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Third issue of the newsletter for IPA CBCP MNE-ALB and MNE-KOS

This third issue of the newsletter brings you information on activities and events implemented within both IPA Cross-border Cooperation (CBC) Programmes Montenegro – Kosovo* and Montenegro - Albania 2014-2020.

Please find below more information on the programmes.

IPA CBC Programme Montenegro - Albania 2014-2020

The global objective of the programme is to promote/strengthen good neighbourly relations and socioeconomic development of the border regions, through valorising its touristic potentials, an environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive economic development, with respect for its common cultural and natural heritage.

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IPA CBC Programme Montenegro - Kosovo 2014-2020

The global objective of the programme is to improve the standard and quality of living of the people in the programme area through the environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive economic development of the region, with respect for its common cultural and natural heritage.

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IPA CBC Programme Montenegro - Kosovo 2014- 2020 Grant Award Ceremony

The start of the implementation of six projects selected under the 1st Call for Proposals for IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Kosovo 2014-2020 was announced on 16th November in Pristina.

Head of the Operating Structure of Kosovo in the Ministry of Local Government Administration **Rozafa Ukimeraj** welcomed all participants of the event and stated that great interest of potential applicants was recorded in the 1st Call for Proposals and thanked the grantees for their dedication and achieved results. At the same time she urged to all local and national institutions, municipalities and civil society organizations to further engage in the upcoming period, considering that the 2nd Call for Proposals is planned to be published soon.



Miodrag Račeta the Head of Department for European and territorial cooperation in the Office for European Integration of Montenegro expressed particular satisfaction with the fact that for the first time within this programme the contracting and start of the implementation of the projects that will be implemented under indirect management is announced. This represents a result of successful cooperation that the two countries have established in the previous perspective. He recalled that available funds under 2014-2020 financial perspective for this programme amount to EUR 8,4 million, while the funds that were available for financing projects under this call amount to EUR 2,04 million.

He expressed confidence that the project activities will contribute to the empowerment of the programme area in terms of fostering employment, improving access and quality of health services, establishment of technical requirements for integrated solid waste management and evaluation of joint tourist potential based on shared natural and cultural heritage.

Partners per country

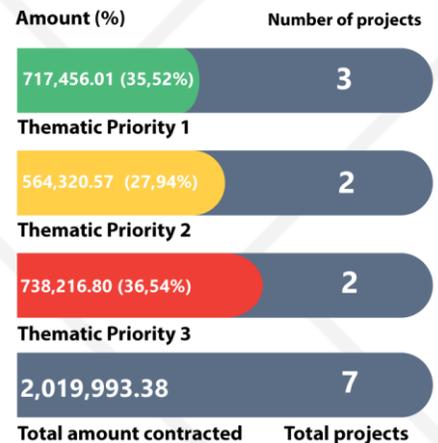


Luka Đuričković the Head of Quality Assurance Division in the Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds (CFCU) in the Ministry of Finance of Montenegro announced that selected projects contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Programme under this call, and that their realization involves joint engagement of numerous institutions and organizations. He also recalled the fact that the value of the contracted projects will be 2,02 million euro, which represents 99% of the available amount under the 1st Call.

The Deputy Head of Cooperation Section, European Union Office in Kosovo, **Libor Chlad** stated that through the programmes of cross-border cooperation the European Union seeks to link the countries and the common interest of people living in the border area not only through creating opportunities for this population, but also through close cooperation and partnership

creation. He expressed hope that the projects will be implemented not only in accordance with the established rules, but also in accordance with the interests and benefits of people living in the border regions.

Contracted per Thematic Priority



After introductory remarks, **Sanja Todorović**, the Head of the Joint Technical Secretariat briefly presented the objectives of the 1st Call for Proposals, after which the grant beneficiaries of the contracted projects presented activities that will be implemented in the following period. The conference was attended by over 70 representatives of relevant institutions and municipalities from Montenegro and Kosovo, representatives of the European Union Office in Kosovo, ambassadors, representatives of projects funded within this call, as well as representatives of the civil sector and the media.

