

COMPENDIUM OF PROJECTS

funded under the First Call of Interreg-IPA
Cross-border Cooperation Bulgaria-Serbia
Programme 2014-2020



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It is our pleasure to present the compendium of projects funded under the Interreg-IPA Cross-border Cooperation Bulgaria-Serbia Programme 2014-2020.

The purpose of this collection is not only to showcase projects, but also to help regional and local authorities in both countries to capitalize on already-existing exchange of good practices.

We hope that this Compendium will continue to act as a catalyst for improving the overall quality of cross-border cooperation - an objective we all share.

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ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Interreg-IPA CBC Programme Bulgaria-Serbia contributes to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth through an integrated approach in order to address common territorial challenges. The vision for the Bulgaria-Serbia border region development, in line with EU2020 perspective, can be formulated in one brief message:

“Well preserved regional resources – people, land and heritage – as a guarantee for cross-border identity and sustainable development of the border region”.

The Programme goal is to strengthen territorial cohesion of the Bulgarian - Serbian cross-border region, its competitiveness and sustainability of its development through cooperation in the economic, social and environmental area over the administrative borders.

WHO MANAGES THE PROGRAMME

The Programme is jointly managed by the Ministry of Regional Development of the Republic of Bulgaria (Managing Authority) and the Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia (National Authority). Other key Programme structures include Joint Monitoring Committee, Certifying Authority, Audit Authority and Joint Secretariat.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE FUNDED

- Soft measures projects
- Investment projects

WHERE ARE THE PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

NUTS III regions or equivalents, on the border between both partnering countries, including: Bulgarian districts of Vidin, Montana, Vratsa, Sofiyska oblast, Pernik and Kyustendil, and Serbian districts of Bor, Zajecar, Nisava, Toplica, Pirot, Jablanica and Pcinja.

FIRST CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS - FACTS & FIGURES

LAUNCHED ON

August 17, 2015

OPENED UNTIL

January 18, 2016

NUMBER OF FUNDED PROJECTS

In total, 38 projects were funded under the First call for Project proposals.

NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER PRIORITY AXIS

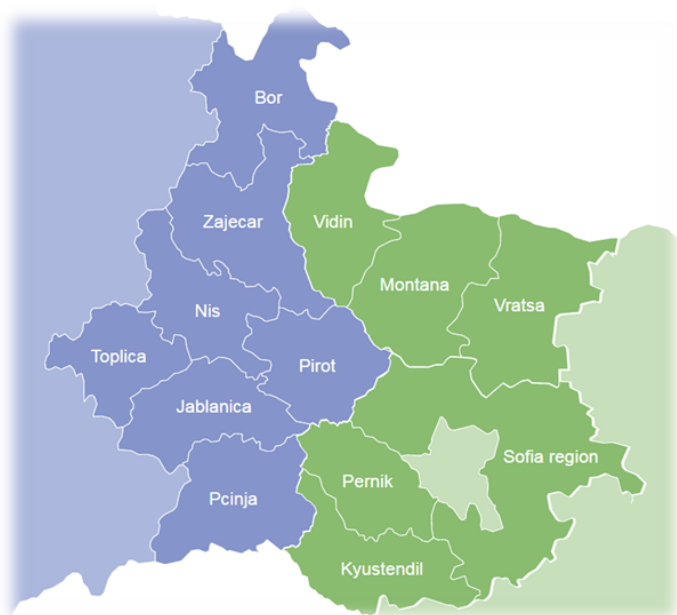
- PA1 - Sustainable tourism - 14 projects
- PA2 - Youth - 12 projects
- PA3 - Environment - 12 projects

AVAILABLE BUDGET

18 176 278 €

BUDGET PER PRIORITY AXIS

- PA1 - Sustainable Tourism - 7 098 323 €
- PA2 - Youth - 4 566 584 €
- PA3 - Environment - 6 511 371 €





AD-VISION

Project No.

CB007.1.12.084

Budget

185 984.61 €

Duration

13.12.2017 – 12.12.2018

Project partners:

- Association "Regional partnerships for sustainable development – Vidin" (RPSD - Vidin)
- Soul of the Balkans, Knjazevac
- Association "Authentic Bulgaria", Sofia
- Tourist Organization of the Municipality of Knjazevac

Specific objective:

1.2 Cross-Border Touristic Product

Project objective:

Enhancing the capacity for sustainable tourism development of the border destination of Stara Planina.



Conference on responsible travel and adventure tourism, Belogradchik, 5-6 June 2018

- Resource inventory and stakeholder identification has been delivered on 12.03.2018 in Bulgarian and translated into English and Serbian languages;
- Seminar "Development of adventure tourism in the cross-border region Serbia - Bulgaria" has been organized on 29-30.05.2018 in Sokobanja with 62 participants - lecturers, experts and mountaineers;
- Conference on Responsible Travel and Adventure Tourism has been organized on 5-6.06.2018 in Belogradchik;
- Seminar "Events Management and Marketing" has been organized on 4-6.09.2018 in Falkovets;
- Study of the development potential of adventure tourism in the cross-border region Belogradchik-Chuprene-Knjaževac has been developed and can be downloaded from the project website;
- Film for adventure tourism in Stara Planina/Western Balkans has been produced:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=116&v=ePd4UIUEQOg



- Cross-border non-competitive sportive event Orienteering with Mobile Phones has been organized on 06-07.10.2018 in Belogradchik and Stara Planina with more than 100 participants from Serbia and Bulgaria running, hiking or riding mountain bikes on a number of specially developed trails with 3 levels of difficulty, which were revealed to the participants point by point, keeping the concentration of adventure all the time at the highest level;
- Twenty bicycles 29", 2 UTVs CFMOTO ZFORCE 1000, 20 SPORT CAMERAS gOpRO Hero 5 Black, 1 Drone DJI Phantom 4 advanced, 1 ATV vehicle have been supplied on 14.05.2018;
- Trilingual Adventure Tourism catalogue has been developed and is available on the project website;
- Road map for development of adventure tourism in the cross-border region Belogradchik-Chuprene-Knjaževac has been developed and can be downloaded on the project website;
- Trilingual mobile application for orienteering has been developed and is available for download on Google Play Store and App Store.

Project website: <http://advision.one>



Conference on responsible Travel and Adventure Tourism, Belogradchik, 5-6 June 2018



Orienteering with mobile phones, October 2018, Belogradchik (above), Stara Planina (below)



Supplied ATV vehicle & bicycles



Promotion of the tourist attractions through interactive exhibition of cultural - historical heritage of the cross-border region



Project No.

CB007.1.11.095

Budget

300 166,43 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.11.2017

Project partners:

- Municipality of Pirdop
- Municipality of Palilula

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist attractiveness

Project objective:

To stimulate the sustainable tourism development in the cross-border region, through diversification of tourism attractions and promoting the cultural heritage of Pirdop and Palilula.



Festival Folklore traditions:
Different Cultures - Common Values, Palilula, 11-13.10.2017

- Joint Conference "New perspectives on the tourism potential of local cultural heritage in CB region Pirdop and Palilula" has been organized in Pirdop on 21.02.2017 with 20 participants from the partners municipalities;
- Joint cultural festival "Folklore traditions: Different Cultures - Common Values" in Pirdop on 20-22.07.2017 and in Palilula on 11-13.10.2017 with 20 folklore dancers from KUD Abrasevic and 20 dancers of local folklore group from the municipality of Pirdop has been organized;
- Film "Cultural heritage of Pirdop and Palilula - preserved through the ages" has been produced:

- Joint Conference "Innovative approaches for presenting of tourist attraction in CB region Pirdop and Palilula" has been organized in Palilula on 10.05.2017 with participation of 20 representatives from the partners municipalities;
- Three video-walls for the interactive exhibition of cultural heritage have been installed - one on the city municipality Palilula building, one on the building of Palilula green market and one on the municipality of Pirdop building.

Festival Folklore traditions:
Different Cultures - Common Values,
Pirdop, 20-22.07.2017



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPM2G-GrYvY>



Festival Folklore traditions: Different Cultures - Common Values, Palilula, 11-13.10.2017



Festival Folklore traditions: Different Cultures - Common Values, Pirdop, 20-22.07.2017



Video-walls, Palilula green market & Municipality of Pirdop



Improvement of intangible cultural heritage in the cross border region



Project No.

CB007.1.11.118

Budget

572 686,37 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.5.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Mediana, City of Nis
- Municipal Drama Theatre Dragomir Asenov - Montana

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist Attractiveness

Project objective:

Improvement of cross-border region Bulgaria - Serbia tourism attractiveness through activities supporting the development of competitive touristic destinations through cooperation, as well as contribution to the diversification of tourist products in the region.



Event in Montana, 11.04.2018

- Equipment for improvement of tourism attractiveness in Mediana and Montana - outdoor stage with event equipment has been supplied in Montana in June 2017, while in Mediana equipment for conducting of culture events has been supplied in September 2017;
- Internet campaign for tourism attraction "Medijana Timeless" has been conducted;
- Two cultural events for tourist attraction have been organized in Montana, on 05.10.2017 and on the main quare "Zeravica" 11.04.2018, using stage equipment procured through the project;
- Trilingual common strategy for tourism promotion and cultural exchange has been developed;
- Two cultural events for tourist attraction have been organized in Medijana, on 30.10.2017 in National theater Nis and on the open stage in "Sveti Sava" park on 13.01.2018, using stage equipment procured through the project;
- Online culture calendar with information on upcoming events and tourism promotion has been developed and is available at: <http://www.sabitia.eu/events>

 <https://www.facebook.com/medijana.timeless/>

 <https://www.instagram.com/medijana.timeless/>



Event in Montana, 05.10.2017



Event in Montana, 11.04.2018

Event in Montana, 11.04.2018



Event in Nis, 30.10.2017



Event in Montana, 05.10.2017



Conservation, revitalization and exhibition of Early Christian basilica and medieval fortress in cross border region



Project No.

CB007.1.11.124

Budget

695.167,85 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- City of Pirot
- Municipality of Montana

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist Attractiveness

Project objective:

Improvement of the tourist attractiveness in the cross-border region Bulgaria - Serbia through protection, conservation - restoration, preservation and exhibition of early Christian basilica, Castra ad Montenesium and Momchilov Grad. Development of an attractive tourist destination providing interesting historical facts about the area, architecture and religion in antiquity on these lands. Protection and revitalization of these historic touristic sites and better protection and exposition in order to attract more tourists and visitors.



