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### 1. VISION, MISSION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Promotion of Sustainable Agricultural Practices and Rural Development (CeProSARD) is a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit organization that operates throughout the country. The organization was founded in 2008 at the initiative of a group of citizens - professionals in the field of agriculture and rural development, environmental protection, technical professions and economic sciences, who identified the need for complex social change in support of environmental protection and mitigation. climate change, with a focus on sustainable development.

### Vision

CeProSARD's vision is to be a professional and reliable partner in the creation and implementation of policies to achieve the goals of sustainable development at national and local level, as an effective way to make transformational changes that contribute to creating a better social environment for future generations.

### Mission

Our mission is to build an inclusive, sustainable and prosperous society through the active involvement of citizens in the creation, implementation and evaluation of public policies for sustainable growth and development.

### Development

The strategic goals of the organization are: promoting inclusive, participatory and representative planning of sustainable development based on international human rights standards; and promoting cooperation and partnership mechanisms that ensure effective citizen participation in the creation, implementation and evaluation of public policies for sustainable development at national and local level.

### 2. GOALS

The Citizens' Association CeProSARD strives to achieve the following goals:

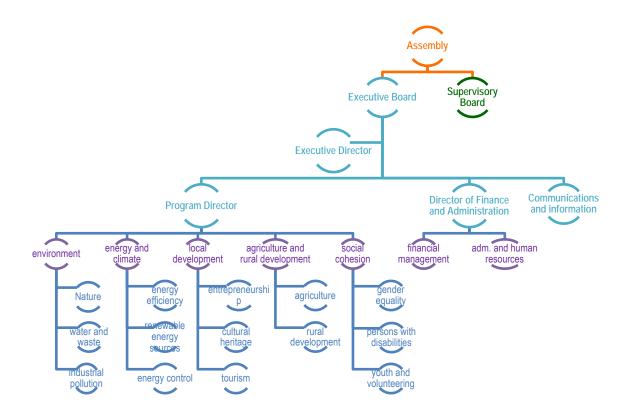
- Improving the capacity for dialogue, cooperation and partnership between civil society and public institutions in order to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Promotion of wider civic engagement in the policy-making process and the reform process, which will contribute to the sustainable development of the environment sector and climate change and will have a key impact on the lives of citizens.
- improving local and regional development in the country;
- promotion and introduction of sustainable practices in the development of rural areas and in the development of agriculture and food production;
- promote opportunities for using renewable energy sources and improving energy efficiency wherever possible;
- environmental protection in accordance with the principles of sustainable development;
- nature protection;
- mitigation and adaptation to climate change and its reduction;
- preservation of cultural heritage;
- integrating transversal topics of gender issues, vulnerable and marginalized groups, people with disabilities in all areas of our action.

### 3. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING

The Association "Center for Promotion of Sustainable Agricultural Practices and Rural Development" (CeProSARD) from Skopje operates through the following bodies:

- 3.1. Assembly
- 3.2. Executive Board
- 3.3. Supervisory Board
- 3.4. Advisory body
- 3.5. Executive director

### Organizational chart of CeProSARD



### **Assembly**

The Assembly consists of twenty-four members. Members act as active, associate and honorary members.

### **Executive Board**

The Executive Board, as an executive body composed of active members of the association, in 2019 operated in the composition of::

- MSc. Svetlana Petrovska, Executive Director;
- MSc. Gordana Pecelj, Director of Finance and Administration;
- B.Sc. eng. arch. Ivana Petkanovska, Program Director.

### Advisory body

The advisory body is selected from the ranks of experts in the relevant fields, as expert assistance for the ongoing work of the association.

### **Supervisory Board**

The Supervisory Board as a body of the Assembly is composed of three active members:

- DSc. Marina Filiposka, area of agribusiness and rural development;
- Ljupka Gligorova, B.Sc. environmental protection engineer;
- Angelica Jorgon, B.Sc. eng. architect

### **Executive director**

The Executive Director of CeProSARD, MSc Svetlana Petrovska, together with the team in the executive office in 2019 participated in the implementation of the decisions of the Assembly. In accordance with the decisions of the Executive Board, a team was staffed, which works continuously on the preparation of project documentation for projects at national and regional level. This team included:

