

## Newsletter N°7, February 2022

Dear readers,

At the beginning of a new year, it is time for us to look back at the year that passed and share with you achievements we have accomplished. During 2021, our team provided full support to beneficiaries who started implementing their projects thanks to the 13 grant contracts awarded from December 2020 until June 2021.



We were fully involved in the previously initiated programming process of the Cross-border Cooperation Programme SRB-BIH for the financial perspective 2021-2027. The second draft of the Program Document was presented at the online Public Consultations on April 19, 2021. Participants in this event contributed to this important process by making suggestions for improving the document.

We organized two workshops on "Preparation of project proposals for the Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia-BiH 2014-2020" as a part of preparations for the Third Call for Proposals. Virtual workshops were conducted on 26 and 28 April 2021 with the aim to inform participants about goals, structures, and priorities of the Programme, as well as about key aspects of the project cycle and project development. Also, practical advice on how to apply and prepare a logical framework matrix was given to potential applicants. The workshops were attended by over 40 representatives of national and local institutions, development agencies and non-governmental organizations. Participants had the opportunity to actively participate in the discussion and interact with the trainers.

With the hope that this year will be as successful as the last one in contracting new projects, we would like to inform you on the activities in the currently ongoing projects.

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## Bulky into Orange

The project Bulky Waste Less (BWL) is halfway through its implementation and a new system for bulky waste collection is beginning in two cities. The previous systems did not give the anticipated results; hence the new system is expected to put in order the flow of municipal waste. Waste separation at the source is a prerequisite for any organized waste management system. Therefore, the bulky waste separation is directed towards the goal and the project is currently focusing on the task in two cities in the cross-border area.

Momir Milovanović, director of JKP Duboko from Užice, whose company is the leading partner in the BWL project, especially emphasizes gratitude to the European Union as a donor as EU assistance is facilitating solid waste management. "By separating bulky waste, crushing it and extracting usable raw materials, we achieve multiple benefits. On one hand, we get raw materials that can be used in the recycling market (metal, plastic, wood), while at the same time we get raw materials suitable for alternative fuel production (low quality wood, textiles, rubber). At the end we are disposing the rest of the waste in a fragmented state, which achieves significantly better compression and more rational use of landfill space. This is our main benefit and motivation, since we are saving landfill space and prolonging its lifespan", said Momir Milovanović.



Until now, the bulky waste was collected on a daily basis without a rational and economically justifiable plan, followed by the unpleasant scenes of mess in public areas. New system has the aim to optimize the technical, human and financial capacities of the communal sector of two cities. Contribution to this cause will come from both pre-determined locations as well as defined time periods in which containers will be placed and emptied. In order to visually separate them from the current communal equipment, but also to enable easier communication with the public, the containers are orange.



**SVAKI ZADNJI VIKEND U MJESECU BIĆE POSTAVLJENI NARANDŽASTI KONTEJNERI I ODVOZIĆE SE KABASTI OTPAD**

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**LOKACIJE U BLIZINI ZGRADA U TUZLI, GDJE ĆE SE POSTAVITI NARANDŽASTI KONTEJNERI**

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1 Irac	Krečanska	Br. 5 f, kod mosta Babilon
2 Irac	Krečanska	Br. 9 kod 2. stepeništa od Centralnog grijanja
3 Mosnik	Amalije Lebeničnik	Naselje „OAZA“
4 Tušanj	Meše Selimovića	Naselje Stadion
5 Tušanj	Dragodol	MZ Tušanj
6 Slatina	Mirze Hadžimehmedovića	Br. 4 kod videoke Kobra
7 Jala	Jalska	Na ulazu u sokak prema MZ Jala i vatrogasnom
8 Stari Grad	Franjevačka	Kod Elektrotehničkog fakulteta
9 Centar	Musala	Parking zgrade Cipelici
10 Stupine	Maka Dizdara	Između B6 i B7
11 Stupine	Maka Dizdara	B14C
12 Bulevar	Ivana Ribara	Na raskršnici prema Maloj pijaci
13 Solina	Novo naselje	3. tipski objekat
14 Br. Malta	Armije BiH	Kod Vojnih lamela pored tipskog objekta
15 Br. Malta	Šabana Zahirovića	Kod Pecare 2
16 Sjenjak	Ismeta Mujezinovića	Iza B bloka kod Mix Maestra
17 Sjenjak	Ismeta Mujezinovića	Između C i E bloka
18 Slavinovići	Izeta Sarajlića	Interex zgrade
19 Slavinovići	Branilaca BiH	Velika postolja kod igrališta
20 Slavinovići	Cigjana	Kod tipskog objekta kraj zgrada tzv. M-ovi

BWL Projekat sufinansira Evropska unija u okviru finansijskog instrumenta preprisupe pomoći (IPA II) kroz Program prekogranične saradnje Srbija - Bosna i Hercegovina 2014-2020. Ugovor za sufinansiranje sredstvima Evropske unije potpisan je sa Ministarstvom finansija Republike Srbije - Sektorom za upravljanje i finansiranje programa iz sredstava Evropske unije.