Fortress "Kale", Pirot,
reconstruction completed on 25.10.2018

- Large-scale construction works on revitalization of early Christian basilica and the fortress "Castra ad Montanesium" in Montana have been carried out and finished on 26.10.2018;
- A common tourist guide for Montana and Pirot fortresses has been created containing key historical data for both fortresses. The guide, which abounds in numerous photographs, contributes to the integration of cultural heritage in the cross-border region and is of great importance in attracting numerous visitors;
- Works on restoration and revitalization of the Fortress Kale have been completed on 25.10.2018;
- Promotional film about the Fortress "Kale" has been produced:

- The working group for exhibits has been established and until 28.12.2017 created both the Elaborate and the Preliminary design of exhibiting items in the fortress "Kale". Exhibits are designed in three levels: for tourists, for children and for researchers;
- The Elaborate of the presentation fortress "Kale" has been created with modern methods of virtual and expanded reality until 25.01.2018, as well as the mobile application "Momcilo City";
- Developed application for Fortress Kale „Momcilov grad“ for smart devices, can be downloaded from „Google play“ store.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtb-4EHKv0Y>



Momcillov grad

Promotional film about the fortress "Kale"



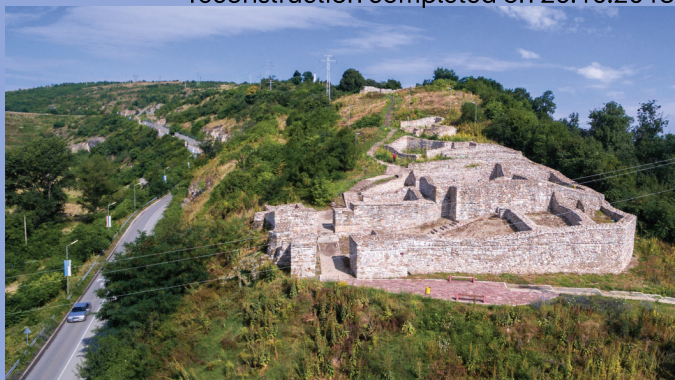
Fortress "Kale", Pirot, reconstruction completed on 25.10.2018



Early Christian basilica, Montana, reconstruction completed on 26.10.2018



Fortress "Castra ad Montanesium", Montana, reconstruction completed on 26.10.2018



Recreative and sports sites as tourist potential of the region



Project No.

CB007.1.11.143

Budget

588 460,10 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.05.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Varshets
- Sport center Pirot

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist attractiveness

Project objective:

Improving of tourist attraction of Pirot and Varshets through a new approach in promotion of tourist offer.

Support youth in acquiring practical business and entrepreneurship skills, so that they can build on their education and improve economic status.



Rope Park opening ceremony, Varshets, 08.05.2018

- Partner forum and exchange visit of project stakeholders has been organized on 27-29.09.2017 with 39 participants / representatives of local and regional institutions, NGOs and others organizations in the field of tourism, sport and education;
- Trilingual strategic plan for improvement of sport tourism offer in CBC region Varshets-Pirov has been developed in October 2017;
- Two children playgrounds have been constructed in Varshets and officially opened 21.11.2017;
- Amusement "Adrenalin park" in Pirov has been constructed and officially opened on 27.12.2017;
- Two fitness playgrounds and skateboard park in Varshets have been constructed in April 2018 and officially opened on 08.05.2018;
- Attraction site "Rope Park" in Varshets has been completely installed in April 2018 and officially opened on 08.05.2018;
- Two-day workshop on the new approach of development of sports-tourism offer in the cross-border area of Varshets-Pirov that includes new constructed sites and exchange of best practices, has been organized in Pirov on 19-20.02.2018, with 15 participants.



Rope Park, Varshets, opened on 08.05.2018



Adrenalin park, Pirov, opened on 27.12.2017

Skateboard park, Varshets, opened on 08.05.2018



Rope Park, Varshets, opened on 08.05.2018



Children Playground, Varshets, opened on 21.11.2017





Development of tourism in the border region of Bulgaria and Serbia by creating tourist attractions and exhibition of representative cultural and historical sites of the municipalities Surdulica and Pravets

Project No.

CB007.1.11.151

Budget

629 755.52 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Surdulica
- Historical Museum - Pravets

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist attractiveness

Project objective:

Diversification of the tourist products in the cross-border area of Surdulica and Pravets municipalities.



Old Class, Vidrare village,
reconstruction completed on 30.11.2017

- "Sveta Bogoroditsa" church from XIV century and remains of earlier buildings in front of it, in Osikovitsa village, has been conserved and exhibited for public;
- Exchange of experience for interpretation of new / renewed tourist attractions - Pravets on 25.10.2017, and in the area Ostroma, Osikovitsa Village on 26.10.2017;
- Old class school from 1848, in Vidrare village has been reconstructed and exhibited as a museum site, with acceptance protocol signed on 30.11.2017;
- Tunyakovski han from 1820, in Vidrare village, has been reconstructed and exhibited as a museum site, with acceptance protocol signed on 09.03.2018;
- Exhibitions in Old class school and Tunyakovski han in Vidrare village have been set up and presented;
- Training "Increasing the attractiveness of tourist sites" - in Surdulica on 31.05 - 01.06.2017 and on 21.11.2018, with 40 participants;
- City park in Surdulica has been reconstructed and turned into a tourist attraction, with acceptance protocol signed on 27.12.2018, use permit issued on 01.04.2019;
- Multimedia presentations for 10 tourist sites with increased attractiveness from Pravets and Surdulica have been produced and presented on the project website.

Project website:

<http://opengate-pravets-surdulica.com/>



Tunyakovski han, Vidrare village, reconstruction completed on 09.03.2018



Tunyakovski han, Vidrare village, 09.03.2018
City park in Surdulica, use permit issued on 01.04.2019



Reconstructed "Sveta Bogoroditsa" church, Osikovitsa village, 12.07.2018



Old class, Vidrare village, reconstruction completed on 30.11.2017



Project No.

CB007.1.12.174

Budget

170 831,73 €

Duration

1.8.2017 - 31.10.2018

Project partners:

- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, Belgrade
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry Vratsa, Vratsa
- Higher business school of professional studies Leskovac, Leskovac
- Vocational school "Aleko Konstantinov", Mezdra

Specific objective:

1.2 Cross-Border Touristic Product

Project objective:

To increase tourist attractiveness of cross border area through implementation of innovative approaches in the area of tourism that involve developing and protecting culture heritage.



Gastro festival "Rostilijada", Leskovac, 27-31.08.2018

- 2 Gastro Tourism forums have been organized in Leskovac, on 24-25.01.2018 and on 02-03.10.2018, with 89 participants;
- 2 Gastro Tourism forums have been organized in Vratsa, on 14-15.12.2017 and on 18-19.10.2018, with 54 participants;
- Bulgarian-Serbian Gastro Club of organizations working in the field of tourism and gastronomy, with 78 members, has been established on both sides of the border;
- International Certification Trademarks for "Leskovački specijaliteti sa roštilja" (Leskovac grill specialties) and "Spelled bread" have been registered at the Intellectual Property office;
- Professional culinary equipment has been installed in Culinary arts teaching and demonstration kitchen facility in Higher School "Aleko Konstantinov" - Mezdra and in Higher business school - Leskovac;
- Training seminars for 40 students in Serbia and Bulgaria, in preparing and serving traditional Bulgarian and Serbian dishes with Trademark have been organized in Leskovac on 24-26.04.2018, and in Mezdra on 10-13.04.2018;
- Training seminars for 20 professional chefs in Bulgaria and Serbia have been organized in Leskovac on 19-21.09.2018 and in Mezdra on 12-14.09.2018;
- Joint participation in Gastronomic Festival "Rostilijada" on 27-31.08.2018 in Leskovac and in Fair in Veliko Tarnovo on 19-21.04.2018, have been organized for the promotion of the Trademark „Leskovac Grill Specialties“;
- Bulgarian-Serbian Menu of Traditional Cuisine, consisting of 8 dishes from Bulgaria and 8 dishes from Serbia, has been developed and introduced in facilities of members of Bulgarian-Serbian Gastro Club.



Gastro forum, Vratsa, 18-19.10.2018



Training for professional chefs, Leskovac, 24-26.04.2018

Training for professional chefs, Mezdra, 10-13.04.2018



Training for professional chefs, Mezdra, 10-13.04.2018



Gastro festival "Rostilijada", Leskovac, 27-31.08.2018



Project website:

<https://www.gourmetrain.com/en>

Tourism and traditions – colorful, entertaining, attractive

**Project No.**

CB007.1.11.220

Budget

598 501.52 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Regional administration Pernik
- City municipality Crveni Krst, City of Nis

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist Attractiveness

Project objective:

Diversification of tourist products through cooperation in the border region. The specific objectives are: - Utilization of intangible heritage for tourism development - Involvement of local communities in measures for sustainable development.



Surva house, village Kosharevo, 27.09.2018

- Museum of kuker masks in Kosharevo village has been established and officially opened on 27.09.2018;
 - Eight traditional masks have been created by local craftsmen for exposition in the Museum of kuker masks;
 - Tourist site at Vidriste area has been established and officially opened on 25.09.2018;
 - Advertisement of the attractions through promotional materials and 3 mobile application with guide for local traditions;
 - The tour "Discover the traditions" has been organized in Kosharevo and Vidriste between 24-27.09.2018 for 20 journalists to promote interesting locations in Nish and Pernik regions with historical, cultural and national significance;
- Mobile applications Kosharevo - "Create your own mask" and Vidriste - "Treasure hunt" have been created and are available at:
 - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/house-of-masks/id1378955456?ls=1&mt=8>
 - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.kuker>
 - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/vidriste-adventures/id1436829787?mt=8>

Project website:
<https://houseofmasks.bg>



Picnic area Vidriste near Nis, 25.09.2018

Picnic area Vidriste near Nis, 25.09.2018



Surva house, village Kosharevo, 27.09.2018



Surva house, village Kosharevo, 27.09.2018



Surva house, village Kosharevo, 27.09.2018



IN SUPPORT OF CROSS-BORDER
FESTIVAL TOURISM"
ON STRATEGY FOR THE PROTECTION, PROMOTION
AND DEVELOPMENT OF CROSS-BORDER MUSICAL
CULTURE AND MUSICAL TOURISM IN THE CBA
BULGARIA – SERBIA



The brass band music of Bulgaria and Serbia in support of cross-border festival tourism

Project No.

CB007.1.11.273

Budget

556 028.60 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Oryahovo
- Municipality of Surdulica

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist Attractiveness

Project objective:

Raising tourist attractiveness and competitiveness of the area through development of new sites and reconstruction of existing; Raising awareness for development of musical tourism; Preservation of cultural heritage and its wide promotion.



Joint music event in Surdulica, 06-07.07.2018

- Common strategy for the protection, promotion and development of cross-border musical culture and musical tourism has been developed;
- Museum-house has been reconstructed and turned into Museum-house of Diko Iliev and brass musicians, completed on 21.08.2018;
- Innovative equipment for museum-house of Diko Iliev and brass musicians has been supplied;

- The building of Surdulica Cultural Center has been reconstructed with acceptance protocol issued on 17.07.2018;
- Equipment for Cultural centre Surdulica has been supplied on 21.06.2018;
- Joint music event in Surdulica has been organized on 06-07.07.2018.
- Diko Iliev Days in Oryahovo Municipality have been organized on 19-20.08.2018.