Trainings and workshops for potential applicants from Montenegro and Kosovo organized

The Joint technical Secretariat for IPA CBC Programmes Montenegro-Albania and Montenegro-Kosovo in cooperation with the European Integration Office of Montenegro, Ministry of Finance of Montenegro – Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds and Ministry of Local Government Administration of the Republic of Kosovo organized trainings on Project Cycle Management and workshops Project clinics for potential applicants as part of the activities before launching the 2nd CFP within IPA CBC Programme Montenegro-Kosovo.



The trainings on Project Cycle Management were held in Gjakova/Đakovica, Kosovo in the period 23-25 October 2018 and in Berane, Montenegro in the period 30 October - 01 November 2018. The aim of the three-day trainings was to provide to the participants all necessary elements and information needed in order for them to be able to understand the grant preparation process, cross-border partnerships and project development process according to the logical framework approach. These events presented an opportunity for participants to learn the Project Cycle Management basics through practical work,



examples, group discussions and questions and answers. A total of 41 participants representing different categories of potential applicants from different locations of programme eligible area attended the trainings.



The workshops Project clinics were organised and held in Gjakova/Đakovica, Kosovo on 26th October and in Berane Montenegro on 2nd November 2018. The workshops aimed at developing capacities of potential applicants,

including those who were unsuccessful under 1st CFP within IPA CBC Programme Montenegro - Kosovo 2014-2020, in preparation of project proposals and they were provided with recommendations on how to overcome common mistakes within various sections of the application. More than 40 active participants attended the workshops.



Use our Partner Search Tool to find your future project partner

Are you looking for a partner for a new project within the IPA CBC Programme Montenegro-Albania 2014-2020 or IPA CBC Programme Montenegro-Kosovo 2014-2020? Our partner search tool is available to assist you in finding potential partners. Please fill in the partner search form and publish the information in the database so that you become visible to others.

Click [here](#) for access to the tool for IPA CBC Programme Montenegro-Albania 2014 - 2020.

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FAST FACTS – IPA CBC PROGRAMME MNE-ALB AND MNE-KOS 2014-2020

Operating Structure in Montenegro is located within the **Government of Montenegro – European Integration Office (CBC Body) and Ministry of Finance (Contracting Authority)**.

Operating Structure in Albania is located in the **Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs**.

Operating Structure in Kosovo is located in the **Ministry of Local Government Administration**.

PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER THE 1ST CALL FOR PROPOSALS WITHIN THE IPA CBC PROGRAMME MONTENEGRO – KOSOVO 2014-2020

The contracting of projects financed under the 1st CFP IPA CBC Programme Montenegro – Kosovo was completed during October-December 2018. Namely, under three thematic priorities covering promotion of employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion, protecting the environment, promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management and encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage, 7 projects are funded:

- » Accursed mountains - exquisite outdoor destination;
- » CARES – Cross-border Action in the Reproductive Health Sector;
- » Cross border joint initiatives for better waste management;
- » Eco and Outdoor Tourism Actions of the Balkan Alps;
- » Green jobs for better future of cross-border region of Montenegro and Kosovo;
- » United Against Pollution – UAP;
- » Self-employment and Social Entrepreneurship for Youth.

FAST FACTS – 1ST IPA CFP MNE-KOS 2014-2020

Potential applicants under the 1st CFP requested **10** times **(1004%)** more for their projects than there were available funds under the CFP.

Accursed mountains - exquisite outdoor destination

This project is implemented by the Regional Development Agency for Bjelasica, Komovi and Prokletije in cooperation with Tourism Organisation Plav in Montenegro and Regional Development Agency – West (RDA-West) and municipality of Peja in Kosovo. The activities aim to contribute to further development of cross border Prokletije area as outdoor tourism destination and to improve tourism infrastructure and increase the visibility of the complete targeted area.

