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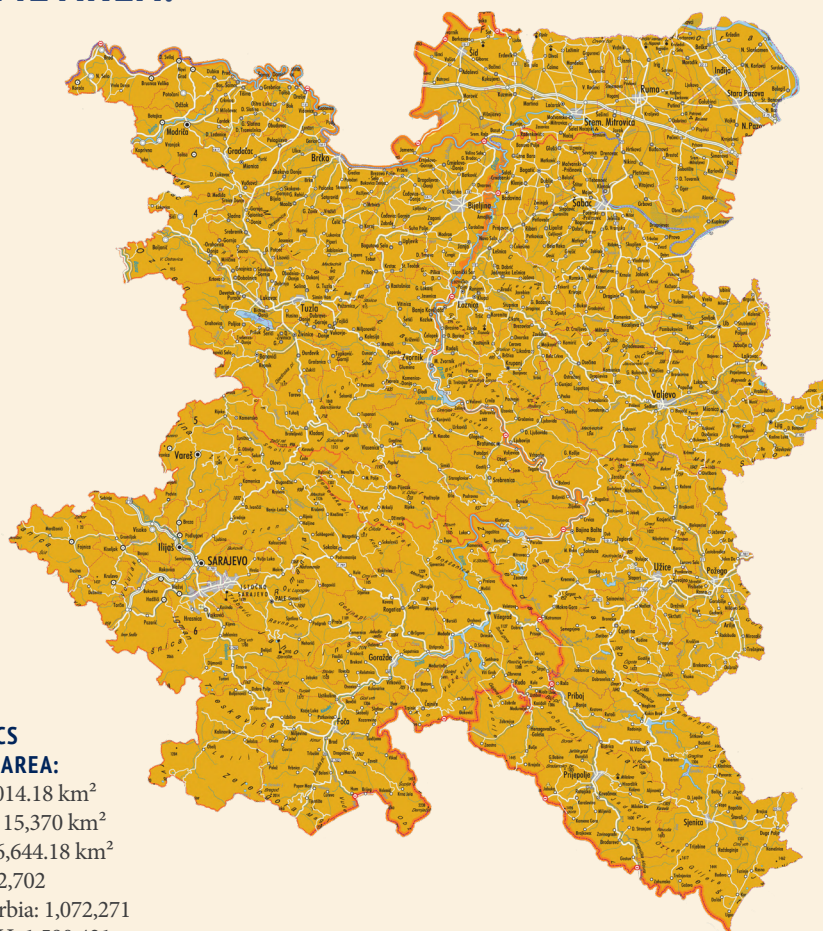
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PROGRAMME AREA:



KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROGRAMME AREA:

Total surface area: 32,014.18 km²
 Surface area in Serbia: 15,370 km²
 Surface area in BiH: 16,644.18 km²
 Total population: 2,662,702
 Total population in Serbia: 1,072,271
 Total population in BiH: 1,590,431
 Border length: 370.90 km
 Local self-government units in Serbia: 31
 Local self-government units in BiH: 67

SERBIA, ELIGIBLE CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES: Srem Countzy (Sremska Mitrovica, Šid, Indija, Irig, Ruma, Stara Pazova, Pećinci), Mačva County (Šabac, Bogatić, Loznica, Vladimirci, Koceljeva, Mali Zvornik, Krupanj, Ljubovija), Zlatibor County (Bajina Bašta, Kosjerić, Užice, Požega, Čajetina, Arilje, Priboj, Nova Varoš, Prijepolje, Sjenica) and Kolubara County (Valjevo, Osečina, Ub, Lajkovac, Mionica, Ljig).

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, ELIGIBLE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT UNITS: Brčko District BiH, Gradačac, Doboj Istok, Gračanica, Srebrenik, Čelić, Lopare, Ugljevik, Donji Žabar, Domaljevac-Šamac, Modriča, Odžak, Osmaci, Banovići, Bijeljina, Brod, Bratunac, Han Pijesak, Kalesija, Kladanj, Lukavac, Milići, Orašje, Pelagićevo, Petrovo, Sapna, Srebrenica, Šamac, Šekovići, Teočak, Tuzla, Vlasenica, Vukosavlje, Zvornik, Živinice, Trnovo RS, Istočna Ilidža, Istočno Novo Sarajevo, Vogošća, Istočni Stari Grad, Vareš, Visoko, Fojnica, Višegrad, Rogatica, Sokolac, Pale, Pale (FBiH), Novo Goražde, Rudo, Čajniče, Goražde, Foča (FBiH), Foča, Kalinovik, Trnovo, Hadžići, Ilidža, Novi Grad Sarajevo, Stari Grad Sarajevo, Ilijaš, Breza, Kiseljak, Kreševo, Olovo, Sarajevo Centar, Novo Sarajevo.