Project website:
www.dikoiliev.com



Surdulica cultural centre, reconstruction completed on 17.07.2018



Diko Iliev days, Oryahovo, 19-20.08.2018



Diko Iliev days, Oryahovo, 19-20.08.2018



Diko Iliev house, reconstruction completed on 21.08.2018



Health paths and meetings - tourist promotion in the region

**Project No.**

CB007.1.11.307

Budget

507 853.20 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Zemen
- Municipality of Niska Banja

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist Attractiveness

Project objective:

Increasing of the tourist attractiveness of the cross-border region of the municipalities Zemen and Niska Banja, capitalisation of the natural and historical recourses in the region and improvement of touristic products; through investments in infrastructure contribution to the creation of more attractive tourist conditions and attraction further investments; popularisation of the region as a tourist destination.



Health path, Niska Banja, completed on 21.11.2018

- “Health walk paths” in Niska Banja has been rehabilitated, with the following works performed, and with acceptance issued on 21.11.2018:
 - existing walking asphalt paths and their surrounding infrastructure including amphitheater renovation;
 - new benches installation;
 - a summer house construction;
 - pavement of staircases;
 - pre-fabricated, removable type stage made of aluminium installation;
 - fence installation;
 - Pavement and ornamentation of the walking paths;
- Tourist sites in Zemen and in Niska Banja have been digitalized and equipped with QR codes;



Community reading center, Gabrov Dol and Wheelchair Ramp at the entrance, completed on 26.04.2018

- Touristic information center and showroom in Gabrov Dol has been constructed - the community reading center has been renovated and reconstructed and touristic information center and a showroom for kukeri customs has been created, with acceptance protocol issued on 26.04.2018;
- Internet sites linked to each other with information for tourists have been created;
- Two information tours for representatives of local, regional and other tourist agencies and tour operators - one in Zemen on 13-14.11.2018 and one in Niska Banja on 20-21.11.2018 have been organized.

Project websites:

<https://bulgaria-nature.org/>
www.visitniskabanja.org



Information tour, Zemen, 13-14.11.2018
 Showroom for kukeri, Gabrov Dol, 26.04.2018



Information tour, Niska Banja, 20-21.11.2018



Summer house, Niska Banja, completed on 21.11.2018



Development of access to cultural-religious places in Zemen and Bojnik municipalities

**Project No.**

CB007.1.11.308

Budget

574 359.04 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Bojnik
- Municipality of Zemen

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist Attractiveness

Project objective:

Improvement of accessibility to the church St Archangel Gavril in Bojnik and the Pestera Monastery in Zemen thus increasing the tourist attractiveness of the region and developing its cultural and historical heritage potentials.



Shelter installed along tourist road, Zemen

- The road Pridvorica – Zeletovo in Bojnik, the only one leading to the church "St. Arhangel Gavril" in the village of Pridvorica has been reconstructed with acceptance protocol signed on 19.11.2018;
- Tourist road alley leading to the monastery, accessible by foot, bike and car in Zemen has been constructed; Additional works and landscaping as well as installations on the site /benches, shelters has been performed;
- An event has been organized on 15 November 2018 to mark the closure of the project with the participation of local visitors, artists, guests from Bulgaria;
- A trilingual tour book has been elaborated in 1000 pieces containing information on the main sites of tourist interest - the church St Archangel Gavril and Pestera monastery as well as short information and photos about other historical-religious or cultural places in both municipalities;
- After the completion of the construction, two-day festival has been organized on 22-23.09.2018 near the renovated area of Peshtera monastery for 250 guests with 24 participants from Serbia and 20 artists from Zemen.



Festival near Peshtera monastery, 22-23.09.2018



Festival near Peshtera monastery, 22-23.09.2018



Road to the church "St. Arhangel Gavril", Bojnik, reconstruction completed on 19.11.2018



Benches placed along the tourist road, Zemen



Balneological tourism - The future of health



Project No.

CB007.1.11.075

Budget

567 968.89 €

Duration

18.12.2017 - 17.10.2019

Project partners:

- Municipality of Sapareva Banya (Kyustendil, Republic of Bulgaria)
- Municipality of Sokobanja (Zaječar, Republic of Serbia)

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist Attractiveness

Project objective:

Increasing the tourist attractiveness of the balneological and spa destinations in Bulgaria and Serbia.

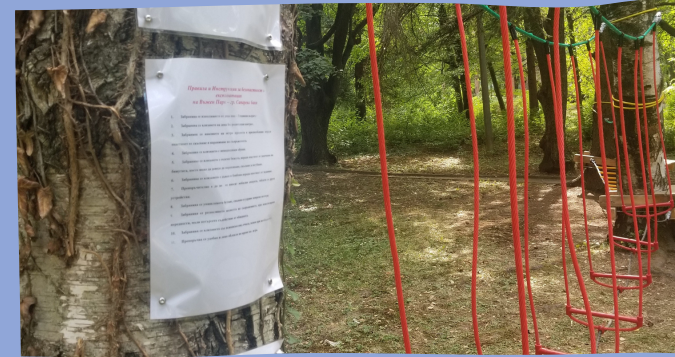


Tartan running tracks in the reconstructed "Banjica" park

- Two kick-off press conferences - one on 26.03.2018 in Sapareva Banya and one on 17.04.2018 in Sokobanja for launching the project activities have been held;
- Reconstruction and renovation of "Nikolay Haytov" park (Municipality of Sapareva Banya), as well as construction of the football field in the park has been performed;
- Reconstruction of "Banjica" park (Municipality of Sokobanja) has been performed;
- A Cooperation strategy for joint and sustainable development of the Municipality of Sapareva banya, Bulgaria and Municipality of Sokobanja, Serbia for the period 2019-2024 has been elaborated and disseminated via the Municipality of Sapareva banya' website and 100 copies on paper in Bulgarian, English and Serbian;

- Two workshop events - one on 25.06.2019 in Sapareva banya and one on 04-05.07.2019 in Sokobanja for presenting the developed Cooperation strategy for sustainable tourism have been realized;
- One final press conference on 04.10.2019 in the village of Panichishte (Sapareva banya) for presenting the project results has been held.

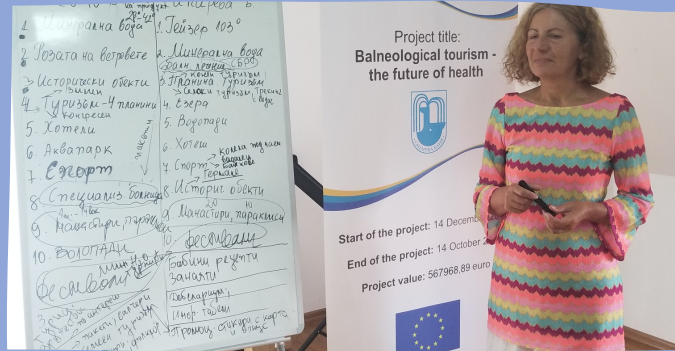
Strategy and project news are available on: www.saparevabanya.bg



Ropeway playgrounds, "Nikolay Haytov" park



Workshop, Sapareva banya



Football field, "Nikolay Haytov" park



Kick-off press conference, Sokobanja, 17.04.2018

Increasing the tourist information services in the CBC region



Project No.

CB007.1.11.268

Budget

561 422.19 €

Duration

13.06.2017-13.06.2019

Project partners:

- Touristic Organization of Nis
- City of Sofia
- Association "Love and light"

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist Attractiveness

Project objective:

Support the development of the sustainable tourism through providing and networking of vast spectrum of programs and collectively endogenous potential of the territory within and around of Visitor centres in Nis and Sofia.



Visitor Center Cerje. 21-22.05.2019

- Visitor Center Cerje cave near Nis for introduction and promotion of natural protected values and characteristics has been constructed and opened on 21-22.05.2019 with 67 guest;
- Software for digital registration of the historic and cultural sites in Sofia District has been completed on 24.08.2018 and is available through the installed kiosks;
- 20 information kiosks have been placed at key tourists' spots in Sofia Municipality with final acceptance issued on 10.07.2019;
- Structure for sustainable management of common cultural and natural values has been developed and is operative;
- Classes for students of Nis University has been organized in Visitor Center "Cerje Cave": 04.06. with 30 participants, 05.06. - 40 participants, 06.06. with 31 participants, 11.06.2019 with 30 participants;
- New touristic routes have been developed - Routes Niš" on 02.07.2018, "Routes Sofia" and "Routes Montana" on 11.07.2018, with 5 informative-educational panels created and placed in selected locations until 17.05.2019;
- Joint training seminar on new touristic tendencies has been organized on 28-30.05.2019 with 23 participants in Center Cerje; in Montana on 03-05.06.2019 with 23 participants and in Sofia on 06-08.06.2019 with 24 participants;
- Equipment for tourist information centre "Tramway" has been installed in Sofia Municipality with final acceptance issued on 10.07.2019;
- Retro cafe at the Museum of History of Sofia has been established and furnished, 18th century atmosphere created, final acceptance protocol issued on 04.12.2018.



Seminar, Montana, 03-05.06.2019



Students, Cerje, June 2019



Tourist information centre "Tramway", Sofia



Information kiosk, Largo, Sofia

Retro cafe, Museum of history of Sofia



Creating preconditions for better accessibility to touristic attractions in Pantelej and Lom by improving the touristic infrastructure and increasing the number of tourists



Project No.

CB007.1.11.349

Budget

589 136.62 €

Duration

15.12.2017-14.12.2019

Project partners:

- Municipality of Lom
- City Municipality of Pantelej, City of Nis

Specific objective:

1.1 Tourist Attractiveness

Project objective:

Creating of pre-conditions for sustainable tourism development; Creating new touristic destinations; Creating of new touristic products; Tourism competitiveness strengthening; Promotion of cultural, historical and natural potentials as the basis for tourism development; Integration of touristic potentials into the European space.



Wooden figures created within the project

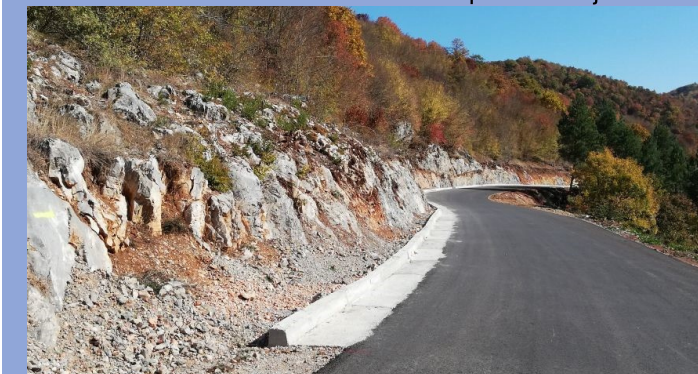
- Cerje Road has been reconstructed:
 - Exterior joinery building /dismantling of metal windows, removing of the windows and the doors of the wall - all types has been replaced;
 - PVC windows white has been delivered and installed;
 - Aluminium window sills and fasteners has been installed;
 - Indoor repairs has been made;
 - Lighting in the building and the facade lighting has been installed;
 - Landscaping has been performed: deteriorated pavement concrete, cement and basalt tiles and sorting tables;
- The Fish Festival has been organized in the period 20 - 22 September 2019 on the occasion of the Official Feast of Lom Municipality;
- Five wooden figures of fairy goddesses and Dionysus for the event Cerje Cave has been produced;
- Cerje event and the visits on the occasion of the thematic routes has been organized in October/November 2019;
- Promotional materials for the Fish Festival has been produced - luxury catalogues, T-shirts, hats, pens,USB devices.