- MSc. Svetlana Petrovska, B.Sc. civil engineer;
- MSc. Gordana Pecelj, B.Sc. economist;
- Ivana Petkanovska, B.Sc. eng. architect;
- DSc. Marina Filiposka, area of agribusiness and rural development;
- Tea Teveva, B.Sc. economist, marketing department

### **Executive office**

In 2020, CeProSARD worked with seven full-time employees: Master in Environment - Graduate Civil Engineer, Master in Economics, Master in Sustainable Design - Graduate Architect Engineer, Master in Architecture - Graduate Engineer Architect, Bachelors specialty in the field of spatial planning, economist in the field of marketing, a civil engineer. In addition, during the past year, according to the needs, a large number of external collaborators were hired, as individuals or expert teams of experts, depending on the current and planned activities and projects. The realization of the tasks is implemented according to the following structure by sectors:

- i. Sector for Environmental Protection, Head MSc. Svetlana Petrovska
  - Department of Nature;
  - Department of water and waste;
  - Department of Industrial Pollution and Risk.
- ii. Energy and Climate Sector Head, MSc. Ivana Petkanovska
  - Department for Energy Efficiency;
  - Department for renewable energy sources;

- Energy control Department.
- iii. Sector for Local Development
  - Entrepreneurship Department;
  - Department of Cultural Heritage;
  - Department of Tourism.
- iv. Sector Agriculture and Rural Development
  - Department of Agriculture;
  - Department of Rural Development.
- v. Sector for Social Cohesion Head MSc. Svetlana Petrovska
  - Department of Gender Equality;
  - Department for support of people with special needs;
  - Department for Support and Involvement of Youth and Encouragement of Volunteering.
- vi. Finance and Administration Head MSc. Gordana Pecelj, B.Sc. economist
  - Department for Financial Management;
  - Department of Administrative Affairs and Human Resources.
- vii. Communication and information Head Tea Teveva, economist

In 2020, CeProSARD worked on the realization of several projects and as a consultant to the private and public sector.

### 4. REALIZED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2020

### 4.1 SOCIAL COHESION

### Project: Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect - TIMOR

<u>Project description:</u> The overall objective of the project is to provide deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities from the residential institutions into community-based supported living settings by providing innovative specialized social services.

The project will contribute to enhance living conditions of persons with disabilities who live in the residential institutions through their resettlement in the community-based supported living settings, increasing capacities of persons who provide social care and assistants for supported living for persons with disabilities, introduction of innovative community-based services for their active inclusion in the community and increase public awareness for accepting persons with disabilities in the community.

### **Specific objectives:**

- To establish conditions for deinstitutionalisation:
- To resettle persons with disabilities into community-based supported living settings;
- To provide innovative social services for active inclusion of persons with disabilities in the community;
- To raise public awareness about advantages of deinstitutionalisation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the community

<u>The key target group and final beneficiary:</u> the persons with disabilities and their families, local self-government units, national government institutions and social CSOs working in social area.

### **Activities:**

- AC PM. Project management and coordination;
- AC1. Establishment of conditions for deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities;
- AC2. Provision of community-based supported living services;
- AC3. Provision of innovative community-based social services;
- AC4. Promotion and dissemination of project activities and results

### **Expected results:**

- R1. Established community-based supported living settings, increased knowledge and strengthened capacities of assistants who will provide supported living for persons with disabilities and prepared persons with disabilities for deinstitutionalisation;
- R2. Resettled residents from the residential institutions into community-based supported living settings;
- R3. Developed and implemented innovative specialized individual programme by providing occupational therapy;
- R4. Raised public awareness about advantages of deinstitutionalisation and active inclusion of persons with disabilities in the community.

### **Project partners:**

- Center for promo Center for promotion of sustainable agricultural practices and rural development – CeProSARD;
- Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia ASER;
- Special Institute Demir Kapija PI;
- Municipality of Demir Kapija;
- Foundation Loza, Sweden

<u>The project is implemented</u> under IPA II 2017 Action Programme of the EU Support for Education, Employment and Social Policy; Support for the De-institutionalisation Process in Social Sector.

Implementation period of project: 02.01.2020 – 01.01.2023

### Key achievements in the past period:

On 25.09.2020 in Demir Kapija was held the second of the four planned Trainings for Strengthening skills for services for supported living in the community, respecting all prescribed measures and protocols.

