



Dear colleagues, associates and readers,

just before the fall of 2018 we analyze the activities that the CeProSARD team implemented in the past three months. During this period, we dedicated our attention in the area of environmental protection and rural development. The activities we implemented follow our organization vision and mission and therefore in this period we actively worked with civil society organizations, the business sector, as well as institutions:

- ❖ We cooperated with the business sector, resulting in development of an Integrated Environmental Permit "B" for the needs of Aradiko Kop DOOEL import-export s. R'zanichino Petrovec;
- ❖ We worked with the Pelister National Park through the implementation of the project Support for improved management of natural resources in NP "Pelister"
- ❖ We have prepared Feasibility studies for infrastructure projects for better and faster rural development of the municipalities in Republic of Macedonia;
- ❖ We worked on strengthening the public private partnership and we have established contact with the department for local economic development in the municipality of Tetovo in order to start the process of creating a local action group – LAG in the Polog region.

In this Newsletter, we also provide you detailed information about the current projects of our organization and the consulting services we provide. We thank everyone who has been working with us and continuously supporting our organization in the past ten years! We invite you to read this latest issue number 21 of our E-Newsletter and join us in creating new, interesting and useful activities for sustainable development.



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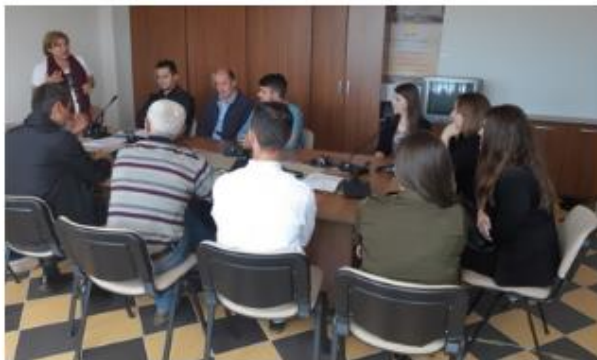
CeProSARD as consultant in the field of environmental protection developed an Integrated Environmental Permit "B" for the needs of Aradiko Kop DOOEL import-export s.R'zanichino Petrovec, co-financed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The owner of the company is Ms. Hadzira Licina and is an example for successful women entrepreneurship. On behalf of Aradiko Kop, the manager of the organization on 29.03.2018 signed the agreement for co-financing the preparation of the complete documentation for obtaining an Integrated Environmental B License with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The overall analysis and implementation of the proposed set of measures for the protection and sustainable management of the environment and the obtained data were entered in the template of the document for Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control B license in accordance with the Macedonian legislation. Our team successfully prepared all the documentation and delivered it to the final users within the agreed timeframe.

Collaboration with local institutions - Development of Feasibility studies for financing infrastructure projects in the municipality of Centar Zupa and the municipality of Studenichani

In July 2018, we started with the preparation of two Feasibility studies for better rural development through the construction of infrastructure projects in two rural municipalities: the municipality of Centar Zupa and the municipality of Studenichani. In both municipalities, our team held meetings with the residents and the representatives of the municipalities. In the municipality of Centar Zupa, the goal was preparation of a document for justification of the project "Construction and reconstruction of the municipal road from the settlement of Elevci to the settlement Dolgash". For the municipality of Studenichani, we prepared a document for justification of the project for reconstructing part of the street "1" and a yard area in the center of the settlement Studenichane, in the municipality of Studenichani.

During the visit, separate meetings were held with the mayors of the municipalities and members of municipal councils. Focus groups formed from citizens of the settlements in the municipalities and the municipal administration were created. The aim of the focus groups was to determine the real needs of the project implementation in the municipalities. In each municipality separately after an interview with the mayor and the citizens, the activities continued with field visits where on-site inspection was made for determination of the actual situation.

During the field visits, the CeProSARD team got acquainted with the cultural and natural features of the municipalities. The cultural and historical heritage, expressed in the memorial house of the father of Kemal Ataturk, the display of wax figures and all other natural beauties which the municipality of Centar Zupa owns, will be available to local and regional tourists with the construction of the local road, which will provide much easier access to tourists and other visitors of this municipality. Also in the municipality of Studenichani, the implementation of the project with quality asphalted pavement construction, atmospheric canalization, lighting, regulation of river beds and urban equipment will contribute to the overall development of the municipality, the local economy and the further implementation of planned strategic activities for development of the municipality. These two independent projects will be financed by a loan from the International Bank for Investment and Development (World Bank) through the MSIP II Municipal Services Improvement Project.