Cerje Road, work in progress



Completed Cerje Road



Completed Cerje Road



Youth Riders

Project No.

CB007.1.22.012

Budget

148 128,40 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.02.2018

Project partners:

- Free Youth Centre, Vidin
- Ass. OPEN CLUB, Niš
- Ass. for local development Kamenica, Niš

Specific objective:

2.2 People-To-People Networking

Project objective:

Encouraging the cooperation in youth work and youth policy to contribute to integration and socio-economic development in Bulgaria-Serbia cross-border region.



Training, Montana, 30.03-02.04.2017

- One Cross-border leader camp in Kamenitsa Hill has been organized and equipped with training facilities. The camp took place in the period 30.08-04.09.2017, with 40 representatives of youth sector from the border area (20 per country);
- Two bilingual publications have been prepared: a collection of materials for the experts in youth development and a brochure ("laymen" report) for the general public;
- Youth Ride - an awareness raising campaign for promotion and advocacy for more attention on youth has been organized in Bulgarian border region from 29.05-02.06.2017 with 151 participants and in Serbian border region from 05.06-09.06.2017 with 196 participants;
- One Cross-border leader camp in Kamenitsa Hill has been organized and equipped with training facilities. The camp took place in the period 30.08-04.09.2017, with 40 representatives of youth sector from the border area (20 per country);
- Ten public discussions have been organized in 10 towns in border region between youth and decision makers about youth policy;
- Two research reports - analyzes about current situation of youth in both border regions have been produced and published. The research took place in 10 towns from all Bulgarian border districts and in 10 towns/municipalities from 7 Serbian border districts;
- Trainings "Youth Policy" from 30.03-02.04.2017 in Montana and "Public speaking and facilitation of working meetings" from 28-30.04.2017 in Aleksinac have been organized for twenty selected Youth Riders;
- Virtual Community of Practice (VCoP) has been created as a network tool for sharing information and collaboration containing 65 profiles of youth related NGOs and 66 successfully implemented projects in youth field, bilingual VCoP is available on the project website;
- Four trainings have been organized for 32 young leaders and youth workers: "Organization of Events" in Montana on 11-12.11.2017, "Organization of Successful Volunteer Actions and Campaigns" in Dupnitsa on 18-19.11.2017, „Youth policies and local actions in communities" in Nis on 16-17.11.2017, and "Project management and EU funds" in Nis on 18-19.11.2017.

Project website:

<http://www.fyc-vidin.org/yriders/en>



Camp, Kamenitsa Hill, 30.08-04.09.2017



Camp, Kamenitsa Hill, 30.08-04.09.2017



Training, Montana, 30.03-02.04.2017





Young entrepreneurs of today - successful people of tomorrow

Project No.

CB007.1.21.030

Budget

182 792.42 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.02.2018

Project partners:

- Local community center "New life 1919", Peturch
- Sports club Pobednik, Pirot

Specific objective:

2.1 Skills & Entrepreneurship

Project objective:

Creating an attractive environment for youth in the CB region, promoting sustainable, long-term and joint business initiatives, including the promotion of entrepreneurship to the youth.



Training, Pirot, June 2017

- Education halls in the Local community center "New life 1919", Peturch and the Sports club Pobednik, Pirot, have been equipped with furniture and IT training equipment;
- Training course in Business Plan development has been organized for 24 young unemployed people in Pirot, in June 2017;
- "How to find your first job" training has been organized for 13 young unemployed people from 21-25.06.2017, 30.06-04.07.2017 in Peturch and for 12 young indemployed people from 15 - 28.06.2017 in Pirot;
- Training course in Business Plan development has been organized for 24 young unemployed people in Peturch, in June/July 2017;
- One presentation in the Community center in Peturch on 23.01.2018 and two presentations in High school „Petar Beron“, Kostinbrod on 25-26.01.2018 have been organized with over 250 participants;
- Three presentations in Commercial School, Secondary Vocational School and Dairy School in Pirot on 12, 13 and 14.02.2018 have been organized with more than 200 participants;
- Bilingual guide "Job finding and Business Plan preparation" has been prepared and is available for download on the project website.

Project website:
<https://www.bg-rs-ipa-yet-spt.com/home.php?lang=en>



<https://www.facebook.com/bulgaria.serbia>



Training, Pirot, June 2017



Fully equiped educational hall, Pirot, June 2017



Training, Peturch, January 2018



Training, Pirot, June 2017



Moving Borders for Volunteering

Project No.

CB007.1.22.039

Budget

144 493.53 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.2.2018

Project partners:

- Timok Youth Center, Serbia
- Free Youth Centre, Bulgaria

Specific objective:

2.2 People-To-People Networking

Project objective:

To create conditions for sustainable cooperation in cross-border region for increased youth participation in community life through social volunteering.



Volunteering, Knjazevac, February 2018

- Ten local organizations have been nominated to become providers of volunteer services in local communities of cross border area;
- Furniture and equipment for 10 volunteer centres (5 in Bulgaria and 5 in Serbia) have been delivered;
- Ten local organizations have been nominated to become providers of volunteer services in local communities of cross border area;
- Training for volunteer centers leaders have been organized in the period 27.06-02.07.2017, in Belogradchik, with 20 participants;
- Research on situation and needs of social volunteering in border region of both countries has been conducted in February and March 2017; Testing period - 8000 hours of volunteer work have been implemented in social services/organizations in 10 local communities during the project duration;
- Trilingual publications have been published and are available online in .pdf format on project website:
 - Common Methodology for social volunteering across border area of Bulgaria and Serbia;
 - Consolidated research report of the situation with volunteering in the Bulgarian-Serbian border areas; Volunteer guide – A to Z of volunteering;
 - Collection of project materials;
- In the period Sept - Nov 2017, 80 young volunteers in 5 communities in Serbian border region, and 80 young volunteers in 5 volunteer centers in Bulgarian border region have been trained and prepared for volunteer work in social field;
- 2 joint cross-border volunteer exchange visits have been realized, in Vidin on 11-13.01.2018 and in Zajecar on 22-24.01.2018.

Project website:
<http://4volunteering.org>



Volunteer exchange, Zajecar, 22-24.01.2018



Volunteering exchange, Vidin, 11-13.01.2018
 Volunteering, Vidin, January 2018



Volunteer training, Belogradchik, 27.06-02.07.2017



Volunteering, Knjazevac, February 2018

Investment in the health and the prosperity of youth in the Bulgarian – Serbian region

**Project No.**

CB007.1.21.040

Budget

593 684.01 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.02.2018

Project partners:

- City municipality Crveni Krst, City of Niš
- District Administration Pernik

Specific objective:

2.1 Skills & Entrepreneurship

Project objective:

The project general objective is to create an attractive school environment for the development of adolescents in the regions of Pernik and Nisava.



Final sport event, Pernik, 23-24.10.2018

- In Pernik, Professional School of clothing and tourism "St. Ivan Rilski" and Professional school of energy and mining "Hristo Botev" schoolyard has been reconstructed and new playgrounds have been constructed;
- IECP (innovative extra-curricular program) helping to prevent obesity has been elaborated;
- Two tournaments, in Crveni Krst on 9-10.10.2018, and in Pernik on 23-24.10.2018, for 50 students competing in three disciplines, with 6 teachers as trainers and 20 observers have been organized;
- Physical environment of 9205m2 has been improved;
- Thirty physical education teachers from selected schools have been trained to work with students following elaborated IECP on 27-28.04.2018 in Nis;
- Common schoolyard with educational installations of the college of Applied Technical Sciences, secondary vocational school (Mechanical Technical school "15th May", Technical school for traffic "12th February"), Construction technical school "Neimar" in Crveni Krst has been reconstructed, playgrounds have been refurbished and an outdoor gym has been placed;
- Pilot implementation of IECP has been performed within the period of two months and included 50 students from selected schools;
- Attractive school environment and opportunities for extracurricular activities has been created to increase the motivation of young people to continue their education and will improve the physical status of more than 3634 students within the project.



Sundial, reconstructed schoolyard, Nis



Final sport event, Pernik, 23-24.10.2018



Tournament, Nis, 9-10.10.2018



Reconstructed Schoolyard, Pernik



We invest in sport for career development of young people – the motive power of smart growth and cohesion between the Municipalities of Botevgrad and Leskovac



Project No.

CB007.1.21.066

Budget

598 951.64 €

Duration

29.11.2016 – 28.11.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Botevgrad
- Basketball club Actavis Academy, Leskovac
- Contemporary Society Foundation, Botevgrad

Specific objective:

2.1 Skills & Entrepreneurship

Project objective:

The project aimed at creating supportive environment for developing of the sport and entrepreneurial potential of young people with an impact on economic and social development of Botevgrad and Leskovac Municipalities.



Basketball Camp Leskovac, 23-27.08.2018

- Sport Hall Georgi Hristov /old Balkan/ has been renovated, basketball tools and equipment for Balcan and Arena Botevgrad Sports Halls have been supplied;
- Basketball shooting machines, medical equipment, basketball structures for sport hall Georgi Hristov and sport hall Arena Botevgrad have been supplied;
- Fitness equipment in Sport hall Arena Botevgrad has been supplied and installed and sport Outfits for the participants in the project has been supplied;
- Specialized Equipment for Sports and Recreational Center "Dubocica" have been supplied - Minivan (8+1), IT equipment, basketball structures, mobile structures, basketball tools, accessories and balls, mobile stands for the hall, sport outfits;
- Joint Training program for acquiring sport and entrepreneurial skills and development has been developed and completed on 14.04.2017;
- Psychological support for career development has been developed, training in Leskovac and thematic meeting of Bulgarian and Serbian psychologists has been organized on 28-30.04.2017, followed with increased capacity and entrepreneurial attitude of 60 participants and one model of synergy between sport and business;
- Two thematic meetings between coaches from both basketball clubs have been organized on 28.05.2017 and 22.08.2017;
- Basketball summer camp with 20 participants from Bulgaria and 20 from Serbia has been organized in Botevgrad on 21-25.08.2017;
- Basketball tournament has been organized on 26-28.05.2017 in Leskovac with 32 participants from Leskovac and Botevgrad. In addition, 24 participants from competing clubs from Serbia took part in the tournament;
- Balkan basketball tournament has been organized on 14.06.2018 in Botevgrad;
- Basketball tournament has been organized on 15-17.12.2017 in the renovated Sport hall Georgi Hristov with participation of 4 basketball clubs - BC BALKAN Botevgrad and BC ASENOVETS Asenovgrad, from Bulgaria and BC Actavis Academy, Leskovac and BC Mlada Vesna, Bela Palanka from Serbia;
- A summer sport camp has been organized in Leskovac from 23-27.08.2018 with 20 young basketball players from Bulgaria and 15 young players from Serbia;
- Joint training program and the web-based platform in different age groups – 9 to 18, has been Developed and applied for 200 participants in Botevgrad and 200 in Leskovac;
- Forum Theatre sessions for career development has been organized during the project with 60 participants in Bulgaria and 60 in Serbia and 16 plays in public, both in Botevgrad and Leskovac performed.