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INTRODUCTION

Cross-border cooperation plays a key role in the European Union enlargement policy. Its strategic goals - promoting good neighbourly relations, fostering European Union integration, and promoting socio-economic development – are being achieved through creation of conditions to deal with, and overcome common challenges. In this regard, the European Union financially supports cross-border cooperation programmes with the Instrument for pre-accession assistance, encouraging therewith the candidate and potential candidate countries in the EU accession process.

The Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia-Bosnia and Herzegovina promotes economic and social development and aims at decreasing relative isolation of the cross-border area. This programme was established in December 2007 and its implementation started the year after. To this day, beneficiaries from Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina have jointly implemented 62 projects worth of 19,5 million euros. The joint initiatives were related to the environmental protection, natural disaster prevention and emergency response, enhancing the employability and increasing the employment opportunities, protection of cultural heritage, and strengthening of tourism and education. In total, 2019 institutions/organisations from two countries were involved in implementation of these projects. The Programme significantly contributed to the improvement of good neighbourly relations, especially between local communities in the Programme area, also positively affecting its economic and social development. Implementation of projects for the benefit of the population of the Programme area will continue in the 3rd Call for Proposals and afterwards within the new IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia-Bosnia and Herzegovina 2021-2027 that will be supported by the European Union with 14 million euros.

This catalogue is a compilation of projects from the 2nd Call for Proposals within the IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia-Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014-2020. In total, 13 projects in the amount of EUR 4,137,017.44 have been implemented in this Call - 7 related to enhancing the employability of the labour force and increasing the employment opportunities, 3 to improving sustainable environmental planning and promotion of biodiversity and 3 to improving the management system for emergency interventions. The following pages will provide a brief overview of the planned activities, results, and objectives of these projects.

More information about the projects implemented within the Programme as well as about the Programme activities and news can be found at the Programme website: www.srb-bih.org and the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ipa.cbc.srbbih.



STRENGTHENING THE EMPLOYMENT PERSPECTIVE IN DISABILITY SPORT SECTOR – STEPIn

PROJECT PARTNERS: Olympic Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Paralympic Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Faculty of Sport and Physical Education, University of Novi Sad (Serbia), Taekwondo Club Dragon (Serbia).

PROJECT GOAL: Creating new employment opportunities in sector for disabled sport, and establishing STEPIn platform for the promotion of newly gained skills and employment opportunities.

ACTIVITIES:

The STEPIn project was created after the research conducted during the project Parainspired. One of the main problems identified in the analysis was the lack of educated professionals within the disabled sport sector.

 **PROJECT DURATION:**
May 2021 - August 2022

 **TOTAL VALUE:**
141,347.73 EUR

 **EU CO-FINANCING:**
120,145.57 EUR

Disabled sport sector represents a new offer on the labour market in the cross-border region, one that has not been included in the traditional curriculums. However, this employment possibility is widely supported by the individuals coming from different areas of disabled sport, such

as trainers, sport administrators, teachers, and medical and health professionals.

During the project implementation the STEPIn online education platform will be created. The platform will offer practical education sessions focusing on the knowledge and skills necessary for the certification of professionals in the classification of impairments, disabilities, and handicaps. Selected candidates will have an opportunity to participate in practical sessions and job shadowing activities. They would be able to apply the knowledge, and work with the disabled individuals in sport.

Project partners will organize Employment Fairs in Sarajevo and Ruma to promote the work in the sector and offer opportunities for employment to young people.

The project will additionally contribute to the social inclusion of the disabled in the cross-border area by increasing their chances to play sports.

This project addresses informal education in the disabled sport sector hoping to serve as a guide or encouragement for the introduction of the new programs in the education institutions in the cross-border area of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.



BRIDGING

PROJECT PARTNERS: Association Užice Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (Serbia), Chamber of Economy for Sarajevo Canton (BiH), Vocational School of Economics Užice (Serbia).

