchange of ideas and capacity building of heritage and tourism operators.



**ACRONYM:**

HeritageREVIVED

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Preservation, valorisation and promotion of cultural heritage on the outskirts of urban areas

**PROJECT START:**

15 October 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 January 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.965.441,15

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 1.670.624,97

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Development Agency of West Herzegovina County – HERAG (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** Municipality of Ljubuški (Bosnia and Herzegovina), City of Solin, County Road Administration Split (Croatia), Municipality of Ulcinj (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Solin - Rižinice (Croatia), Ljubuški - Gračine (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Ulcinj - Shas (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- Modernisation of the permanent exhibition of Ulcinj City Museum and totem installation in Old Town Ulcinj
- Visitor / Interpretation center in Roman military camp in Gračine built and equipped
- 30 participants trained in cultural management, tourism of experiences and destination management
- Archaeological site of Rižinice researched, preserved and made accessible for tourists
- Archaeological site of Shas restored
- Old Town Ljubuški restored

**MORE INFO:**



## NAUTICA CBC

The main objective of the project is to strengthen, diversify and integrate the cross-border tourism offer in the Programme area through the development of a new tourism product, and the adoption of new knowledge and sectoral skills.

The most important activities include the improvement of tourist infrastructure for nautical and car-free tourism in Stari Grad and Kotor through the purchase of equipment (smart interactive boards, solar benches, electric bicycles with equipment, bicycle holders and lockers, interactive bus stop, kayaks, IT equipment) in the total amount of EUR 322.000,00, as well as the promotion of traditional gastronomy in the cross-border area through a digital interactive cookbook "Taste of Tradition", which is be part of a joint mobile application for nautical tourists "NAUTICA CBC".

**ACRONYM:**  
NAUTICA CBC

**PROJECT TITLE:**  
Strengthening, innovation and promotion of the nautical tourism offer and cultural heritage by cross-border cooperation

**PROJECT START:**  
1 March 2021

**PROJECT END:**  
31 January 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**  
EUR 628.712,28

**EU GRANT:**  
EUR 534.405,42

**PARTNERS:**  
**Lead Partner:** Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb (Croatia)  
**Project Partners:** University of Montenegro (Montenegro), Split and Dalmatia County Port authority (Croatia), Tourism organisation of Kotor (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**  
Stari Grad (Croatia), Kotor (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- Innovative joint mobile application "NAUTICA CBC" for nautical and car-free tourists created and promoted
- 60 participants from Croatia and Montenegro successfully trained on quality assurance in nautical tourism in 2 thematic trainings

**MORE INFO:**





## PA.CON

The main objective is to strengthen the potential of unused natural resources in the cross-border region and contribute to the development of sustainable tourism. Project partners are in charge for improving three natural assets and developing the regional birdwatching route PA.CON.

The route includes three accessible bird habitats: National Park Skadar Lake (ME), the Sopotac site (Nijemci, HR) and the forest Ilinčica (Tuzla, BA).

The bird habitats are marked and connected with equipment, complementary tourism supporting facilities and infrastructure, in the total amount of over EUR 1.000.000,00.

In addition, 6 trainings for target groups in tourism are organized (2 in each country) on destination management and quality assurance.

**ACRONYM:**

PA.CON

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Pannonia-Adria Connection

**PROJECT START:**

15 October 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 January 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.870.267,64

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 1.578.318,84

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Municipality of Nijemci (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** City of Tuzla, Development Association NERDA (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Center for the study and protection of birds of Montenegro, Public Enterprise for National Parks of Montenegro (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Nijemci (Croatia), Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Podgorica, Vranjina, Virpazar (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 150 participants trained in destination management and quality assurance
- 3 natural assets improved and made accessible to visitors:
  - Suspension bridge constructed in Spačva forest (NATURA 2000 area) in Croatia
  - Nature park house ILINČICA reconstructed and three resting areas/viewing points created (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
  - Info center in Virpazar and Info center at Vranjina (Skadar lake area) adapted, 2 bird-observation towers replaced and old railway embankment restored (Montenegro)

**MORE INFO:**



## WRECKS4ALL

Underwater cultural heritage reveals important historical and cultural facts and offers new opportunities for tourism development. Project WRECKS4ALL brings underwater cultural heritage closer to the public through virtual and augmented reality (VR/AR) immersive visualisations, museum exhibitions, and creation of virtual heritage trails.

Three new tourist facilities are created and equipped within the Project (VR/AR showrooms) which represent the new offer of the cross border region. Project partners also procured valuable equipment (for scuba-diving and showrooms) in the total amount of EUR 235.000,00.

Project also envisaged capacity building activities that explore various themes related to the methods, tools, and techniques for the restoration, visualization and presentation of submerged sites and contribute to better appreciation of cultural and natural heritage.