Web-based platform for the educational and training process monitoring:

<https://team-manager.devture.net>

Psychological support for career development,
Botevgrad, 28-30.04.2017



Fitness equipment, Sport hall Arena, Botevgrad



Basketball Camp Leskovac, 23-27.08.2018





Development of diagnostic centres for postural and musculoskeletal disorders in school children in Serbia and Bulgaria

Project No.

CB007.1.21.129

Budget

577 397.61 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Sports Association of Knjazevac
- Municipality of Vidin

Specific objective:

2.1 Skills & Entrepreneurship

Project objective:

The project is aimed at providing an integrated solution to the common challenge of exceptionally high proliferation of postural and musculoskeletal disorders /PMSDs/ in school-age children in the CB area.



Diagnostic centre in Knjazevac,
equipment delivered on 02.12.2017

- Two diagnostic centres have been developed in Knjazevac, equipment delivered on 02.12.2017 and in Vidin, equipment delivered on 26.10.2017, incl.:
 - Reconstruction and renovation works with furniture and office equipment included;
 - Supply of 4d diagnostic equipment systems (2 pcs), additional modules, and anthropometric appliances;
- Therapeutic methodology has been developed on 23.03.2018;
- PMSD screening of 1000 school-children have been performed in Knjazevac: initial screening on 13.04.2018 and final screening in the period 09–30.10.2018;
- PMSD screening of 1000 school-children have been performed in Vidin: initial screening in the period of 22.03.2018 - 18.04.2018;
- 360 hours of remedial gymnastic therapy have been performed in Knjazevac from 26.04.2018 for approx 4 months;
- 360 hours of remedial gymnastic therapy have been performed in Vidin from 28.05.2018 until 28.09.2018;
- Sustainable cross-border platform for preventive and remedial management of PMSDs through regular screenings, modern diagnostics and extracurricular programmes for enhancement of physical skills and promotion of healthy, active lifestyle has been developed;
- School-age children in Vidin and Knjazevac municipalities, including both children from local schools and school-leavers from disadvantaged and vulnerable groups have been targeted through the project;
- A PMSD conference has been organized in Knjazevac on 14.11.2018;
- A children's sport competition in Vidin with 200 participants has been organized on 15.11.2018;
- Final analytical study and policy recommendations have been prepared
- A summary analytical report has been prepared.



<https://www.facebook.com/United-for-our-children-RS-BG-1361485560633012/>

Project website:

<https://sportforhealth.net/wp/>



Diagnostic centre in Knjazevac, equipment delivered on 02.12.2017



Children sport competition, Vidin, 15.11.2018





To BOND entrepreneurial learning with primary and secondary schools and universities with the aim of curricula enhancement and entrepreneurial competences improvement for the purpose of facilitating employment of young people

Project No.

CB007.1.21.159

Budget

198 453,80 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.02.2018

Project partners:

- International Business School, Botevgrad
- College of Applied Professional Studies Vranje, Vranje

Specific objective:

2.1 Skills & Entrepreneurship

Project objective:

To facilitate employment of young people through systemic improvement of entrepreneurial capacities within formal education.



BOND Outset Event, Vranje, 28.10.2017

- BOND IN Campaign has been conducted in 9 elementary and 3 secondary schools in Botevgrad, and 13 elementary and 6 secondary schools in Vranje;
- Trilingual Entrepreneurial Learning Programmes for elementary and secondary schools students have been developed;
- 125 students of elementary schools in Bulgaria and Serbia attended 96 classes on entrepreneurial learning from 13.11.2017 -26.01.2018 and acquired accredited certificates;
- 60 students of secondary schools in Bulgaria and Serbia attended 96 classes on entrepreneurial learning from 13.11.2017 - 26.01.2018 and acquired accredited certificates;
- Trilingual "Train-the-Trainer" programmes for basic and theoretical establishment of entrepreneurship in practice and dynamic business environment, targeting school teachers and university students in the field of entrepreneurial learning have been developed;
- "Train-the-Trainer" session with 22 participants has been organized in Vranje on 18-20.11. 2017;

Project website:

<https://www.bond-project.com>

- "Train-the-Trainer" course – implementation of TtT Programmes for school teachers and faculty students has been organized from 20.11.2017-21.01.2018. with the participation of 29 secondary school teachers and 13 students;
- On 16.12.2017 and 24.01.2018, consultations in business ideas generation for 152 elementary and secondary school students have been organized. As a result, 36 „students“ companies were developed;
- 19 smart boards have been donated to the involved schools;
- Exchanging good practices has been organized from 20 to 22.01.2018 in Vranje, with 40 participants from Serbia and 16 from Bulgaria;
- Public event for the establishment of cooperation with parents/families of included students and presentation of achieved results in the domain of entrepreneurial learning with 251 participants with press conference and media coverage has been organized on 28.01.2018 in Botevgrad;
- Public event "Students BOND Day" with 422 participants and with press conference and media coverage has been organized 26.01.2018 in Vranje.



Entrepreneurial learning for elementary schools students, Botevgrad on 28.01.2018



Train-the-Trainer, Vranje, 18-20.11.2017

Students BOND Day, Vranje, 26.01.2018



Entrepreneurial Learning Programmes for elementary and secondary schools, Botevgrad, 10-12.11.2017





Prevention of the demographic collapse in the cross-border region

Project No.

CB007.1.21.288

Budget

457 450,96 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.5.2018

Project partners:

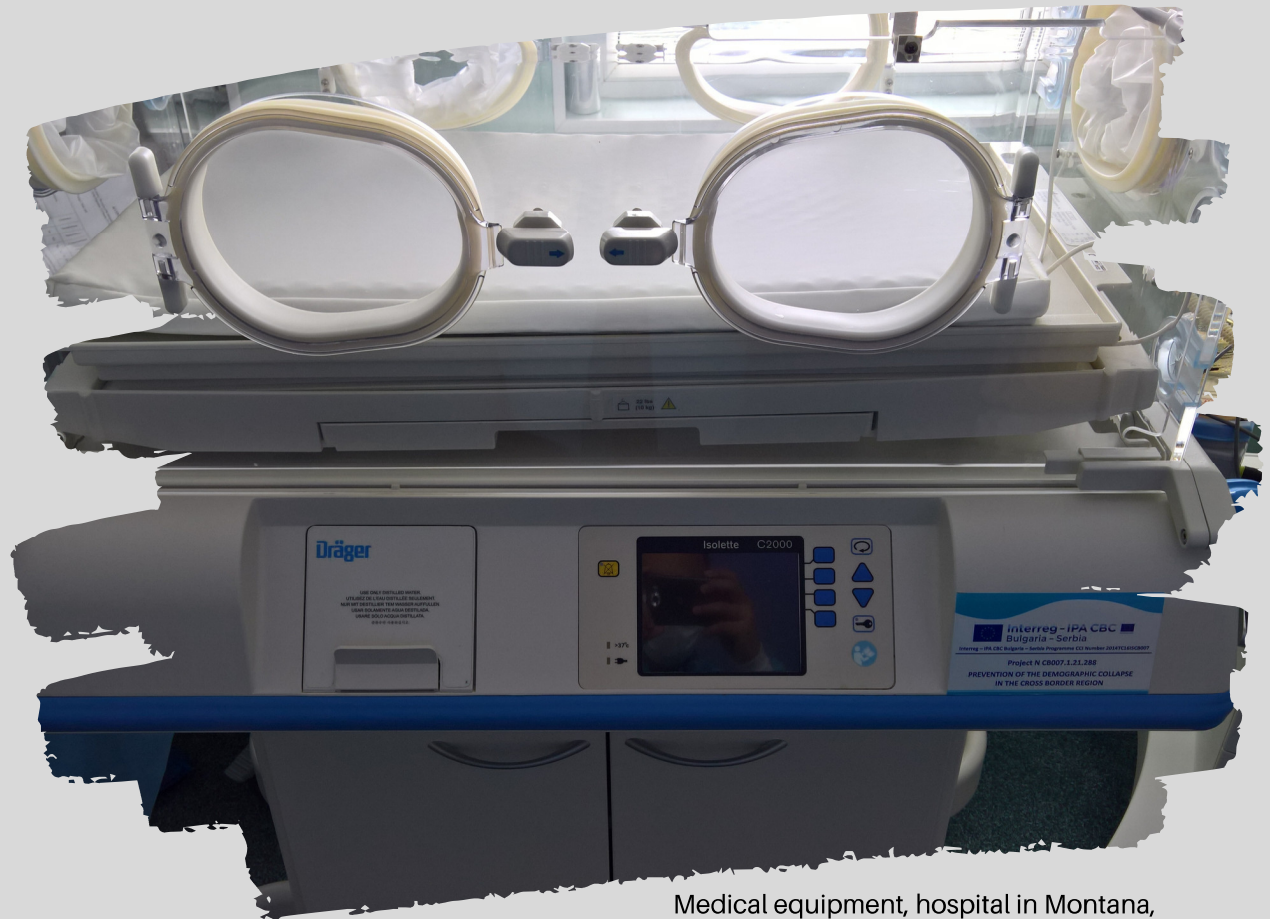
- Center for social work – Pirot
- Municipality of Montana

Specific objective:

2.1 Skills & Entrepreneurship

Project objective:

To support the development of attractive environment for advancement of young people in the border region; To promote entrepreneurship among youth through the means of continued training and skills based courses; To improve the access to information in the field of career development in the cross border region.



Medical equipment, hospital in Montana, supplied on 03.10.2017

- Medical equipment for young medical experts and capacity building of young citizens of the CBC region has been supplied to the hospitals in Pirot and in Montana in Sept-Oct 2017, incl. incubators for intensive care, beds, apparatus for artificial pulmonary ventilation, electrocardiograph, infusion pump, Immunoassay analyzer;
- Curriculum for 1st and 4th grade school class "Health care and healthy living" has been developed;
- Research "Demographic trends in the CBC region Bulgaria- Serbia: Strategy for labour markets in the field of medicine have been developed;
- 20 young doctors from the cross-border region have been trained in new technology for new knowledge and skills;
- Center for innovation and improvement of skills of young doctors in the cross border region has been established in hospitals in Pirot and Montana;
- Health care career opportunities to students from high school has been introduced to students from Pirot and Montana;
- Two forums, "Health Care Job Opportunities-Europe 2017", on 01-02.12.2017 in Pirot, with 35 participants, and "Choose Your Specialty - Careers In Medicine" on 21-22.12.2017 in Montana, have been organized;
- Development of parental skills, health care mediation and capacity building of young people have been performed through 8 mirror trainings in Pirot and Montana, in 12 days:
 - "Family planning" has been organized on 13.06.2017, with 30 participants and on 11.07.2017;
 - Course for young mediators "Children and mother health care" has been organized on 15.08.2017;
 - "The health of my child" on 25.07.2017; Development of parental skills" on 19.09.2017;
 - Groups for future parents course on 10.10.2017;
 - Group activities with young parents on 17.10.2017;
 - Healthy way of living for young citizens course has been organized on 01.11.2017;
 - "Want to be a doctor" on 11.01.2018.
- In total, 82 young people have been trained.