The training was conducted following the developed "Guide for strengthening skills for services for supported community living" by expert consultants - graduate special educator Biljana Sterjadovska Stojcevska and graduate special educator and rehabilitator Daniela Sazdova who are also lecturers at the trainings.

The training covered topics for workplace organization and work documentation, health care of the user of the service living with support, modern approaches in providing support to the user of the service living with support, support of the user in performing daily activities, customer support home and environment care, customer support for community involvement and use of community services and self-advocacy.

On October 26, 2020, in the premises of SUGS "Marija Kiri Sklodovska", Skopje, the third of the four planned Trainings for Strengthening Skills for Services for Supported Community Living was held, respecting all prescribed measures and protocols for protection against the Covid-19 virus. The training was conducted following the developed "Guide for strengthening skills for services for supported community living" by expert consultants - graduate special educator Biljana Sterjadovska Stojcevska and graduate special educator and rehabilitator Daniela Sazdova, who are also lecturers at the trainings.

The trainings cover topics for workplace organization and work documentation, health care of the user of the service living with support, modern approaches in providing support to the user of the service living with support, support of the user in performing daily activities, customer support in home and environment care, customer support for community involvement and use of community services and self-advocacy. The participants in the training were personalities from the profile of carers, nurses and students in SUGS "Marija Kiri Sklodovska" in the directions of caregiver / nurse. The last one-day free online training for strengthening the skills for services for supported living in the community was held on November 17 through the electronic platform ZOOM.

CeProSARD for persons with disabilities in PI SZ DK: Donation of means for surface disinfection and personal disinfection, personal protection equipment and UV-Guard device for disinfection of indoor premises

The project team of the project "Together for more opportunities and support - TIMOR", is committed together with the global community to contribute to preventing the spread of Covid-19 virus and alleviating the challenges and difficulties faced by the society in which we live and work. On July 21, 2020, the TIMOR project, funded by the European Union, donated funds for surface disinfection and personal disinfection, personal protection equipment and UV-Gard innovative device for disinfection of indoor premises, for the PI Special Institute Demir Kapija, in order to support the protégés - persons with disabilities, as well as the staff during this crisis from the pandemic caused by the Covid-19 virus.





Donation of means and equipment for disinfection and protection for the PI Special Institute Demir





Donation of means and equipment for disinfection and protection for the PI Special Institute Demir Kapija

In the most difficult moments of the pandemic with KOVID 19 we found the opportunity to help by hiring assistants for supported living in SZ Demir Kapija for care of people with disabilities starting from October 2020 to March 2021

The project team of the project "Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect" - TIMOR, with direct financial assistance from the project partner - Loza Foundation from Sweden provided support to the staff of the Special Institution Demir Kapija, by temporarily employing three assistants for supported living who will complement the staff of the Institution in the period October - March 2020.

This activity provides direct support to both users and staff of the Institution, to alleviate the challenges and difficulties in the new working conditions created during this crisis by the pandemic caused by the Covid-19 virus.



Support to the users and employees of the Special Institution Demir Kapija in working conditions caused by the pandemic with Covid-19 virus

### Promotion of project activities:

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### 4.2 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

# <u>Project: Fostering Rural and Environmental Tourism through Smart Tourist Information Centres FRET-STIC</u>

<u>Project description:</u> The overall objective of the action is development, promotion and presentation of local and regional tourism through innovative approaches and systems for improved rural and environmental experience. The objective will be achieved through creation of strategic tools that allow improved comprehension of visitors' demands, simultaneously serving as mechanisms for enhanced interregional cooperation – among various aspects of the industry, government, business, CSO and thus offer improved supply of 'harvested' tourism potentials, customized to target groups. Further, the action aims at creation of an enabling environment for strategic reach and benefit not only from national and regional markets, but also from new international markets in the tourism industry.

<u>Project target group:</u> municipalities, government agencies responsible for regional development, tourism and culture; civil society organizations; small and medium enterprises; tourism clusters; Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Centers.

Project Coordinator: CeProSARD

Duration: 16 May 2018 - 15 May 2020 (extended until 31 October 2020).

<u>Project partners:</u> Municipality of Tetovo and Regional Development Agency South, Kosovo

The project is funded by: European Union

### **Activities during 2020:**

On March 10 and 11, 2020, a training was organized: "Training in consumer psychology and social media marketing" conducted by Dr. Krste Maljanovski and Mr. Jovan Stoimenovski, in the premises of "Smart Building Solutions" and lasted two days.