The project duration is 18 months and the foreseen results include improvement of outdoor tourism infrastructure, standardization of the cross-border information made available for tourists, tourism agencies, and promotional activities

CARES - Cross-border Action in the Reproductive Health Sector

In joint cooperation, FORS Montenegro and

1st CFP data

- P1 Accursed mountains - exquisite outdoor destination;
- P2 CARES – Cross-border Action in the Reproductive Health Sector;
- P3 Cross border joint initiatives for better waste management;
- P4 Eco and Outdoor Tourism Actions of the Balkan Alps;
- P5 Green jobs for better future of cross-border region of Montenegro and Kosovo;
- P6 United Against Pollution – UAP;
- P7 Self-Employment and social entrepreneurship for Youth

MNE-KOS ENHANCING COOPERATION PROGRAMME MONTENEGRO-KOSOVO 2014-2020

dedicated to increase visibility of targeted zone as one outdoor destination. Target groups of the project are business, government sector – tourism organisations in Dečan/Dečani, Andrijeвица, Berane and Rožaje, as well as local governments on the territory targeted by this action, including also protected areas in targeted zone – national parks Prokletije and Bjeshket e Nemuna, and regional park of nature Komovi. The foreseen activities will be implemented in municipalities Peja/Peć and Dečan/Dečani in Kosovo and in municipalities of Plav, Gusinje, Andrijeвица, Berane and Rožaje in Montenegro.



For more information click [here](#).

ECMI Kosovo - European Center for Minority Issues in Kosovo, will implement the project that deals with the overall health and well-being through the improvement of reproductive health of women from the target area, through improvement of the quality of health services, raising the awareness on the importance of regular preventive examinations and creating a habit of prevention and cross-border cooperation.



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Within 14 municipalities (Andrijeвица, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Gusinje, Petnjica, Plav, Kolašin, Mojkovac and Rožaje in Montenegro and Pejë/Peć, Istog/Istok, Klinë/Klina,

Dečan/Dečani, Gjakovë/Đakovica in Kosovo) they will target women of this area, unemployed women, women belonging to minorities, women from rural areas, women NGOs, young women and youth, as well as health centres and their employees.

The expected results of the project that are foreseen to be achieved within 18 months of implementation, are: capacity of health centres and the quality of reproductive health services improved; general population with the emphasis on socially vulnerable groups in the target area provided with the information on the importance of protecting reproductive health; campaign of organized preventive examinations implemented; and cross-border cooperation in the improvement of reproductive health improved.

For more information click [here](#).

Cross border joint initiatives for better waste management

Aiming to improve environment conditions in cross border area through education and technical support on waste management, the Utility company Plav in Montenegro and RWC Čabrati – Gjakove in Kosovo will cooperate during 18 months of project implementation in the municipalities of Plav and Gjakovë/Đakovica. The project will focus on public sector employees, citizens of the urban parts of the municipalities Plav and Gjakovë/Đakovica, as well as on tourists in these municipalities.



Through its implementation, the partners will contribute to the protection of the environment and economic development of the border area through more efficient waste valorisation. In addition, they will establish a system of selective collection and treatment of communal waste in urban areas of Gjakovë/Đakovica and Plav municipalities, including the technical preconditions for integrated solid waste management. Moreover, they will be engaged in the process of permanent education of key stakeholders in the established integrated management of communal waste.

For more information click [here](#).

Eco and Outdoor Tourism Actions of the Balkan Alps

Centre for Protection and Research of birds in cooperation with Mountain Rescue Service of Montenegro in Montenegro and Kosovo Advocacy and Development Centre - KADC and Mountaineering and Alpine Society „Pashtriku“ in Kosovo started the implementation of the project which will effectively valorise the authentic outdoor and cultural experiences in the Balkan Alps in the sector of sustainable tourism at a cross-border level.

The National Park Prokletije (Montenegro) and National Park Bjeshket e Nemuna (Kosovo), including the cross-border region between municipality of Dečan/Dečani (Kosovo) and municipality of Plav (Montenegro) will be enriched with the improvement of the quality and visibility of the offer of active tourism services, as well as the through increase safety of tourist in the mountains. Accordingly, more people will have the opportunity to become entrepreneurs in tourism. In addition, sites with natural value will be conserved, revitalized and open to public.

FAST FACTS – OUTDOOR TOURISM

Outdoor tourism refers to touristic activities in the outdoors, often in natural or semi-natural settings out of town.

The activities that are foreseen to be implemented within 24 months involve tourism offer creators such as local touristic organizations, tour operators, guides, National Park administrators/rangers, mountain rescuers and associations, local communities/providers of accommodation, visitors (existing and potential), public authorities and NGOs.

For more information click [here](#).