Medical equipment, hospital in Montana, supplied on 03.10.2017



Medical equipment, hospital in Montana, supplied and training of young medical experts for its use (above and below)



Forum "Health Care Job Opportunities-Europe 2017", Pirot, 01-02.12.2017



Investing in Youth Capital through modernization of the Cultural centers in the cross-border region

**Project No.**

CB007.1.21.314

Budget

421 381.52 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Cultural Centre of Dimitrovgrad
- Community centre "G.S. Rakovski - 1928"

Specific objective:

2.1 Skills & Entrepreneurship

Project objective:

Rehabilitation of the Cultural Centers to ensure better conditions for training and rich cultural life of young people in the border region, contribution to the improvement of the environment for advancement of young people, establishing people-to-people contacts and youth networks in the border region, knowledge of each other, exchange of information and ideas for future cooperation.



Reconstructed Cultural centre, Dragovishtitsa, event on 27-28.09.2018

- Cultural Centre in Dimitrovgrad has been reconstructed with final acceptance protocol signed on 28.08.2017;
- National Community Center Georgi Sava Rakovski - 1928 in Dragovishtitsa village has been reconstructed with final acceptance protocol signed on 21.11.2017;
- Cultural celebration "Youth singing and dancing" in Dragovishtitsa with 75 participants from Dimitrovgrad and Dragovishtitsa has been organized on 27-28.09.2018;



Cultural event, Dimitrovgrad, 19-20.10.2018



- Cultural festival has been organized on 19-20.10.2018 in the renovated hall of the Cultural Center in Dimitrovgrad with participants from Dimitrovgrad and guests - singing ensemble Kipri and folklore ensemble Sredec from Bulgaria and KUD Dukat from Serbia, representatives of the partner organization from Dragovishtitsa, delegation from Kostinbrod Municipality, led by the Mayor, representatives of the Municipality of Dimitrovgrad, led by the Mayor, representatives of the Bulgarian Consulate General in Serbia, headed by the Consul General, representatives of all municipal institutions in the city, and many other guests.



Cultural centre, Dragovishtitsa after reconstruction



Cultural event, Dragovishtitsa, 27--28.09.2018



Cultural event, Dragovishtitsa, 27--28.09.2018

Cultural event, Dimitrovgrad, 19-20.10.2018



Cultural centre, Dimitrovgrad, after reconstruction



Improvement of sports infrastructure as the basis for the development of young sport talents



Project No.

CB007.1.21.320

Budget

596 646.73 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 23.11.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Montana, Bulgaria
- City of Vranje, Serbia

Specific objective:

2.1 Skills & Entrepreneurship

Project objective:

Improvement of local sports infrastructure as a basis for development of young sport talents; Ensuring better conditions for active and healthy life of young people in the border region of the partners; Contribution to improvement of environment for advancement of young people; Enhancing establishment of people-to-people contacts & youth networks in the border region, knowledge about each other, exchange of info & ideas for future cooperation.



Football Tournament Montana, 18-21.06.2018

- Football stadium in Montana has been reconstructed and modernized with permission for use issued on 20.09.2018;
- Football tournament with 80 participants has been organized on 18-21.06.2018 in Montana;
- Football stadium in Vranje has been reconstructed and modernized with the permission for use issued on 08.02.2019;
- Football tournament with 40 participants has been organized on 18-21.10.2018 in Vranje.



Stadium in Montana, work in progress



Stadium in Vranje, completed, usage permit issued on 08.02.2019



Football Tournament Montana, 18-21.06.2018

Football Tournament Montana, 18-21.06.2018



Football Tournament Vranje, 18-21.10.2018



Final press conference, Montana, 12.10.2018





Grounds for better future of our youth

Project No.

CB007.1.21.343

Budget

502 440,41 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.5.2018

Project partners:

- Cultural-Educational Center Boljevac
- Municipality of Chiprovtsi

Specific objective:

2.1 Skills & Entrepreneurship

Project objective:

The project aims at fostering better understanding and collaboration between partners particularly in the area of addressing youth needs, improving their quality of life and preparing them to be successful, as well as creating stronger ties between the two partner municipalities of Boljevac and Chiprovtsi.



High school presentation in the reconstructed Cultural-educational center, Boljevac, 18.05.2018

- Cultural-educational center Boljevac has been reconstructed with final acceptance protocol issued on 01.03.2018;
- Two playgrounds and the adjacent green areas in Martinovo and Jelezna villages, Municipality of Chiprovtsi, have been reconstructed, with final acceptance protocol issued on 15.11.2017;
- Study and analysis on the potential of the Cross-border region to reduce youth immigration have been elaborated and made public: <http://www.grounds-future.com/en/study-and-analysis/>
- Local Policy Guide on Youth Entrepreneurship has been elaborated and made public: http://www.grounds-future.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Policy-Guide_ENGleski.pdf
- Shared workspace YES – “Young Entrepreneurs Space” has been established and equipped with office furniture and IT equipment on 29.03.2018 in Cultural-educational center Boljevac;
- Workshop for young entrepreneurs in Boljevac has been organized on 07-08.05.2018, with 33 participants;
- “Children&Parents Services Entrepreneur” workshop in Chiprovtsi has been organized on 14-16.05.2018, with 20 participants;
- Workshop for women entrepreneurs in Boljevac has been organized on 16-17.05.2018, with 20 participants;
- Presentation for high-school students has been organized on 18.05.2018, 300 participants took part in the events.

Project website:
<http://www.grounds-future.com/en/home/>



Women Entrepreneur workshop, Boljevac, 16-17.05.2018



Young entrepreneurs workshop, Boljevac, 07-08.05.2018



Playground, Zelezna, after reconstruction
 Playground, Martinovo, after reconstruction



High school presentation in the reconstructed Cultural-educational center, Boljevac, 18.05.2018



Virtual Enterprises

Project No.

CB007.1.21.378

Budget

144 763.19 €

Duration

13.12.2016 - 12.12.2017

Project partners:

- Foundation for Development of North-Western Bulgaria
- Center for social work - Pirotd
- Centre for Development Support and Initiative "NOVITAS" Pirotd

Specific objective:

2.1 Skills & Entrepreneurship

Project objective:

Support youth in acquiring practical business and entrepreneurship skills, so that they can build on their education and improve economic status. This is achieved through developing and implementing of Virtual Enterprise initiative, simulating real business environment for both entrepreneurs and employees.



Workshop, Pirotd, 30.10.2017

- A shared workspace YES - "Young Entrepreneurs Space" has been established in Pirot on 08.05.2017;
- Database of potential trainees has been developed;
- Study and analysis on the potential of the Cross-border region to reduce youth migration have been elaborated and completed on 15.09.2017;
- Tri-lingual manual - necessary documents for establishing a company has been elaborated on 09.06 2017;
- "Virtual Enterprise" tri-lingual software has been developed and completed on 28.08.2017;
- Virtual companies for self-employment have been established - 20 people in Montana on 23-25.08, 30.08-01.09, 7-9.09.2017; 20 people in Pirot on 24-26.08, 31.08 and 01-02.09, 07-09.09.2017;
- Local Policy Guide on Youth Entrepreneurship has been elaborated;
- A joint tri-lingual website has been developed;
- Joint workshop for P2P learning and exchange for the participants of the Virtual Enterprise has been organized in Pirot on 28-30.10.2017, with 40 participants from each cross border side;
- Presentation for high-school students has been organized on 06.11.2017 in in Economic high school Pirot with participation of 42 students from Pirot and 30 students from Montana;
- Virtual companies (Employment) have been established - using the developed software "Virtual enterprise" each participant in the training established his virtual company and 40 virtual companies in the software have been created.



Press conference, Pirot, 12.07.2017



High school presentation, Pirot, 06.11.2017



Workshop, Dimitrovgrad, 28.10.2017



Virtual companies for self-employment establishment, Montana, 23-25.08.2017



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CB0071.31.126

Joint Training Programme for
FOREST FIRE
Prevention & Management

Joint Training Programme for Forest Fire Prevention and Management

Project No.

CB007.1.31.126

Budget

581 159.46 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 20.06.2019

Project partners:

- Academy of the Ministry of Interior, BG
- Directorate General Fire Safety and Civil Protection –Ministry of the Interior, (DGFSCP-MoI), BG
- University of Nis, Faculty of Occupational Safety in Nis

Specific objective:

3.1 Joint Risk Management

Project objective:

Ensuring high-level preparedness, closer cooperation and exchange of know-how and best practices in the field of forest fire prevention and management by the specialized national and educational institutions of Bulgaria and Serbia through synchronized development and application of specific requirements, maps, procedures and trainings.



Classroom training, Nis 14-15.06.2018

- Equipment for the Alternative National Operations Centre (ANOC), Sofia by PP2 (equipment, work places for national / international alert / emergency / warning, et. systems, repair works) has been supplied;
- Laboratory equipment (mass loss cone, thermogravimetric analyzer, calorimeter and analytic balance) and simulation training software for the Faculty of Occupational Safety facilities, Nis has been supplied in May 2018;
- Joint training program, common strategy for forest fire management and forest fire map for 2 pilot areas in the CB region with study accompanying GIS project have been developed;
- Specialized firefighting vehicle for forest fires (class M, category 3, Euronorm 6) for the Academy of the Ministry of Interior has been supplied;
- Classroom trainings in risk prevention and management in Serbia (FOC & Nis District) have been organized on 14-15 and 18-19.06.2018 for 60 Bulgarian and Serbian students;
- On 20.06.2018 training for Municipality representatives from BG and SRB who are in charge of fire safety has been organized;
- Field visit of former forest fires on Stara Planina and center for radio amateurs has been organized on 4-5.10.2018 for 30 Bulgarian and Serbian students;
- Two on-field trainings of students have been organized in Kyustendil municipality from 10 to 13.06.2019, each visited by 30 participants (15 BG and 15 SRB);
- Training for 30 professionals in ANOC has been organized in Sofia on 17.06.2019;
- Field visit in Kyustendil municipality has been organized on 17-18.10.2018 for 30 students.

Project website:

<http://ipacbc-bgrs-fire-prevention.eu/>



@FirePreventionProject

GIS map:

<http://ipacbc-bgrs-forest-fire-hazard-map.eu>



Laboratory equipment, Faculty of Occupational Safety in Nis, 22.05.2018



Specialized firefighting vehicle, field training, Pernik, 10-13.06.2019



Field training, Kyustendil, 17-18.10.2018

Field training, Pernik, 10-13.06.2019



Firefighting equipment, Pernik, 10-13.06.2019



Improvement of the capacity for risk management in case of major forest fires in the cross-border region - coordination, training, observation, innovative methods and equipment



Project No.

CB007.1.31.189

Budget

587 856.32 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Directorate General Fire Safety and Civil Protection - Ministry of the Interior
- Sector for Emergency Management - Ministry of Interior (SEM Mol), Republic of Serbia

Specific objective:

3.1 Joint Risk Management

Project objective:

Enhancing the capacity for response of fire and safety services in cases of forest and field fires in the cross-border region; Improving joint risk management during forest fires extinguishing in the cross-border region; Improving public awareness about the reasons for forest fires ignition and measures needed to be taken to reduce the number of man-made disasters and to mitigate the consequences from them.