**ACRONYM:**  
WRECKS4ALL

**PROJECT TITLE:**  
Protecting underwater heritage through its digitalization and valorisation as a new tourist offer

**PROJECT START:**  
15 August 2020

**PROJECT END:**  
14 December 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**  
EUR 1.016.778,32

**EU GRANT:**  
EUR 864.261,56

**PARTNERS:**  
**Lead Partner:** University of Montenegro (Montenegro)  
**Project Partners:** Tourist Organisation of Municipality of Bar (Montenegro), Tourist Board of Herzegovina – Neretva Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Faculty of Maritime Studies, University of Split (Croatia) and Croatian Maritime Museum Split (Croatia)

**LOCATION:**  
Kotor, Bar (Montenegro), Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Split (Croatia)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- Underwater cultural heritage incorporated into new tourism product containing 9 virtual and augmented reality experiences
- Virtual East Adriatic underwater heritage trail map developed and presented through new mobile application
- 3 new showrooms in Kotor, Mostar and Split equipped and opened to visitors
- 3 Scuba-diving training centres equipped
- 60 participants trained on destination management and tourism promotion of underwater cultural heritage
- 42 participants trained on underwater archaeology, scuba diving, and underwater photogrammetry

**MORE INFO:**







PA 4

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



## 2CODE

The main objective of the Project is to strengthen the capacity of organizations and to improve services to support the development of the favourable business environment in the cross-border area.

The Project resulted in establishing IT clusters in Nikšić and Tuzla, formally established network of cooperation among four existing CODE Hubs (Zadar, Mostar, Tuzla, and Nikšić) with the aim of enhancing the competitiveness of the target area, development of Code Hub services for digital nomads and development of cross-border mentoring network platform, which is created for connecting existing cross-border network of mentors and start-ups and SMEs from the programme area.

Capacities of the existing CODE Hubs are also upgraded through purchasing new equipment and developing new services (hackathon for software solution, international tech conference, training for project stakeholders on using ICT solutions, meet-ups to connect local IT community etc). Additional necessary furniture and IT equipment in the amount of EUR 128.356,00 was purchased in order to improve Code Hub services. Also, one UX Lab in Zadar is established and equipped in the amount of EUR 50.000,00.

**ACRONYM:**

2CODE

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Cooperation for Development of Cross Border Business Environment Enhanced

**PROJECT START:**

1 March 2020

**PROJECT END:**

28 February 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 929.745,82

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 790.283,94

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre Tehnopolis (Montenegro)

**Project Partners:** Foundation for innovation and technological development INTERA (Bosnia and Herzegovina), City of Zadar (Croatia), Public Company "BIT Centar" (Bosnia and Herzegovina), University of Zadar (Croatia)

**LOCATION:**

Nikšić (Montenegro), Mostar, Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Zadar (Croatia)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 1 Cross-border network of IT clusters established and preconditions for cross-border cooperation among IT actors created
- 1 Network of cooperation of business support institutions in cross border area developed
- 1 Innovation Lab established and developed

**MORE INFO:**



## centrikomNET

Project strengthens business support organizations in cross border area by applying innovative models and approaches in enhancement of competitiveness of local SMEs and unemployed persons. For this purpose, with support of local business support organizations, one (1) cross-border cluster is established gathering SMEs operating in wood sector.

Focus of the project is use of knowledge and resources of the scientific institutions in order to improve competences of unemployed persons and small businesses. The gap between labour market and formal education is bridged through boosting quality of human resources needed by SMEs, new services of business service providers, training of workforce and access to new technologies, followed by implementation of mentoring programmes in selected companies.

By setting up demonstration fields in the cross-border area and equipping them with high-quality equipment (in total value of more than EUR 150.000,00) for practical and theoretical work, project provides a long-term infrastructure and services in the area of informal education and competences and skills enhancement programmes tailored to the needs of SMEs.

**ACRONYM:**

centrikomNET

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Enhancement of competitiveness of transnational business competence centres and networks

**PROJECT START:**

1 August 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 July 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 659.563,58

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 560.629,03

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Municipality of Stari Jankovci (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** Municipality of Tovarnik, Competence Centre Ltd. For Research and Development (Croatia), Development Agency Žepče Ltd. (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Montenegrin Employers Federation (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Vukovar-Srijem County (Croatia), Zenica – Dobož Canton (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Podgorica (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 1 cross-border cluster on enhancing favourable business environment established
- 1 SMART COOPERATION programme created (with 10 enterprises and 5 research and scientific institutions participating in the programme)

**MORE INFO:**



## COOPeR

All over the Programme area, olive growers face similar challenges such as limited access to market, scarce capacity and resources, and insufficient cooperation between SMEs and research and development institutions.