PROJECT GOAL: Creation of sustainable employment opportunities in the areas of Zlatibor County and Sarajevo Canton through improvement of services in tourism aligned with market requirements and through stimulation of employability of the women hard to employ and other poorly skilled workers.

ACTIVITIES:

The project aims at the improvement of services in tourism based on market needs, and the increase of employability of young women and women difficult to employ. Project partners will try to influence sustainable employment and work force mobility in the tourism industry, while empowering young people and people in need of career change. They will equip two educational centres, one in the Chamber of Economy of the Sarajevo Canton and one in the Vocational School of Economics in Užice. Fu-

 **PROJECT DURATION:**
June 2021 – November 2022

 **TOTAL VALUE:**
174,442.68 EUR

 **EU CO-FINANCING:**
148,276.28 EUR



ture waiters, sommeliers, cooks, maids, receptionists, and animators would gain theoretical knowledge in the new centres after which they will engage in practical training in partner hotels. Education and transfer of knowledge to project users will include education for mentors in the companies where they should acquire new skills for future work with trainees for tourism professions. If the hotels that need workers would be the ones interested in hosting education, this could lead to the employment of some of the trainees.

Project partners also plan to promote careers in tourism in elementary and secondary schools in the Zlatibor County and the Sarajevo Canton. The main goal is to present the opportunities in the labour market not only to students but also to their parents.

Newly established tourism offer in the region results in the constant need for workforce in the industry. Project partners hope that the project would improve the services in tourism in the region resulting in satisfied guests.

ENHANCE – ENABLING HIGHLY ACCELERATED AND NOURISHED COMPETITIVENESS AND EMPLOYMENT

PROJECT PARTNERS: Chamber of economy of the Federation of BiH (BiH), Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia (Serbia), Centre for education and raising awareness of energy efficiency – Energis (BiH).

PROJECT GOAL: Project aims to enhance economic growth and sustainable employment opportunities of industrial SMEs in the cross-border area of Sarajevo Macro region and Zlatibor District by building and supporting the growth of green and smart innovation, cooperation, and commercialization capacities of SMEs from strategic sectors (e.g., wood manufacturing, food processing and metal works).

PROJECT DURATION:
July 2021- June 2023

TOTAL VALUE:
200,675.46 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:
170,522.46 EUR

ACTIVITIES:

The project would provide trainings for 90 companies and 130 individuals. The idea is to offer support for the improvement of capacities of SMEs, smart innovation growth, and commercialization of products and services.

The SMSs from sectors of wood manufactur-



ing, food processing and metal works in the areas of the Sarajevo Macro Region and the Zlatibor District will have an opportunity to participate in seminars and workshops targeting development of tools for the market intelligence, improvement of innovation capacities, development of branding strategies and export. Unemployed individuals will have an opportunity to increase their potential for employment with newly acquired skills, and connections to potential employers in the two countries.

Project partners expect improvement of direct contacts among enterprises in the cross-border region as well as improvement of cooperation among chambers of commerce of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. SMEs and their employees in the cross-border region will gain new knowledge. Also, certain number of the unemployed will increase their potential for employment with newly acquired skills. The cooperation during the project should contribute to establishing of sector orientated cross-border innovation networks composed of SMEs, research organizations and public administration.



SUPPORT TO ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT MECHANISMS THROUGH COOPERATION BETWEEN INNOVATIVE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND NEW BUSINESSES IN THE CROSS-BORDER REGION – SYSTEM



PROJECT PARTNERS: Municipality of Novo Sarajevo (BiH), National Youth Council of Serbia, Belgrade (Serbia), Municipality of Ilijaš (BiH).

PROJECT GOAL: Project objective is to increase employment opportunities through joint activities to develop new mechanisms to support self-employment, through the application of new methodologies in the cross-border area of BiH and Serbia, through the implementation of joint programs, education, the transfer of know-how and awareness-raising activities.

ACTIVITIES:

The project SYSTEM bases its activities on the lack of systemic support for the development of business ideas. Activities within the project will establish cooperation among local partners for employment, develop data base of economic operators in the partner municipalities/cities, prepare Local Action Plan for Employment and Self-employment, and create tools such as data base and web portal.