Fire vehicle for all-terrain with supporting equipment and 50 collapsible fire pumps

- Training centre for wildfires extinguishing has been organized;
- Training Programme for forest fires extinguishing for management staff and operational staff has been elaborated and adapted for use on the territory of the Training centre;
- Standard Operational Procedure - to guarantee timely and coordinated actions of both Partners in case of forest fire in the cross border region, has been elaborated during the meetings on 18-20.10.2017 and 20-22.11.2017;
- 1 fire vehicle for all-terrain with supporting equipment and 50 collapsible fire pump have been supplied on 19.11.2018; IT equipment equipmet - 5 Desktop computers, 3 laptops, 3 Laser printers, 1 tablet and 2 external hard discs have been supplied for Sector for Emergency Situations, Serbia on 20.11.2018; 1 specialized system for aerial surveillance: 1 microbus, 2 multicopters, 1 aircraft system has been supplied;
- Awareness campaign has been conducted during the project to give information to the public of the basics of how wildfires ignite structures combined with scientifically proven mitigation actions;
- Plan for joint actions in case of major forest fires and scenario for field exercise have been elaborated on 12-14.02.2018 in Pirot;
- A fence has been built in Trifonovo village, Montana on 31.08.2017;
- 2 specialized vehicles for forest fires extinguishing, 4 Laptops; 1 Multifunctional device and 4 mobile phones have been supplied for Regional Directorate Fire Safety and Civil Protection - Montana;
- Trainings of the management and operational staff and field exercise have been organized in Montana on 29-31.10.2018 with 29 participants and on 12-15.11.2018 with 42 participants; experts of both partners took part in the field exercise and in the evaluation of the exercise after it.



Training, Montana, 29-31.10 2018



Awareness raising campaign, continuously during project



Field exercise, Montana, 12-15.11.2018

Field exercise, Montana, 12-15.11.2018



Field exercise, Montana, 12-15.11.2018



Joint management of risks in the region - Niska Banja and Kostenets

**Project No.**

CB007.1.31.217

Budget

583 731.42 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Niska Banja
- Municipality of Kostenets

Specific objective:

3.1 Joint Risk Management

Project objective:

The main objective of the project was to improve the joint risk management in the cross-border area of municipalities of Niska Banja and Kostenets and to support the development of local government by creating conditions for increasing the quality of security and diversification of supply in the provision of prevention according to international standards and related laws.



Trash pumps

- Emergency intervention equipment for quick and efficient response to flood and fire emergency situations have been supplied in in Kostenets on 21.02.2018 and in Niska Banja on 03/11.07.2018:
 - drone for video surveillance and system with 8 cameras and software for quick and efficient response in emergency situations;
 - Three all-terrain vehicles - VW Amarok, with fire protection systems installed;
 - 15 sets - personal protective equipment;
 - 2 inflatable outboard engine boats with trailers;
 - 4 fire extinguisher backpacks;
 - Fire extinguishers 6 kg. ABC - 4 pcs;
 - Battledore Extinguishers - 4 pcs;
 - Emergency Medical Equipment - 2 pcs;
 - 2 First aid kits;
 - 2 water pumps;
 - 3 trash pumps with transport trailer;
 - Rechargeable Flashlights - 10 pcs;
- Roundtable "Raising awareness among stakeholders on common risk management" has been organized on 26-27.07.2018 in Kostenets;
- Trilingual Joint Action plan in order to improve cooperation between the two local bodies in the field of emergency situations has been developed;
- Seminar "Sharing experience in fighting with disasters caused by fire and water" with 20 participants has been organized on 19-20.09.2018 in Niska Banja;
- Training and Joint exercise for simulation cross border fire disaster with 20 participants has been successfully organized on 29-30.10.2018 with the equipment supplied under the project of Municipality of Kostenets and Municipality of Niska Banja.



Firefighting equipment



Joint exercise for simulation of cross border fire disaster, Kostenets, 30.10.2018 (above and below)



Personal protective equipment



Inflatable outboard engine boats with trailers





Clean and Green Life (CGL)

Project No.

CB007.1.32.224

Budget

586 958,62 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.5.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Kula
- Public Utility Company "Standard" – Knjazevac

Specific objective:

3.2 Nature Protection

Project objective:

The project is designed to stimulate nature protection in the Kula-Knjazevac area through joint initiatives for removal of unregulated dumpsites and building an eco-mindset in the CB population.



"My Green Home" joint eco initiative,
Kula, 13-14.05.2018

- Waste collection vehicle and multifunctional vehicle for cleaning asphalt surfaces, as well as 50 large waste collection containers, 250 small waste collection containers, and 25 composting units have been supplied to the Municipality of Kula;
- Waste collection vehicle, backhoe loader and dump truck, as well as 40 large waste collection containers, have been supplied to the Public Utility Company "Standard" - Knjazevac;
- Morphological analyses of the waste in Kula and Knjazevac, as well as Report on EU best practices in waste management and prevention of unregulated waste disposal, and Joint action plan for waste management in the Kula-Knjazevac region have been elaborated;
- Round table event in Knjazevac has been organized on 24-25.04.2018;

- Public debates for the Joint action plan in Kula on 14.05.2018 and in Knjazevac on 11.05.2018 have been organized;
- "My Green Home" joint eco initiative have been organized on 13-14.05.2018 in Kula and on 20-21.05.2018 in Knjazevac;
- Lectures on waste management and ecological issues have been organized in 3 schools in Knjazevac on 06.12.2017 and in one school in Kula on 22.02.2018;
- A cross-border essay contest for students has been conducted in Kula and Knjazevac, with the best three essays were given prizes during the eco-initiative, held on 20-21.05.2018 in Knjazevac.

Project website:
<http://www.cglife.eu/en/>



"My Green Home" joint eco initiative, Knjazevac, 20-21.05.2018



"My Green Home" joint eco initiative, Knjazevac, 20-21.05.2018



Waste management equipment, Kula

Waste management equipment, Kula



Waste management equipment, Knjazevac





Joint emergency interventions in Serbian and Bulgarian cross-border region

Project No.

CB007.1.31.247

Budget

585 459.69 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Sector for Emergency Management - Ministry of Interior, Republic of Serbia
- Directorate General Fire Safety and Civil Protection - Ministry of the Interior, Republic of Bulgaria

Specific objective:

3.1 Joint Risk Management

Project objective:

To strengthen cross-border cooperation between Serbian and Bulgarian emergency management authorities in order to reduce the effects of floods, landslides and other natural and manmade disasters; To improve the capacities of the cross-border area and target municipalities in Serbia and Bulgaria to jointly manage disaster risks.



Mobile floods barriers, Pernik, 26-28.07.2017

- Equipment for specialized water rescue teams – three vans, four terrain vehicles 4x4 with towing hock and winch, two rafting boats, two aluminum boats, four single axle trailers for boats, additional equipment, and personal equipment for rescue team members have been delivered to the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia;
- Remotely controlled flying system, including two multicopters, two airplanes and one special-purpose vehicle for transportation of the remote controlled flying system, a hundred mobile flood barriers and two inflatable sleds have been supplied to the Ministry of the Interior, Republic of Bulgaria;
- Standard Operational Procedure has been developed on 06-08.11.2017 and is available upon request;
- Joint Response Plan has been developed on 29-31.01.2018 and is available upon request;
- Joint field exercise scenario has been developed on 19-21.02.2018 and is available upon request;
- Training Programme for flood rescue and management has been elaborated during the meetings in Vranje on 18-20.09.2017 and in Pernik on 26-28.07.2017;
- Training courses of the management and operational staff have been organized in Pernik on 09 - 12.07.2018, and in Vranje on 18 - 21.09.2018;
- Seminar for the local authorities on the coordinated flood response and management has been organized on 18-21.09.2019, in Vranje, followed with joint field demonstration conducted on Vlasina Lake, in Serbia with 61 participants of both project partners.

Joint emergency intervention:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2-fh7-T2_M



Vehicles and personal protective equipment, Vlasina Lake, 21.09.2018



Terrain vehicles, Ministry of Interior, Republic of Serbia



Inflatable rescue sled, demonstration, Vlasina Lake, 21.09.2018



Joint field demonstration, Vlasina Lake, 21.09.2018 (above and below)



Joint prevention and mitigation of the consequences of natural and man-made cross-border disasters in the municipalities of Svoge and Merošina



Project No.

CB007.1.31.287

Budget

581 345,46 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.5.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Svoge
- Municipality of Merošina

Specific objective:

3.1 Joint Risk Management

Project objective:

Building sustainable capacity and join system for management and liquidation of consequences of natural and man-made disasters in the municipalities of Svoge and Merošina.



Training, Merošina, 01-02.03.2018

- Two round tables have been organized:
 - in Merošina on 23-24.10.2017;
 - in Svoge in November 2017;
- Specialized firefighting equipment and equipment for flood prevention and search and rescue operations for the Municipality of Merošina - 1 Specialized excavator for rescue operations; 1 Electric generator; Motor winch; 20 Fire extinguishing beaters, have been supplied on 28.04.2017;
- Specialized firefighting equipment and equipment for flood prevention and search and rescue operations for the Municipality of Svoge - breathing apparatus for emergency response and escape - 5 units, fire extinguishing beaters - 20 units, motor drilling equipment - 2 units, mobile motor pump - 2 units, generator - 1 unit, cutting equipment - 5 units, motor winch - 1 unit, specialized emergency drain truck - 1 unit, have been supplied on 27.10.2017;

- Joint risk assessment and preparation of plans and procedures for emergency situations and exchange of resources have been performed from 23.08. -22.11.2017;
- Joint theoretical-tactical exercises in emergency management and resource mobilization at local and regional level, with 38 participants from Svoge and Merošina municipalities, have been organized on 01-02.03.2018;
- Field training for emergency management in fire prevention methods, with 37 participants from Svoge and Merošina has been organized on 03 - 04.03.2018;
- Study visits and exchange of experience for action in crisis situations and for overcoming the damage from floods and fires have been organized in Svoge on 05-06.03.2018 with 38 participants and in Merošina on 13-14.03.2018 with 30 participants.



Excavator, Merošina



Emergency drain truck, Svoge



Equipment, Svoge



Study visit and exchange of experience for action in crisis situations, Svoge, 05-06.03.2018



Field training, Merošina, 01-02.03.2018

Prevention and mitigation of consequences of man-made cross-border disasters in the region Vidin-Zajecar

Project No.

CB007.1.31.304

Budget

547 711.82 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Vidin
- City of Zajecar

Specific objective:

3.1 Joint Risk Management

Project objective:

Prevention and mitigation of the consequences of man-made cross-border disasters in the region Vidin-Zajecar.

The project specific objectives are: Purchase of waste collection equipment; Demonstrational cleaning of two landfills for each partner with newly purchased equipment; Exchange of experience for employees in Vidin; Training in the field of disaster in Zajecar.