Project COOPeR aims to address these challenges by establishing the cross-border Centre for Olives in Mostar (total value of investment is more than EUR 320.000,00) dedicated to collaborative research and development in the field of olive growing and olive oil production, with a variety of laboratory and diagnostic tests and procedures available, capacity building activities and targeted research programs developed and implemented.

With the aim of securing the long-term sustainability of the Centre, new Cross-border Business Network is developed, facilitating the cooperation among researchers, farmers, advisers, NGOs and public authorities involved in the olive sector.

**ACRONYM:**

COOPeR

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Enhancing competitiveness of olive production in the programme area through cross border cooperation

**PROJECT START:**

15 December 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 March 2023

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 884.674,82

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 751.973,57

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** Croatian Chamber of Economy (Croatia), Institute for Adriatic Crops and Karst Reclamation (Croatia), Chamber of Economy of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and NGO Olive Growers Association "Boka" – Boka Kotorska (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Mostar, Čapljina, Stolac, Neum, Ravno, Čitluk, Grude, Ljubuški, Trebinje (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Split-Dalmatia County, Dubrovnik-Neretva County, Šibenik-Knin County (Croatia), Tivat, Kotor, Budva, Herceg Novi (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 1 cross-border business network developed to secure the sustainability and durability of the Cross-border centre for olives
- 1 cross-border olive centre with a laboratory established
- 6 cooperation agreements/declarations signed between the Centre for Olives and business support institutions/enterprises/cooperatives

**MORE INFO:**



## CREATIVE@CBC

The main objective of the project is to develop and promote creative industries, which are not based on material resources, but on human resources, knowledge, specific skills and intangible products.

In the framework of the project Creative Centers in Prijedor (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Novska (Croatia) and Podgorica (Montenegro) are established and equipped with the aim of providing access to know-how, targeted services, new technologies (3D printing, CNC prototyping etc.) and best practice methodologies to all stakeholders relevant for development of creative industries in the target project area.

Creative Centers are the main pillars of establishing the CREATIVE@CBC Network, whose role is to facilitate cooperation among the above-mentioned creative industry stakeholders. The investments and equipment related to establishing of Creative Centers is worth more than EUR 240.000,00.



**ACRONYM:**

CREATIVE@CBC

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Development of Cross-Border  
Cooperation Network of Creative  
Industries

**PROJECT START:**

1 June 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 May 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 595.214,00

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 505.931,90

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Development Agency  
of the City of Prijedor "PREDA-PD"  
(Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** Development  
Agency of Sisak Moslavina County  
SIMORA LTD (Croatia), Association for  
Democratic Prosperity - Zid  
(Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Prijedor (Bosnia and Herzegovina),  
Novska (Croatia), Podgorica  
(Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 3 Creative Centers in Prijedor,  
Novska and Podgorica established
- 1 CREATIVE@CBC network  
established

**MORE INFO:**



## CROWN

The main objective of CROWN project is to strengthen entrepreneurial competences, to help creating innovative start-ups and to improve entrepreneurial activity in order to boost competitiveness of the target area.

New entrepreneurship departments are established and equipped (total value of equipment is more than EUR 55.000,00) within the business support institutions in Novska (Croatia), Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Nikšić (Montenegro) with the aim of enhancing growth of SMEs in the target area.

The project puts special emphasis on young population by providing them support in starting-up their own business activities. Competitiveness of the target area is further enhanced by creation of the Entrepreneurial Cross-border Network, which includes representatives of business support institutions, decision-makers and other relevant stakeholders.

**ACRONYM:**

CROWN

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Crown of entrepreneurial ideas for success

**PROJECT START:**

15 July 2020

**PROJECT END:**

14 July 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 616.169,00

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 523.743,65

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Sisak-Moslavina County Development Agency SI-MO-RA LTD. (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center Tehnopolis (Montenegro), Foundation for innovation and technological development (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**LOCATION:**

Novska (Croatia), Nikšić (Montenegro), Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 1 entrepreneurial cross-border network established
- Capacities of SI-MO-RA upgraded (staff of newly established entrepreneurship department educated through management trainings, internship in targeted EU specialized centres for technology transfers, training of trainers and conferences for exchange of knowledge)

**MORE INFO:**



## Development through DIHs

The project aims to solve the problem of non-competitiveness and lack of business infrastructure in the target area, as well as lack of specific entrepreneurial knowledge and skills to increase entrepreneurs' networking.

The project focuses on development of digital economy through the establishment of Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) in Gradiška, Daruvar, Lipik and Kotor that contribute to sustainable and competitive economic and technological development. The amount invested in IT equipment, furniture and adaptation works for four (4) DIHs is over EUR 1.000.000,00.