Young people will be educated in entrepreneurial skills and development of innovative products and services. After they enhance their capacities, they will be offered mentor support for their business ideas.

General awareness for the need of systemic support for the development of entrepreneurship is on a very low level, both in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project aims to change this with activities such as: support to inclusion in the international networks, training in applying to EU funding, training in fund raising in general, and use of credit programs. The project will create a guide How to start a business? and the publication Successful Business Stories.

Project activities should directly contribute to increase of employability and increased opportunities for young people in the selected municipalities. They would be able to start business, find clients and survive on the market.

PROJECT DURATION:
May 2021 - May 2023

TOTAL VALUE:
152,294.97 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:
123,167.97 EUR



IMPROVE THE EMPLOYABILITY OF PEOPLE FROM VULNERABLE GROUPS THROUGH PROVISION OF NEW KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

PROJECT PARTNERS: Caritas Šabac (Serbia), Centre for Training, Retraining and Professional Rehabilitation of people with disabilities and other categories difficult to employ PROREHA (BiH), Municipality of Bogatić (Serbia), Institution for adult education – Social educational centre Banja Luka (BiH).

PROJECT DURATION:
April 2021 – March 2023

TOTAL VALUE:
220,334.40 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:
187,284.24 EUR

PROJECT GOAL: Improve employability of people from vulnerable groups through provision of new knowledge and skills.

ACTIVITIES:

Non-formal education is becoming more and more important in the modern society. The main reasons are its flexibility and ability to adapt to the needs of individuals and

society, namely the labour market. However, since this type of education is often not available to everybody, this project was created to provide access to information to persons in need for such knowledge.

The project plans to conduct eighteen different trainings. All the trainings will be state certified, and the certificates received would be valid on a national level. A to-

tal of 120 persons with disabilities and 240 unemployed persons will be trained to provide social services such as: help in the house, personal assistance, project planning, management in social protection and social entrepreneurship, urban herb/edible flower/micro plant gardening. The areas for education were selected based on the need for a qualified work force so that trainees can have better chances for employment upon completion of the education.

The project will be useful on multiple levels: project partners will improve their knowledge via exchange of experience, potential employers within the sector will have a new educated workforce to hire, and the system of social protection in both countries would be improved.





TOGETHER IN EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYABILITY AND EMPLOYMENT (3E)

PROJECT PARTNERS: City of Šabac (Serbia), City of Visoko (BiH).

PROJECT GOAL: To mitigate the lack of skilled workforce for the metal industry in the areas of the Cities of Šabac (Serbia) and Visoko (BiH).

ACTIVITIES:

This project continues a long tradition of cooperation between the cities of Šabac and Visoko.

City of Šabac intends to share all the knowledge and experience acquired in the work of Local Partnership for Employment Project, and during the establishment of the training centre for certified trainings for the unemployed in Šabac.

City of Visoko will, by following the example of Šabac, establish a training centre, and develop local action plan for employment.

PROJECT DURATION:
April 2021 – December 2022

TOTAL VALUE:
165,643.99 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:
140,118.25 EUR

Šabac will expand the existing training centre by equipping the premises for practical education of welders and lift truck operators. The newly established training centre in Visoko will be equipped for education of welders, 3D printer users and CNC operators. Current needs for the ed-

ucated workforce for metal industry in the cities Šabac and Visoko will be met, firstly by the training of trainers, and secondly by the education of future workers. Project team believes that with the improved skills and knowledge, the trainees would have better chances for employment in the metal industry.



HEALTHY AND SAFETY GASTRONOMIC PRODUCTS AS POTENTIAL FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT

PROJECT PARTNERS: Secondary Vocational School “Branko Radičević” Ruma (Serbia), Secondary School “Petar Kočić” Zvornik (BiH), Association Limitless, Belgrade (Serbia).

PROJECT GOAL: Creating an environment for better employment prospects for young people while providing new nutrition programs for developing youth and vulnerable groups.

ACTIVITIES:

Youth ages 15 to 24 are known to be the group most difficult to get jobs due to the global barriers in the Western Balkans. This project will try to improve their position by offering young people an opportunity to acquire contemporary knowledge, skills, and professional experience necessary for the work in gastronomy.