Green jobs for better future of cross-border region of Montenegro and Kosovo

The Municipality of Andrijevisa in cooperation with Union of Farmers of Northern Montenegro in Montenegro and NGO Local Action Group Gjeravica and Local Development Fund in Kosovo will implement 18 months project that will intend to

strengthen the agricultural sector of the cross-border region through improvement of skills that will boost the employment in targeted sector.

FAST QUOTE – GREEN JOBS

“Green jobs are decent jobs that contribute to preserve or restore the environment, be they in traditional sectors such as manufacturing and construction, or in new, emerging green sectors such as renewable energy and energy efficiency.” - International Labour Organization

The farmers, young people and women from the municipality of Dečan/Dečani in Kosovo and municipalities of Andrijevisa, Berane and Plav in Montenegro, will have the opportunity to upgrade their farming technical capacities, to promote agricultural products from the cross-border region to the public and businesses, as well as to be potentially employed in agricultural sector based on identification and promotion resources for employment in this field.

For more information click [here](#).

United Against Pollution - UAP

The Municipality of Gjakovë/Đakovica in cooperation with Let's Do It Peja in Kosovo and Municipality of Petnjica and Centre for Regional Development – Rožaje in Montenegro are implementing the 24 months lasting project that will deal with residents living near illegal landfills, municipal authorities, waste management employees and students from municipalities of Gjakovë/Đakovica and Petnjica.



The objective of this action is to provide safer and cleaner environment of the entire communities, improve physical and economic health of the cross-border region, increase awareness and educate residents on the risks of illegal landfills and how to mitigate those risks by participating in the waste management collection system, as well as to raise awareness of students on economic

growth opportunities and health risk reduction by protecting the environment.

The project activities will result in establishing a dialogue and in raised awareness on the risk of illegal waste between residents, officials and youth. This implies that residents will have increased understanding of the risk of illegal waste, how to participate in local waste collection system, and how to report violators. Also the local authorities and public companies will be familiar with the best practices in this regard. Infrastructure improvements at waste transfer stations will be undertaken, while the illegal waste removed by comprehensive map of illegal landfills that will be cleaned up and monitored and green space area will be expanded. In addition, training and safety precautions for employees will be improved, including the sharing of best practices.

For more information click [here](#).

Self-employment and Social Entrepreneurship for Youth

The lead partner of the project Association for Democratic Prosperity – Zid from Montenegro in cooperation with its partners Creative Skills' Center from Montenegro and NGO Lens and Liberal Democrat Centre from Kosovo will implement this 24 months lasting project that will deal with young unemployed people from Montenegro and Kosovo and their parents. The target area of the projects are municipalities of Peja/Peć, Istok/Istog, and Deçan/Dečane in Kosovo and municipalities of Podgorica, Rožaje and Berane in Montenegro.

FAST QUOTES – SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Social entrepreneurship is...

The art of "simultaneously pursuing both a financial and a social return on investment (the double bottom line)." - Institute for Social Entrepreneurs

Through its activities, the project will tackle the results that imply that the young people in cross-border area are informed and encouraged to use social innovations and technology as their perspective of employment. Also they will provide trainings and personal assistance for increasing competences and skills as a support for to develop of their own business solutions, as well as the support to young people to exchange ideas and start business cooperation with the other young people from the CBC region.

The objective of the project is to improve the access to the labour market for young people and encourage socially vulnerable groups to participate in society, through development and promotion of the methodology and tools that will improve skills, competences and cross border exchange of ideas and business among young people of the region.

For more information click [here](#).

European Union to Montenegro as an observer.

Namely, during the first day of the JMC meeting, the list of projects proposed for funding under the 1st CfP within the Programme was presented. The JMC gave a positive advisory opinion on the list of projects proposed for funding under the 1st Call with an additional recommendation for their implementation.



Meetings held within the IPA CBC Programmes MNE-ALB and MNE-KOS 2014-2020

Joint Monitoring Committee of the IPA CBC Programme Montenegro - Kosovo 2014-2020 held its 3rd meeting

The third Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) meeting for the IPA CBC Programme Montenegro-Kosovo 2014-2020 was held on 25th and 26th September 2018 in Prishtina.