Existing entrepreneurs, associations, potential start-ups and clusters in the project area established the model for a joint cluster with the aim of networking entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs increased their skills and competences and obtained certificates in the field of: Front-End development and programming languages used in Java developer and robotics. The project also developed a common place to share knowledge, in the form of a platform offering specialized e-learning programs in virtual classrooms.

**ACRONYM:**

Development through DIHs

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Development through Digital Innovative Hubs in Gradiška, Daruvar, Lipik and Kotor

**PROJECT START:**

1 August 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 July 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.487.795,39

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 1.264.626,06

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** City of Gradiška (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** City of Daruvar, City of Lipik (Croatia) and Municipality of Kotor (Montenegro)

**LOCATION:**

Gradiška (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Daruvar, Lipik (Croatia) and Kotor (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 2 Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) in Gradiška and Daruvar established
- 2 Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) in Lipik and Kotor reconstructed and equipped
- 8 cycles of educations organized in Gradiška, Daruvar, Lipik and Kotor for future start-up or existing start-up/entrepreneurs for 52 participants
- 1 common platform for e-learning for SMEs provided
- 1 SME cluster established

**MORE INFO:**



## GreenCBC

The main objective of the project GreenCBC is to establish a Cross-border Open Innovation Bio-economy Network (Green CBC Network) with the aim of increasing cooperation among SMEs, Business Support Institutions (BSIs) and R&D institutions.

Within the Project, 4 educational events in the field of market research, cluster development, technology transfer and applying to EU programmes is organized for SMEs from the target area in order to increase their competitiveness.

Apart from that, a survey encompassing 45 interviewees is conducted in order to identify the technological needs of SMEs, the capacities of R&D institutions to meet those needs as well as possibilities of BSIs in the target area to enhance collaboration between the two.

The project is also establishing and equipping green product design laboratory in Vinkovci (Croatia) and bio-chemical laboratory in Nikšić (Montenegro). The equipment for both laboratories is worth more than EUR 270.000,00.

**ACRONYM:**

GreenCBC

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Cross-border Open innovation  
Bioeconomy network

**PROJECT START:**

1 September 2020

**PROJECT END:**

31 October 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 680.529,23

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 578.449,84

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Croatian Chamber of  
Economy (Croatia)

**Project Partners:** Competence  
Centre Ltd. For Research and  
Development (Croatia), Innovation  
and Entrepreneurship Center  
Tehnopolis (Montenegro), Northeast  
Regional Development Association –  
NERDA (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**LOCATION:**

Vinkovci (Croatia), Nikšić (Montenegro),  
Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 1 cross-border network developed  
(Green CBC Network)
- 1 competence center improved and  
jointly used by entrepreneurs

**MORE INFO:**



## iNnovaNet

The project increases the competitiveness of SMEs in the cross-border region through the creation of favourable business environment, development of the business support infrastructure and improvement of the level of knowledge of current and future entrepreneurs, employees, unemployed persons and students.

In addition to 5 specialized trainings for trainers for business support organizations, 8 quality industrial trainings for more than 200 persons (unemployed, students and high school students) are organized in order to respond to labour market demands. With EUR 700.000,00 of investments in thematic equipment for mechatronic, CNC and robotic cabinets within training centres in Zenica and Nova Gradiška and secondary schools in Podgorica, Nikšić and Gradiška, the project provides tailored technical assistance to SMEs and unemployed persons.

Through the development of a virtual educational platform, the project delivers a new collaborative scheme between business support institutions, education institutions/schools and entrepreneurs with a vision for a sustainable mechanism supporting the competitiveness of the programme area.



**ACRONYM:**

iNnovaNet

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Innovative technologies for stronger businesses and improved business environment

**PROJECT START:**

15 September 2020

**END DATE:**

31 December 2022

**TOTAL BUDGET:**

EUR 1.320.785,97

**EU GRANT:**

EUR 1.122.668,06

**PARTNERS:**

**Lead Partner:** Zenica Development Agency ZEDA Ltd. (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Project Partners:** Industrial Park Nova Gradiška, Ltd. for development and investment (Croatia), Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre Tehnopolis (Montenegro), City of Gradiška (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**LOCATION:**

Zenica – Dobož Canton, City of Gradiška (Bosnia and Herzegovina), City of Nova Gradiška (Croatia), Podgorica, Nikšić (Montenegro)

**MAIN OUTPUTS:**

- 1 network of educational and partner institutions established and 1 virtual educational web platform developed
- 2 Business support organizations trained in ToT (Transfer of Technology) to improve their capacities and level of knowledge for the future beneficiaries
- 3 innovative training and educational centres in secondary schools in Gradiška, Podgorica and Nikšić equipped

**MORE INFO:**

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