During the project, two school kitchens will be equipped with the professional equipment in line with the HACCAP standards. The schools will offer their students modern and realistic working conditions by opening school restaurants/social enterprises. Experts will develop two new gastronomic products complying with the health and safety food standards for the restaurants. Professors and children will participate in the trainings covering importance of healthy and anti-allergy diet. Also, special workshops will be organized for obese youth and parents of children with allergies. During the second year of project implementation, two study visits will be conducted for the children from Ruma and Zvornik where they would have a chance to get to know each other and exchange experiences.



Main benefits for schools will be equipping the kitchens where future generation of students will be able to develop professional skills in line with the current market needs. Project partners believe that successful implementation can contribute to increased interest of young people for professions in the food industry which is known for the constant need of work force.

The project will establish a web portal for the use throughout the cross-border region with a data base of potential employers and young people looking for jobs. The portal will enable connecting unemployed youth with potential employers.

	PROJECT DURATION: May 2021 – November 2022
	TOTAL VALUE: 252,466.07 EUR
	EU CO-FINANCING: 214,596.16 EUR





ZERO WASTE MUNICIPALITIES

PROJECT PARTNERS: Centre for Energy, Environment and Resources – CENER 21 Sarajevo (BiH), Environment Engineering Group Novi Sad – EEG (Serbia).

PROJECT GOAL: Enhancement of sustainable environmental protection and promotion of biodiversity via application of joint actions based on zero waste policy and circular economy.

ACTIVITIES:

Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina are developing a *Zero Waste* concept within this project. The countries are promoting resources management prior to waste management, namely decreasing the amount of waste at its source. This approach calls for the change in the habits and culture of living, while prioritizing a decrease in the use of material and energy.

Project activities are being implemented in the six pilot municipalities: Visoko, Ilijaš and Sarajevo Centre in BiH and Bajina Bašta, Vladimirci and Krupanj in Serbia. The project will create the Action Plans that can be integrated in the Waste Management Plans of the

municipalities. Also, the experts will create technical documentation for potential investments based on the *Zero Waste* concept. Furthermore, they will develop interactive GIS maps of the illegal dump sites in each municipality which would make it easier for the local public utility companies to locate such sites in the future. The project will provide resources for the cleaning of one such location in each municipality.

The citizens in the pilot municipalities will receive sets of garbage cans for waste selection as well as composter bins. Depending on the needs of local public utility services, the project will provide for the necessary equipment upgrade.

Implementation of these activities will create a base for the concept of Circular Economy in the cross-border area, while the pilot municipalities would be positioned as the leaders in the model of sustainable waste management in the region.

The most efficient way of the active engagement of the community in such concepts in the future is through the engagement of youth. In the six pilot municipalities, six high schools will be selected for the education on concepts of *Circular Economy* and *Zero Waste*.

The importance of the *Zero Waste Municipalities* project is in the wider influence resulting from the project activities which will direct the problem solution in the waste management towards the *Zero Waste* concept and joint transition to the *Circular Economy*.



PROJECT DURATION:
March 2021 – February 2023

TOTAL VALUE:
413,608.44 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:
351,567.17 EUR

UPGRADING OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC SERVICE CAPACITIES IN CROSS BORDER REGION

PROJECT PARTNERS: Provincial Secretariat for urban planning and environmental protection (Srem district office) – Novi Sad (Serbia), Ministry for spatial planning, civil engineering, and ecology of the Republika Srpska – Banja Luka (BiH), Republic Administration for Inspection Activities of the Republika Srpska – Inspectorate (Bijeljina Regional Department) – Banja Luka (BiH), and PSRI Institute for Protection and Ecology of the Republika Srpska – Banja Luka (BiH).

PROJECT GOAL: Improving sustainable environmental planning and promotion of biodiversity by improving public service (administration, inspection, and monitoring system) in relation to solid waste and wastewater management.

PROJECT DURATION:
April 2021 – October 2022

TOTAL VALUE:
516,938.13 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:
439,345.71 EUR

ACTIVITIES:

Improving the system of waste and wastewater management and strengthening capacities of the administration and inspections dealing with the environmental protection will be continuously done during the project. Focus of the project is on capacity building of project partners via



expert seminars and exchange of information during round table sessions and workshops.

In addition to professional capacities, the improvement of technical capacities is also planned within this project. Inspections for the environmental protection will be equipped with the new vehicles and computers. Two laboratories will be purchased, one mobile laboratory for the detection of pollutants in the water, and one stationary laboratory for the control of solid waste. Stationary laboratory would be the first laboratory of this kind in the Republika Srpska.