Two waste collection vehicles, Vidin, July 2018

- Two specialized waste collection equipment supplied have been supplied for Vidin;
- Waste collection vehicles supplied - 4 pcs; Registrations documents - 2 pcs have been supplied for Zajecar;
- Demonstrational cleaning of two landfills in Vidin has been performed on 14-21.11.2018 - 3 settlements cleaned within the activity - Kapitanovtsi, Botevo, Novoseltsi;
- Demonstrational cleaning of two landfills in Zajecar has been performed on 21-22.11.2018 on the following locations: Salas, Naselje Zvezdan hill, Naselje Rgotina, and Naselje Jasikovac;
- Exchange of experience for employees of Municipality of Zajecar in Vidin has been performed on 04-05.06.2018 with 20 participants;

- Training to enhance capacity in the field of disaster prevention related to human activities has been organized on 19-20.11.2018, with 20 participants;
- Two studies - research on the cross-border impact from illegal dumps on the territory of the municipality of Vidin and municipality of Zajecar have been developed, including two maps of illegal dumps (polluted territories) and a lot of analytical conclusions, proposals and measures. The studies are available on the website of the project.

Project website:

<https://vidin-zajecar-cbc.info/en/>



Demonstration cleaning, Zajecar, Nov 2018



Demonstration cleaning, Vidin, Nov 2018



Demonstration cleaning, Vidin, Nov 2018



Waste collection vehicles, Zajecar, Nov 2018



Reducing flooding related risk through rehabilitation of flood protection infrastructure in Dupnitsa and supply of specialized equipment for floods prevention in Gadžin Han



Project No.

CB007.1.31.316

Budget

591 871.03 €

Duration

23.11.2016 – 22.11.2018

Project partners:

- Municipality of Dupnitsa
- Public Enterprise Directorate for Construction and Communal Affairs of the Municipality of Gadzin Han

Specific objective:

3.1 Joint Risk Management

Project objective:

Repair and rehabilitation of flood protection infrastructure in Dupnitsa; Supply of specialized equipment for flood prevention in Gadzin Han; Reducing the risk of flooding related damages to urban territories; Enhancing cross-border cooperation in prevention and management of climate related risks for local population.



Video Surveillance system for flood monitoring, Gadzin Han

- Opening event in Gadzin Han has been organized on 21-24.10.2018;
- Specialized flood prevention equipment has been supplied for the municipality of Gadzin Han - 1 hydraulic excavator, 1 Surveillance system AIR for flood monitoring and 1 Surveillance system ground for flood monitoring with 8 cameras, 1 rescue boat with the outboard engine, 3 water pumps and 1 aggregate;
- Flood protection infrastructure in Dupnitsa / Construction and repair works in the Municipality of Dupnitsa have been performed and completed on 19.07.2018;
- Official opening of the newly constructed infrastructure in Dupnitsa with 21 participants has been organized on 11-14.09.2018;
- Project Closing conference with 54 participants has been organized in Dupnitsa on 09.11.2018.



Rescue boat, Gadzin Han

Hydraulic Excavator, Gadzin Han



Water pumps 40 N and 50 N, Gadzin Han



Aggregate 20 kVa, Gadzin Han



Stabilization of left bank of Bistritsa river, Dupnitsa, completed on 19.07.2018

Preservation and improvement of the environment in the cross-border region through composting of biodegradable waste

Project No.

CB007.1.32.318

Budget

142 913,13 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 22.01.2018

Project partners:

- "Bulgaria In Europe" Association, Vidin
- Municipality of Kladovo

Specific objective:

3.2 Nature Protection

Project objective:

To stimulate the balanced and sustainable development through environmental change adaptation and smart economic growth.



Info day , Novo selo, 30.05.2017

- Case studies about composting and its benefits, waste management, needs assessment on the composting issues have been performed in Vidin and Bor districts - 209 questionnaires have been filled in, and a final analysis and report was published: [Final cross-border assessment of the effect of composting on pollution level in Vidin district, Republic of Bulgaria and Borski district, Republic of Serbia](#)
- Information conference with 39 participants to present the study results has been organized on 16.05.2017 in Kladovo;
- 7 info days for promotion of benefits of composting have been organized in Bulgaria in April, May, June and October 2017, with more than 1000 participants;



Zero waste training, Vidin, 01-03.11.2017

- 4 info days in Serbia for of promotion benefits of composting have been organized in June and September 2017. More than 250 people took part in the events;
- On 06.07.2017, 30 pilot composters and 1 mobile shredder on 07.07.2017 have been supplied to the District of Vidin;
- On 17.08.2017, 30 pilot composters and 1 mobile shredder on 21.08.2017 have been supplied for Serbian public institutions;
- Training "Zero waste policy and wise solutions for waste management" has been organized on 01-03.11.2017 in Vidin, with 25 participants;
- [Cross-border plan for management of biodegradable waste in Vidin and Bor districts](#) has been developed;
- [Final assessment of the effect of composting in both districts](#) has been performed;
- The final conference has been organized in Vidin on 16.01.2018 when specific recommendations to increase long-term impact of the composting on the pollution level were proposed.

Project website:
<http://www.bgeu.biz>



Info day, Vidin, 05.06.2017
 Info day, Negotin, 27.09.2017



Zero waste training, Vidin, 01-03.11.2017



Info day, Negotin, 27.09.2017



Forest Fire Fighters (FFF)



Project No.

CB007.1.31.348

Budget

573 353.57 €

Duration

23.11.2016 - 21.01.2019

Project partners:

- Municipality of Boljevac (MoB)
- Municipality of Kula (MoK)
- Association for Civilian Crisis Management

Specific objective:

3.1 Joint Risk Management

Project objective:

The general objective of FFF is to utilize the untapped local potential in MoK and MoB for better use of volunteers in joint cross-border forest fire risk management by eradicating existing practical and knowledge-based barriers for CB forest fire prevention and intervention actions.



Practical training, Vidin, 14-15.06.2018

- Volunteers in Kula to double the unit via a dedicated campaign have been recruited;
- Equipment - drones, all-terrain vehicles with mounted firefighting equipment and personal gear for volunteers has been delivered for each municipality;
- GIS System in Municipality of Boljevac to match the available software in Bulgaria has been developed;
- Joint Action Plan in 3 languages as a mechanism for joint Cross-border operational interventions has been elaborated.
- Theoretical Firefighting Training Courses have been organized - in Boljevac on 28-29.05.2018 with 23 participants and in Kula on 30-31.05.2018 with 21 participants;

- Joint Pilot Field Training has been organized in Vidin on 14-15.06.2018 with 36 participants;
- School Visits have been conducted - classes to improve fire prevention and awareness on volunteering with total of 200 students reached and trained:
 - campaign in Kula in school "Vasil Levski" on 18.01.2019;
 - campaign in Boljevac in High School "Nikola Tesla" on 21.01.2019;
- Round table with final conference has been organized in Zajecar, Serbia on 16-17.01.2019, with 46 participants, representatives of stakeholders and media from the cross-border region.



<https://www.facebook.com/Forest-Fire-Fighters-FFF-1078024225676656/>



Practical training, Vidin, 14-15.06.2018



Firefighting vehicle



Theoretical training, Boljevac, 28-29.05.2018



Surveillance drone

Equipment and personal gear



Measures for establishment of flood prevention and quick reaction conditions in Chiprovci and Bolevac



Project No. **Budget**
CB007.1.31.364 579 499.83 €

Duration
13.12.2017 - 12.12.2019

Project partners:

- Chiprovtsi, Alternative and Development - CHAR
- Municipality of Boljevac
- Municipality of Chiprovtsi

Specific objective:

3.2 Nature Protection

Project objective:

Investments in equipment related to flood risk reduction and flood damage removal which consists of obtaining four work machines and one transportation vehicle. Cleaning of the river in Chiprovci. Capacity development in order to react in cases of a flood, which consists of three separate trainings for representatives of local authorities at the municipal level and representatives of local community councils, and for inhabitants of the villages at the highest risk of floods in Boljevac and Chiprovtsi, and of reserach on floods threats in the CB region, and elaboration of a new crisis action plan.



Training, Boljevac, 04.06.2018

- One backhoe loader, one mini excavator with hydraulic hammer and one tipper truck or municipality of Boljevac have been purchased;
- Analysis of the flood risk management plans in the CB region has been developed; New crisis plan has been elaborated;
- Specialized terrain vehicle - bulldozer for the municipality of Chiprovtsi has been purchased;
- Representatives of local authorities at the municipal level and representatives of local community councils from municipalities of Boljevac and Chiprovtsi have been trained:
 - One training has been organised on 04 June 2018 for 26 participants (16 from Boljevac and 10 from Chiprovtsi);
 - One training has been organised on 05 June 2018 for 60 local representatives (50 from Boljevac and 10 from Chiprovtsi);

Project website:

<http://www.preventchibo.org/>

- Inhabitants of the villages at the highest risk of floods in Boljevac and Chiprovtsi have been trained:
 - Training has been organized on 06 June 2018 for 35 inhabitants of villages endangered by floods (30 from Boljevac and 5 from Chiprovtsi);
- The river banks in Ogosta river have been cleaned;
- Researches on threatened by floods areas in the CBC region have been performed, and include 4 chapters:
 - Description of the water basins in the area;
 - History of the floods and caused damages in the area;
 - Current situation in the CBC region - Bulgaria/ Serbia concerning flood management measures in the area;
 - Implementation of measures on local and regional level for prevention and quick reaction;

http://www.preventchibo.org/images/Research/II_REV08_-_En.pdf



Supplied equipment under the project



Training, Boljevac, 05.06.2018

Joint cross border initiatives for creation of eco friendly region



Project No.

CB007.1.32.361

Budget

569 510.41 €

Duration

28.09.2017 – 27.09.2019

Project partners:

- Association "Technological Institute Of Aquaculture"
- Municipality of Pirot
- Centre for Development Support and Initiative "Novitas" Pirot

Specific objective:

3.2 Nature Protection

Project objective:

Establishment of hatchery for preservation of biodiversity of fish species and construction of educational camp on the protection of biodiversity and river species „ECO MOUNTAIN CAMP“



ECO Mountain Camp

- Study on endangered fishes and biodiversity condition in Montana region has been elaborated;
- Research and analysis of preserving biodiversity in Stara Planina (Pirots side), rare and protected species, models and methods of local and regional biodiversity preservation have been elaborated and delivered on 21.01.2019;
- Educational camp on the protection of biodiversity and river species „ECO MOUNTAIN CAMP“ has been constructed;
- Hatchery for the recovery of populations of endemic fish species in Bulgaria, Karpachene village, Montana Municipality has been established;
- Special equipment for exploring of flora and fauna on Stara Planina mountain has been supplied;
- Research and Protection Programme rare river species: stram trout of Stara Planina have been elaborated;
- Eco forum „Biodiversity of Stara planina mountain - the value of without borders" with 40 participants has been organized on 14-15.09.2018;
- Joint action plan for prevention of soil, air and water on Stara planina mountain in cross border region Pirot-Montana has been developed;
- Promo project Documentary, Promo Catalog, closing conference and evaluation of projects results have been produced.



ECO Mountain Camp



ECO Mountain Camp

Equipment, Stara Planina



Equipment for exploring flora and fauna of Stara Planina



ECO forum, 14-15.09.2018



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