The meeting was attended by representatives of the Operating Structures of the Programme (OSs), the Contracting Authority (CA), the Joint Technical Secretariat, as well as the representative of the Delegation of the



During the second day of the Joint Monitoring Committee meeting, an analysis of the results to be achieved by the projects proposed for contracting under the 1st CfP was presented, and an assessment on their contribution to the achievement of programme indicators was conducted. Afterwards, representatives of the Joint Monitoring Committee agreed that the next CfP will be focused and proposed thematic priorities, specific objectives and target groups.

See Work Programme below



Capacity building activities for Grant Beneficiaries

As part of capacity building for grant beneficiaries, the Operating Structures of the Programme, the Contracting Authority (CFCU) in cooperation with European Integration Office of Montenegro, and Ministry for Local Government of Republic of Kosovo and Joint Technical Secretariat of the IPA CBC Programmes Montenegro – Albania and Montenegro – Kosovo 2014-2020 (JTS) organized set of trainings for successful beneficiaries selected in the 1st Call for Proposals under the IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro-Kosovo.

Implementation seminar

The Implementation seminar was organized on 21st November 2018 in Podgorica and conducted by CFCU with technical support provided by the JTS.

The aim on this training was to provide basic information on roles and responsibilities of grant beneficiaries in relation to the content of contract dossier and its annexes, financial management and record keeping, as well as on contract modification, main requirements related to reporting, monitoring, control and visibility. The event was attended by 29 active participants, who raised several questions and issues on which they may encounter during the implementation.



Training on Secondary procurement

The training on Secondary procurement was organized on 22nd November 2018 in Podgorica. The training was conducted by CFCU with technical support provided by the JTS, aiming to provide information on basic principles related to secondary procurement, preparation of procurement documentation and information on single tender and competitive negotiated procedure.

The training was followed by 29 participants.

The training on reporting

The training on reporting was held on 12th December 2018 in Peja/Peć (Kosovo) and was conducted by JTS. The training was attended by 16 representatives of the grant beneficiaries of the 1st CfP within this Programme, who were provided with detailed information on all necessary elements regarding reporting, enabling them to understand the concept of reporting.

Additionally, they have been instructed and advised on how each section of the narrative and financial part of the reports should be filled.



The training on publicity and visibility

The training on publicity and visibility held on 13th December 2018 in Peja/Peć (Kosovo) was attended by 14 representatives of the beneficiaries of the 1st CfP within this Programme.

The aim of this training, conducted by JTS, was to provide information on proper usage of methods and techniques for publicity and visibility in line with EU rules and procedures, as well as recommendations and suggestion on how to ensure the visibility of the donor and how to use the communication channels and tools in order to inform the public regarding the cross-border projects.



WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS - IPA CBC PROGRAMME MONTENEGRO - KOSOVO 2014-2020 PUBLISHED

The Work Programme for Grants of Montenegro, represented by the Ministry of Finance, Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds for the Cross Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Kosovo 2014-2020 under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance 2014-2020 (IPA II) for the 2nd Call for Proposals is available in the link below:

WORK PROGRAMME

The Work Programme for Grants proposes two Thematic priorities (TP) to be covered within the 2nd Call for Proposals: **TP 1 – Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border;** and **TP 3 – Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage.**

The overall indicative amount available under this Call for Proposals for actions implemented in the programme area to be 2,040,000.00 € (merged IPA allocations 2016 – amounting of 1,200,000.00 € and 2017 – amounting of 840,000.00 €)

The Call for Proposals is planned to be launched in the 1st quarter of 2019.

Info Days and Partner search forums for Potential Applicants

During November and December 2018 the Joint technical Secretariat for IPA CBC Programmes Montenegro-Albania and Montenegro - Kosovo (JTS) in cooperation with Operating structures of both programmes organized a set of activities before the launching of the Second Call for Proposals within IPA CBC Programme Montenegro – Albania and Montenegro – Kosovo 2014-2020.

Info Days/Partner Search Forums organized in Shkodra and Podgorica

The JTS, in cooperation with Operating Structures of the Programme, the European Integration Office of Montenegro, Contracting Authority (CFCU) and Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania organized Info Days and Partner Search Forums in Shkodra (Albania) and Podgorica (Montenegro).