Analysis of the legalisation of ecological inspection. As a base for further cooperation, a mobile application will be created where citizens and NGOs would be able to report environmental problems such as illegal dump sites in the future.

All the project activities aim for the public services in the waste management in the cross-border region to improve their services while improving their capacities. Provincial Secretariat for urban planning and environmental protection and the Ministry for spatial planning, civil engineering, and ecology of the Republika Srpska plan to sign the Memorandum of Cooperation in order to continue cooperation in the area of planning and protection of environment in the cross-border area in the long term. In this way, project results would be sustainable.



ESTABLISHING THE SYSTEM OF SUSTAINABLE BULKY WASTE MANAGEMENT, ON THE TERRITORIES OF THE CITIES OF UŽICE AND TUZLA – BULKY WASTE LESS/BWL

PROJECT PARTNERS: PUC Regional waste management centre Duboko, Užice (Serbia), Public Utility Company Komunalac Tuzla (BiH), Centre for Ecology and Energy Tuzla (BiH).

PROJECT GOAL: Improved efficiency of public services in the field of waste management, by establishing the system of sustainable bulky waste management, on the territories of the cities of Užice and Tuzla.

PROJECT DURATION:
March 2021 – October 2022

TOTAL VALUE:
576,664.52 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:
478,631.55 EUR

ACTIVITIES:

Introduction of the new system for bulky waste management is a big challenge for public sector and local communities in general. Bulky Waste Less project is a step up in the bulky waste management system in both Republic of Serbia and



Bosnia and Herzegovina. Regional waste management centre Duboko from Užice, Public Utility Company Komunalac and Centre for Ecology and Energy from Tuzla have a chance to cooperate for the third time in the cross-border cooperation project. Their goal is the most efficient waste management in the cities of Užice and Tuzla. Project partners are confident that they would succeed in their intent and that their achievements would be an inspiration for future projects.

The project predicts establishing and development of new practices that encompass limitation of time and locations for disposal of bulky waste. This primarily means definition of the logistics for the management of waste (location and time), followed by infrastructure within the utility companies. The companies would purchase containers, and specialized shredding equipment, and establish two recycling yards for bulky waste in two cities.

Projects will also map and clean eight illegal dump sites where bulky waste was disposed of.

Bearing in mind that the problem exists for decades and is based on the bad habits and inadequate public policies in this area, it is necessary to educate staff within public utilities and to inform and educate citizens. The BWL project plans to organise series of trainings for the staff and public policies creators as well as information meetings for the citizens of Užice and Tuzla.

All the bulky waste collected will be treated, and then shredded using mobile shredders. Shredded materials will be either sold on the recycling market (wood, plastic, metal), incinerated in the cement industry or in heating plants (lower quality wood, textile, tires, composite materials), or used for covering at the landfill (stone and building material).



IMPROVED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & COORDINATED RESPONSE IN CROSS-BORDER AREA OF SERBIA AND BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (CBC - IEPCR)

PROJECT PARTNERS: Mountain Rescue Service of Serbia (Serbia), Mountain Rescue Service MRS Station Sarajevo (BiH), Mountain Rescue Service / GSS Brčko District (BiH), Mountaineering Association Tara (Serbia).

PROJECT GOAL: With this project, Mountain Rescue Services and Mountaineering Association Tara are improving their cooperation with the aim to increase capacities for the service provision during floods and mountain and river accidents in the cross-border region of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

ACTIVITIES:

The rescue teams will improve their capacities in the realistic settings and controlled conditions. They will undergo trainings in alpine skiing and ski touring, rescue from flood waters, summer and winter mountain rescue, emergency medicine and driving snowmobiles. These trainings will be an opportunity for experience exchange and harmonization of the procedures and rescue techniques.

PROJECT DURATION:
Jun 2021 – February 2023

TOTAL VALUE:
375,712.48 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:
315,899.05 EUR

The project will purchase equipment to include snowmobiles, ATV vehicles, rescue boats, helmets, belts, ropes. Also, the Mountain Lodge Tara and the Training Centre in Sarajevo will be equipped with an artificial climbing wall and a platform for helicopter rescue.