The main goal of the training on Consumer Psychology and Social Media Marketing was for the participants from Tetovo and Prizren to gain basic knowledge of consumer psychology and social media marketing that will help them in their daily activities in order to understand what focus on managing their business, especially communicating with shareholders and tourists.

The trainer used several techniques that included questions and answers, spontaneous group discussions to develop ideas and solutions, discussions on analysis and practical implementation, as well as a presentation by a company dealing with virtual reality and 3D scanning of space.

On March 16, 2020, the Smart Tourist Info Center (STIC) in Tetovo was set up by the supplier Company for production, construction, trade and services Aluminka DOO export-import Skopje.

On 30.09.2020, a Smart Tourist Info Center was set up in Prevala, by our partner Regional Development Agency South - RDA South, from Prizren, Kosovo.

On 05 - 09.10.2020, the first part of the training was held through the ZOOM platform, intended for the participants in Albanian language who will be employed in STIC.

The second part of the training scheduled for the period 26 - 30.10.2020, was organized and held through the ZOOM platform, and was intended for participants in Macedonian who will be employed in STIC.

The training program and schedule were designed by the hired business analyst for STIC staff - on each side of the border - as a continuation of the previous training "Consumer Psychology and Social Media Marketing Training".

This training provided insight into the "shortcomings" in tourist service, which may arise from a lack of human knowledge - ie. STIC employee - for given tourist sites (eg a historical site), lack of information (eg tourist site has never been recorded and located), lack of knowledge of interaction (eg polite response) and other similar reasons. The process of creating generic business processes identifies all of these drawbacks and provides business processes that adequately address these issues.

The training enabled the adoption of new, generic business processes in the daily work of serving tourists and collecting data from tourists, using the STIC platform, getting to know the tourist locations in the cross-border region, as well as knowledge of the psychology of customer service.

### Promotion of project activities:

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Handover of facility and equipment - Smart Tourist Information Center in Tetovo





Handover of facility and equipment - Smart Tourist Information Center in Tetovo

### 4.3 ENERGY AND CLIMATE

### Project: ZenH Balkan - Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region

<u>Project description:</u> In December 2017, the CeProSARD team, within the BalkanMed program, started with the realization of the project Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region (ZenH Balkan) - Hospitals in the Balkans with energy close to zero. The project aims to facilitate the implementation of the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) by defining the characteristics and standards for zero energy hospitals in the Southern Balkans region. The project will contribute to improving energy efficiency in the construction sector by improving the energy efficiency of hospitals. Hospital buildings are considered complex systems because they have several energy-intensive functions (heating and cooling systems that should provide strict comfort conditions, high demand for hot water, etc.).

Target group: Professional groups for EE and government officials

<u>Project Coordinator:</u> Democritus University of Thrace, Department of Environmental Engineering <u>Besides CeProSARD</u>, the <u>project partners are also</u>:

- 1. Albaforest Centre for Forest Studies and Consulting, Albania
- 2. Sofia Energy Centre Ltd, Bulgaria
- 3. The Cyprus Institute Ltd, Cyprus

<u>The project is funded by:</u> European Union through the Secretariat of the European Commission, INTERREG project. Thessaloniki - Greece

Implementation period: December 2017 - September 2020;

### **Activities:**

The project includes 5 countries covered by the BalkanMed program, and activities are distributed in each country. Preliminary - short energy audits are carried out in different climate areas in the 5 countries, with EU partners focusing mainly on hospitals located in urban areas, while IPA partners focus on health facilities located in smaller communities. The same approach applies to standard energy audits.

The project team of the project Hospitals in the Balkans with energy near to zero - ZenH, after the field visits to the selected facilities - Special Gynecology and Obstetrics Hospital, Skopje and Ohrid - General Hospital together with the team of experts in the winter - continued working in the digital database data and preparation of a Report on the implemented activities, as well as actively held meetings with the other partners of the project team. On 27-28.01.2020 CeProSARD was visited by experts from a consulting company selected by the leading partner of the project "Hospitals in the Balkans with energy near to zero - ZenH". The visit was in order to review the performed Energy Control for the selected hospitals in the project. The experts, accompanied by energy controllers and a representative of CeProSARD, paid an on-site visit to the selected facilities in Skopje and Ohrid.