The aim of the events, organized on 6th November in Shkodra and on 9th November 2018 in Podgorica, was to inform the participants about the IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Albania 2014-2020, the principles of cross-border partnership and the overall content of the Application package.

The participants had the opportunity to establish partnerships and share their project idea related to two thematic priorities that will be published within the 2nd CFP: *Protecting the environment, promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management*; and *Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border*.

The events were followed by 142 participants representing municipalities, non-governmental organizations, educational and other institutions from both countries.



The Info Day/Partner Search Forum organized in Peja/Peć

The European Integration Office of Montenegro, Contracting Authority (CFCU) and Ministry of Local Government Administration of the Republic of Kosovo and the JTS organized the Info Day and Partner Search Forum in Peja/Peć (Kosovo).

The aim of the event, organized on 27 December 2018 in Peja/Peć, was to inform the participants about the IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Montenegro – Kosovo 2014-2020 and the overall content of the Application package, providing the participants the opportunity to discuss about project ideas and potential partnerships among themselves.



The participants took active role in the thematic workshops that were dedicated to the thematic priorities that will be published within the 2nd CFP: *Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage*; and *Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border*.



51 participants representing municipalities, non-governmental organizations, educational and other institutions from both countries followed the event.



News from projects financed under the 1st CFP IPA CBC Programme Montenegro - Albania

Field research in the cross-border area

The project team of the project *The feminine side of quality* conducted the field research in the target area in order to collect more detailed and updated information about the current situation and identify women candidates from rural households.

Project partners have collaborated with representatives of rural communities, had various meetings with relevant actors such as the Office for Rural Development, association of Businesses, Employment Agencies and women candidates. There was good feedback from all relevant actors and the collected information about women regarding their educational level, existing capacities and skills, agricultural production helped the project team in preparing and drawing the educational-vocational programme so that it can meet their needs and difficulties they face.



Green lands project organises training for waste management

On December 3rd and 4th 2018, the first cross-border training was held in Shkodra, in the frame of the project *Green Lands* where 40 participants from public institutions and NGOs, in the Municipalities of Berane (Montenegro) and Malesi e Madhe (Albania) took part.

The training was focused on waste management in the two target areas of the project, the importance of creating an efficient waste management system (reduction, separation, recycling) and in exchanging information and experiences between the two countries. Special attention was given to environmental protection and

providing information on legislation and EU standards in the field of waste management.



Training and exercise for rescue services from Montenegro and Albania

Within the project *Disasters do not know borders*, implemented by FORS Montenegro, Prefecture of Shkodra and Ministry of Internal Affairs of Montenegro, Directorate for



Emergency Situations, a cross-border demonstration exercise on protection and rescue in floods was held on 31st October in Podgorica. 26 rescuers from Montenegro and Albania checked and demonstrated their readiness for rescue in flood cases and on fast waters according to the system *Rescue 3*.

The exercises were preceded by a four-day training of rescuers from these two countries, which included a theoretical and practical part, during which the participants had the opportunity to learn from modern mountain rescue instructors from the Croatian Mountain Rescue Service on modern methods of protection and rescue in cases of floods and in fast waters.

Field activities in Montenegro and Albania

The Museum of Polimje Montenegro in cooperation with the Regional Development Agency for Bjelasica, Komovi and Prokletije, the Regional Council of Shkoder and EuroPartners Development performed initial field activities in August and continued in September within the project *Preserving cultural landscape of Albania and Montenegro*.



In this regard, old stone buildings have been reviewed, wooden houses, water mills, katuns, rural fences to gather the information needed for an architectural study which will present these typical styles with abundance of photos and descriptions.



Youth in production of raspberries

In Petnjica, the second lecture on the topic *The state and prospects of raspberry cultivation, production in the world and economic significance* was held.



In a way, this lecture marked the beginning of fieldwork activities within the project *Young Montenegrins and Albanians in Raspberry Crops* and the very beginning of the lecture on how to cultivate raspberries, a culture (raspberry) that is present in the cross border area of Montenegro and Albania. This practice will be continued in the forthcoming period and more lectures and similar actions will be supported by fieldwork and practice.