Project - Support for improved management of natural resources in NP "Pelister"

In the past three months, the project team in cooperation with the employees of NP Pelister started the preparations for establishing a monitoring system for three characteristic species of large carnivores in the park: brown bear, wolf and rice.

The system consists of 10 cameras (photo locks) and other accompanying computer equipment that will be set up in suitably selected locations on the territory of the park and will help monitor the activities and the condition of these species in order to protect them. Within this activity, training for the employees of the NP Pelister for monitoring and use of the system is foreseen. They will continue to use the system after the completion of the project.

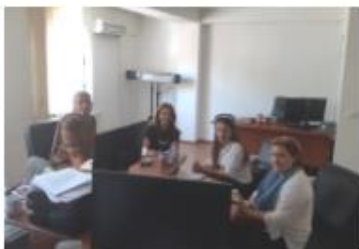
This project is supported by UNDP.



Strengthening public-private partnership - Project "BUILDLAG"

The Project **"Capacity Building for Sustainable Development of Local Action Groups - LAG in EU Integration Processes - BUILDLAG"** in the past three months continued with the implementation of the foreseen activities focusing on the establishment of a new local action group in the Polog region, in accordance with the domestic legislation. For this purpose a meeting was held with representatives of the Department for Local Economic Development of the municipality of Tetovo in July. The goal is to establish a local action group - LAG between the municipalities of Tetovo, Zhelino and parts of the municipality of Brvenica. In the course of August, a legal entity was selected for starting the preparation of the complete documentation for establishment and registration of the new local action group. In the beginning of September a first coordination meeting was held in order to start this procedure. The realization of the project will enable sustainable rural development in the region, and will encourage the development of the public-private partnership in the country.

This project is funded by the European Union.



Fostering rural tourism - Project "FRET-STIC"

An agreement for mutual cooperation of the project **"Fostering Rural and Environmental Tourism through SMART Touristic Information centers / FRET-STIC"** was signed between CeProSARD with the partner organization RDA South from Kosovo on August 7, 2018. The main goal of the project is development and promotion of local and regional tourism



through innovative approaches and systems for improving rural and environmental experience. The goal will be achieved through creation of strategic tools that will enable better understanding of the requirements of visitors, while serving as mechanisms for enhanced interregional cooperation between different aspects of industry, government institutions, the business sector and civil society organizations - resulting in increased tourist potential, tailored to the needs of the target groups. In addition, the project aims at creating a favorable environment for strategic reach and benefit not only from national and regional markets, but also from emerging international markets in the tourism industry. Our team regularly coordinates the activities between project partners and representatives of the civic association Alka who implement the Backing Regional Tourism.

The project started on May 15, 2018 and is supported by the EU, with duration of 24 months. The project is implemented within the IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Program between Macedonia and Kosovo.



Representatives from CeProSARD participated at the two-day workshop for grant beneficiaries under the Cross-border Program, Kosovo - Republic of Macedonia, IPA II 2014-2020, which took place in Skopje

Ms. Angelika Gjorgon and Ms. Gordana Pecelj from CeProSARD, together with Ms. Nial Memeti Saiti from the Municipality of Tetovo and Mr. Qazim Pirana from our partner organization on this project - RDA South - Kosovo, as representatives of the project **"Fostering Rural and Environmental Tourism through SMART Touristic Information centers / FRET-STIC"** participated at the workshop organized for the grant beneficiaries under the Cross-border Program, Kosovo - Republic of Macedonia, IPA II 2014-2020, held on 26-27 June, in the EU Info Centre in Skopje.



Energy Efficiency of hospitals – Project "ZeNH Balkan"

The activities within the project **"Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region - ZeNH"** continue. For the elaboration of the energy condition of the facilities in the health sector, an energy efficiency audit will be prepared for three existing health facilities - hospitals in Macedonia. Experts in the field of energy efficiency of hospitals from the partner countries Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Albania involved in the project will exchange mutual knowledge and experiences and will create strategic steps for improving the energy efficiency of the hospitals. CeProSARD will strengthen its capacities with additional equipment for conducting energy audits. The overall objective of the project is to contribute towards improving the energy efficiency of the building sector and specifically towards energy efficient hospital buildings. In addition, the project aims to facilitate the implementation of the EPBD (Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2010/31/EU) by defining the characteristics and Standards for Nearly Zero Energy Hospitals.

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Partners in the project:

- Democritus University of Thraee, Department of Environmental Engineering, Xanthi, Greece
- ALBAFOREST, Albania
- Sofia Energy Centre Ltd, Bulgaria
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