“It will be great when everyone gets used to the new system and when we no longer see bulky waste all around. The streets will be cleaner, and the whole neighborhood will become more beautiful to live in. It will be one less concern for local communities, because we will no longer have to call PUC to remove the waste that appeared overnight” said Sadija Masic from MZ Gornja Tuzla.



The BWL project is the third in a series of projects jointly implemented by organizations from Užice and Tuzla within our Programme. The BWL is based on the results and achievements of previous projects. In this way, the full effect of the implemented activities is accomplished and the chances for their sustainability are increased.



## Vulnerable groups encouragement

Many years of experience in the field of adult education, social protection, work with people with disabilities and social entrepreneurship have led to a partnership between Caritas Sabac, ProReh, Social - Educational Center and the Municipality of Bogatic. They are the partners in the project "Improve employability of people from vulnerable groups through provision of new knowledge and skills."



The partners signed an agreement and organized three cross-border meetings with an aim to be more successful in the implementation process. Caritas Šabac, with many years of experience in implementing EU-funded projects, unselfishly shared its experiences with partners.

Project assistant, Milica Ducan, emphasizes the importance of the project, which is reflected in practical and sustainable approach and application in achieving benefits for marginalized and socially vulnerable

groups, as well as for the whole society. People from vulnerable categories, with their skills improved through non-formal education and training, are more recognizable within the society and their competitiveness in the labor market is increased.



The preparation of a training program and selection of candidates is planned for the next period. The project empowers not only users, but also local communities.



## Fire emergency system in Bajina Bašta and Rogatica is being successfully improved

Project Improving Fire Emergency Management System in the cross-border area of B&H and Serbia, is being realized according to the action plan. Trainings were conducted, equipment was procured, a fire protection plan was prepared, but the most was achieved in the field of strengthening the capacity of professional staff.



The importance of established coordination and cooperation in the cross-border area of Serbia and BiH regarding fire emergency intervention system should be especially emphasized. Rogatica and Bajina Bašta strengthened human and upgraded technical capacities. Representatives of Forest

Management Enterprises, Territorial Fire Brigade from Rogatica and Bajina Bašta, and Tara National Park attended two trainings during 2021.

Nenad Ujić, an employee of the Rogatica Territorial Fire Brigade, pointed out the increased readiness of his unit to act in case of fires, as well as in rescuing the injured. He also boasted about the new look of his unit: "Rescue equipment for rescue from heights is something new for us, so far we have not had any contact with this type of equipment, we were completely unprepared for this type of interventions. This equipment requires a lot of work and exercises, so that we can respond well to the challenges which are placed in front of us regarding the rescue from heights and depths".



Marko Tomić, project coordinator, emphasizes the efficiency and importance of the trainings: "Participants were trained how to apply the method of communication and coordination in case of a forest fire being reported. Also, they got familiar with prevention measures that can significantly reduce the occurrence of forest fires, as well as with the response procedures when a forest fire occurs on the border between Serbia and BiH."

We hope that the prevention measures and protection system established by this project will greatly reduce fires and preserve forests in the borderline area of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.



## Bridging

Project “Bridging” aims at improvement of tourist services in the cross-border region of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

City of Užice committed to supporting the Project after it has been presented to its representatives. The project was also presented to the representatives of the Association of Tourist Agencies of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Tourist Organization of Zlatibor District. Meetings with representatives of unemployed women were held with the support of the National Employment Service.



The project coordinator, Darko Vujović, director of Economic Development Centre of the Sarajevo Canton Chamber of Commerce and Zoran Bibanović, president of the Association of Tourist Agencies of BiH, discussed the possibilities of animating and including a number of travel agencies from Sarajevo Canton in certain project activities.

It is currently being defined which tourist and catering facilities will be included in the project. Procurement of technical equipment necessary for theoretical and practical training at the Education Center of the Sarajevo Canton Chamber of Commerce is in progress.



## Improved waste management capacities

Increasing the efficiency of public services and practices related to solid waste and wastewater management through joint initiatives is implemented through the project “Upgrading of the waste management public service capacities in cross border region”.



The project improves sustainable environmental planning and the promotion of biodiversity by improving the public services related to solid waste and wastewater management.

Main focus of the project is capacity building through professional seminars, exchange of information through round tables and workshops, and cooperation with citizens and non-governmental organizations. A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Provincial Secretariat for Urban

Planning and Environmental Protection from AP Vojvodina and the Ministry for Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering and Ecology from Banja Luka with the aim of establishing long-term cooperation in planning and implementing environmental policy in the project area and wider.

Assistant Minister in the Ministry for Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering and Ecology, Svjetlana Radusin, stated that the project is of exceptional importance for the region and will enable the strengthening of institutions in the public sector.



So far, equipment has been procured and professional seminars, workshops, training for environmental inspectors have been conducted within the project. In the upcoming period wastewater laboratory analyzes will be performed, at the same time exchanging inter-laboratory results and experiences while using new equipment. Laboratories (project partners) will also be signing Memorandum of Cooperation, as well as the Inspectorate of Republika Srpska and the Provincial Secretariat for Urbanism and Environmental Protection.