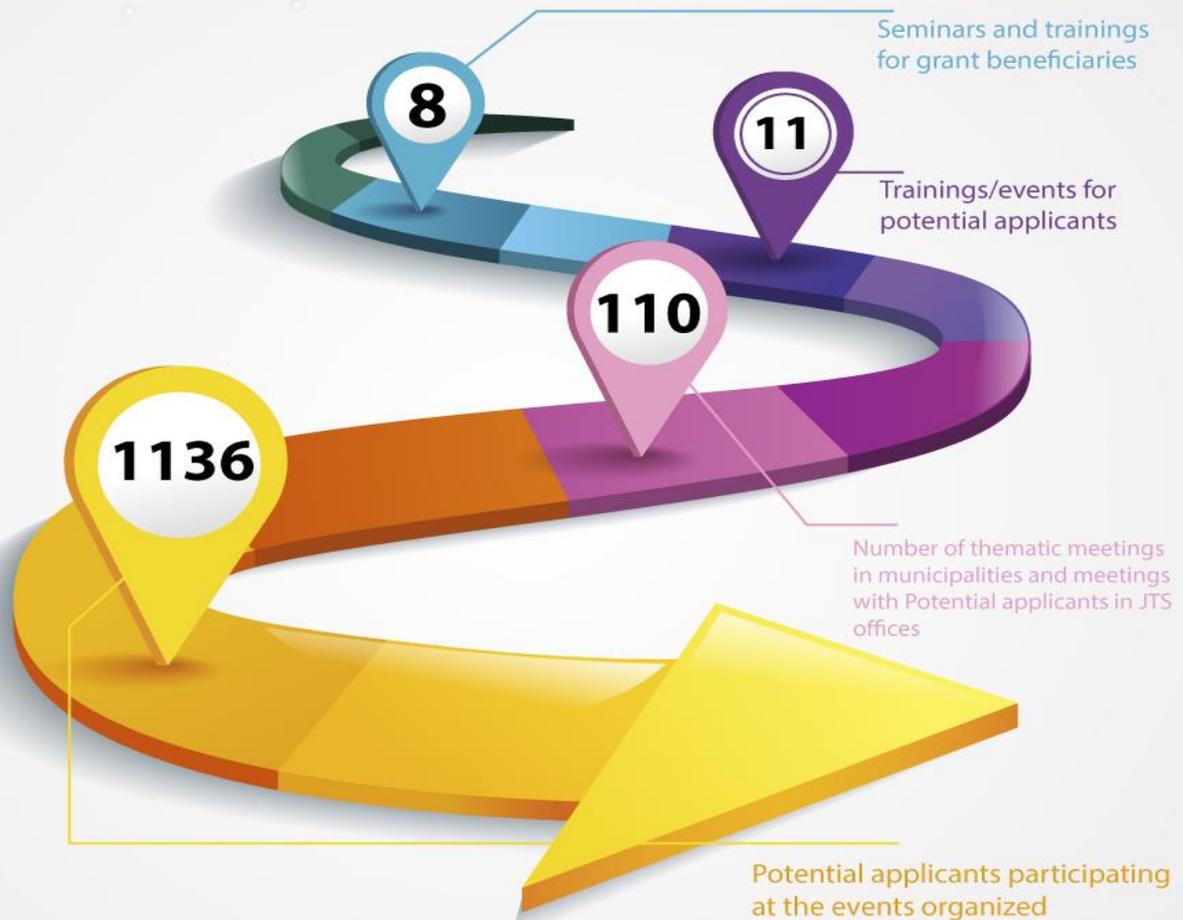
Capacity building of local chefs in Albania

Capacity building of local chefs in Albania was conducted as part of the activities of the project *Local cuisine as tourism offer of cross-border region*. Namely, one training session

with local chefs took place on 23rd September 2018 in one of the hosted and reachable restaurant of the area. There were 5 chefs attending this training as the number of the restaurants in targeted rural areas in Albania is very limited. The training was delivered by the experts of the Albanian Gastronomy Academy.



2018 in numbers



»» Operating structures of the programmes (click on the icon to visit the website)



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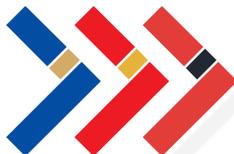


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