Project partners will conduct a survey among the population in the cross-border area to determine a level of knowledge of population regarding preparedness for reaction in the emergency situations and natural disasters. Based on the survey results, they will organize training on protection and rescue in schools, among senior citizens, and in the Roma communities. Also, employees in the public sector will be trained on how to educate citizens for emergency situations response in the future. Members of local protection units as first responders will be trained on protection and rescue.

An important part of the project is directed towards the use of digital technologies for the rescue operations. Mountain Rescue Services will have access to the electronic database of rescue workers in the cross-border area. Videos of trainings will be posted online as well as a joint electronic library with handbooks on rescue techniques. Also, the plan is to have fast data processing and analysis by using a mobile form for entering information on accidents.

It is estimated that the project will contribute to the decrease in the response time of rescue teams in the cross-border area. Therefore, project benefits are not only directed towards the local population but to the numerous tourists visiting the cross-border region..





CoPRIS: CAPACITY OF PROTECTION AND RESCUE INSTITUTIONS STRENGTHENED

PROJECT PARTNERS: City of Tuzla (BiH), Water management company “Sava” LCC Sremska Mitrovica (during the project implementation company was merged and became Water management company “Galovica” Zemun/Beograd (Serbia), Red Cross of Tuzla City (BiH), Diving Club Sremska Mitrovica (Serbia).

PROJECT DURATION:
April 2021 – March 2023

TOTAL VALUE:
517,151.05 EUR

EU CO-FINANCING:
408,751.05 EUR

PROJECT GOAL: To reduce vulnerability and increase resilience to natural and man-made disasters in cross-border area of Tuzla and Sremska Mitrovica by equipping and training of the protection and rescue services.

ACTIVITIES:

A lack of equipment can seriously affect the response to the disasters. Based on the previous experiences in the emergency situations, representatives of Tuzla and Sremska Mitrovica decided to improve their readiness for emergency interventions with the CoPRIS project.

Emergency services in Tuzla such as civil protection, firefighters, the Red Cross, and other rescue services will be equipped with the individual protection equipment, specialized machinery and off-road vehicles needed for the quick response in the time of crisis.

In Sremska Mitrovica, which is prone to floods, city rescue services will be equipped with boats and diving equipment, as well as electronic equipment for easier communication among emergency teams.

The equipment purchased within the project can be used not only in the two cities but in the entire cross-border region in case of emergencies.

All the teams are to undergo specialized training for the use of new equipment. After the trainings rescue teams from Tuzla and Sremska Mitrovica will organize joint exercise to present new equipment, and newly acquired skills for the response in emergency situations.



IMPROVING FIRE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE CROSS-BORDER AREA OF B&H AND SERBIA

PROJECT PARTNERS: Municipality of Rogatica (BiH), PU National Park “Tara» (Serbia).

PROJECT GOAL: Improved capacity for prevention, response, and rescue in the fire emergency situations in municipalities of Rogatica and Bajina Bašta.

ACTIVITIES:

Project implementation will improve cooperation and coordination in the management of fire emergency responses in the cross-border area of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. It will also improve management of the fire and rescue services in Rogatica and Bajina Bašta. Project activities will include purchasing of the

equipment, networking, exchange of best practices and improvement of capacities via trainings.

Municipality of Rogatica will purchase a vehicle with the hydraulic platform for the rescue from high buildings. National Park Tara will purchase two smaller specialized

 **PROJECT DURATION:**
March 2021 – November 2022

 **TOTAL VALUE:**
429,737.52 EUR

 **EU CO-FINANCING:**
363,429.02 EUR



vehicles for quick response teams. Smaller vehicles with special upgrades will shorten the intervention time. Fires in the Tara National Park occur almost every year, and quick and timely intervention is the key to preventing large-scale fires.

30 representatives of the municipalities of Rogatica and Bajina Bašta, the Tara National Park, the Territorial Fire Department of Rogatica, the Fire Department of Bajina Bašta, the Voluntary Fire Department of Bajina Bašta, as well as representatives of civil protection from the two municipalities, will undergo training on fire prevention and extinguishing, and rescue during a fire. Local population will be included in the project via campaign covering their role in the prevention of fires.

The greatest benefit of the project would be increased safety of people and property in Rogatica and Bajina Bašta. Apart from that, the project will increase cooperation among cross-border communities contributing to the creation of the efficient and sustainable system for emergency response in the region.



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