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## Council for implementation of joint emergency interventions in the cross-border area of Tuzla Sremska Mitrovica formed

The project "Capacity of Protection and Rescue Institutions Strengthened (CoPRIS)" started with implementation in early April last year.



Project partners have formed a Project Implementation Council, whose role is to establish good cooperation between project team members and all project participants, with the aim to deal with possible problems during and after the project implementation. This specifically refers to crisis situations, natural disasters or human caused disasters, which could require joint emergency intervention in the cross - border area of Tuzla and Sremska Mitrovica.



Members of the Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which defined the functioning framework of the Council for the implementation of the CoPRIS project.

The establishment of a cross-border Multidisciplinary Mobile Team is under way. This team will be formed of representatives of various protection and rescue institutions from the cross-border area. The purpose of the Team is to develop a joint Action Plan for readiness and response to natural and man-made disasters.

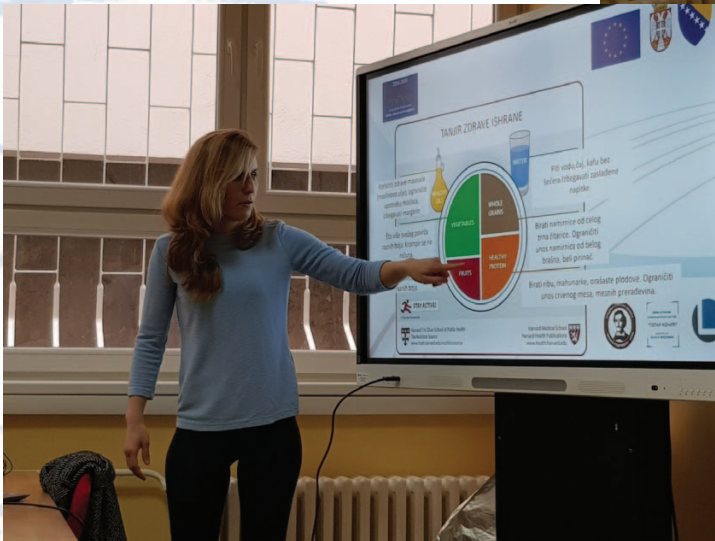
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## Employment through gastronomic products

Project “Healthy and safe gastronomic products as potential for new employment” focuses on young people age 15 to 24 who should become more competitive in the labor market by obtaining new knowledge and experience in the field of healthy diet.

The goal of the project is to create a better standpoint for young chefs through creation of nutrition programs and allergen-free healthy food programs. The key activities of the project include equipping kitchens as part of starting social enterprises, developing new healthy gastronomic products, and preparing trainings for teachers, young people and parents.



The training “Healthy and safe nutrition” is intended for professors of secondary vocational schools from Ruma and Zvornik, who will implement newly acquired knowledge in their teachings and in extracurricular activities. These trainings were implemented according to the professional training programs of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of RS.

Project manager Jovan Jovanović claims that the approach adopted through trainings will enable a higher level of education quality, which is a guarantee for easier job hunting.

The professor of the Secondary Vocational School “Branko Radičević” from Ruma emphasized the importance of the project and the necessity to follow modern trends and market needs. All mentioned methods will enable young people to prepare themselves for the business challenges that await them after finishing the school.



We hope that we will really be able to testify that healthy and safe gastronomic products can be a serious potential in the future employment of young people in the cross-border area.

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## Educating the zero-waste generation

Day by day, people are stressed by concerning news about environmental pollution and it is easy to feel helpless and discouraged in such atmosphere. Despite that, most of population continues to neglect their habit of excessive consumption in day to day activities. Together with circular economy approach, the new wave of sustainability knocked to our door, presenting itself as - the Zero Waste concept!



At the conference “Counting to Zero – Zero Waste Municipalities”, Ms. Sandra Kamberović – regional legal expert on circular economy and environmental protection pointed out “The circular economy is a development opportunity for the countries of the Balkan region. BiH and Serbia are at the very beginning of this essential transition. It is crucial that the society adopts the narrative of the

European Green Deal through the Sofia Declaration and understands the value of preserving natural resources and recognizing the economic benefits of switching to a circular/green economy. The transition will be successful only if it has a minimal negative impact on society's economy. All key actors in the transition (decision-makers, businesses, and consumers) will contribute to this success if the activities are carried out in synchrony and partnership. It is necessary to use the opportunity for new investments in clean technologies and enable regional cooperation in the context of the circular/green economy”.



Embracing a zero-waste approach means looking at every area of daily life and considering if there's a way of approaching it with more thrift in consumption.

Zero Waste became a new lifestyle for younger generations and is still in its increase. As for individuals, every step may be the small one, but combined initiatives may achieve a huge impact.

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### About Us

IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2014-2020 is implemented under the framework of the Instrument of Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II).



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The overall budget of the Programme for the period 2014-2020 is 14,000,000 EUR while Beneficiaries co-financing is expected to be 2,223,529.41 EUR.

So far, since its establishment in 2007 the Programme has funded 62 projects, providing 19,50 million EUR of EU funds across the Programme area.

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