Within the project, an analysis of the energy consumption of the hospitals in Macedonia was made, and it shows significant differences that are not related to the climate region. The analysis also showed large deviations in consumption by months, which is to be expected; electricity and oil are still the main energy sources in hospitals (oil in the winter months because it is used for heating, and electricity in the summer months because it is used for cooling).

Based on the findings of the analysis and energy controls of the hospitals, a manual and recommendations for the application of various technologies have been prepared that should improve their energy efficiency, to be hospitals with energy consumption near to zero.

On 18.12.2020 within the project was held the last workshop on "Hospitals with energy near to zero", which presented in detail the possibilities for energy management in hospitals, application of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in the reconstruction of hospitals and results from comparative analyzes of buildings with energy consumption close to zero. At the workshop was presented the so-called. LCCA (LifeCycle Cost Analysis) methodology used for economic assessment of building interventions in public procurement in EU countries.

### Promotion of project activities:

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Cooperation of experts from CeProSARD and a consulting company selected by the leading partner - January 2020





Workshop on "Hospitals with energy near to zero", Skype platform - 18.12.2020

# <u>Project: Strong civic support for effective application of the energy policies in the EU accession process</u>

<u>Project description:</u> The project aims to empower active participation and engagement of civil sector in pursuing activities that are of public interest and in support of the country's EU accession process.

<u>Target group:</u> CSOs working in the field of environment with a focus on energy

Project Coordinator: CeProSARD

<u>The project is being implemented</u> with grant from Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), through the "Nordic Support for Progress of North Macedonia" Project, implemented by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

Implementation period: December 2019 - September 2020

### **Activities:**

The project included a detailed assessment of the capacities of interested CSOs working in the field of environment with a focus on EE and RES, to participate. This provided the necessary quantitative and qualitative information on the needs of CSOs for training; according to which a training program was prepared;

The results indicated the need to strengthen the capacity of civil society to participate: in the preparation of national energy and climate plans; preparation of an action plan for sustainable energy development and climate change; preparation of planning documents for use of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency at national and local level; and possible mechanisms for civic participation in planning energy efficiency development at the local level.

On 02-03.07.2020 through the ZOOM platform CeProSARD conducted online training for monitoring, lobbying and participation in the processes related to the implementation of key reforms in the energy sector. The training was attended by representatives of citizens' associations, NGOs, various institutions of the state and local self-government. The training was conducted on the topics: involvement of stakeholders in the preparation of national energy and climate plans; experiences in preparing long-term and integrated local action plans for sustainable energy development and climate change (SECAP) initiated by the movement of European mayors (Covenant of mayors); planning documents for the use of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency at national and local level, and; possible mechanisms for citizen involvement in the

process of medium-term planning of energy efficiency development, at local level. During the training, the participants made a great contribution by developing a discussion on the topics.

After the training, at the suggestion of CeproSARD, the participants signed a Joint Initiative for cooperation and partnership of civil society organizations with national and local authorities in the field of environment and climate change.

On 03.09.2020, the team of CA CeProSARD, within this project in the hotel Alexander Palace, Skopje organized a round table on "Situations, challenges and recommendations related to the implementation of energy policies."

The event was addressed by Mr. Jani Makraduli, Deputy Minister of Environment and Physical Planning, Mr. Stefan Bogoev, Mayor of the Municipality of Karpos, Mr. Aleksandar Naumoski, Mayor of the Municipality of Gjorce Petrov, Mr. Nehri Emrula, Director of the Energy Agency, Ms. Elena Petkanovska, consultant, Ms. Sofija Bogeva - Skopje Lab and Ms. Gordana Pecelj, project coordinator. Representatives of the civil society organizations Harvest of Knowledge, Alka, Florit from Gevgelija, Ecocrat from Kratovo, MRR, Milieukontakt Macedonia, Center for Environmental Resources (REC) - N. Macedonia took active part in the round table, Association Movement for Sustainable Socio-Economic Development GLOBAL from Bitola, representatives from the municipalities of Karpos, Butel and Gjorce Petrov, from the Chamber of Crafts of the Republic of N. Macedonia, Secretariat for European Affairs, Chamber of Commerce and UNDP representatives from the MoEPP and UNOPS.

Deputy Minister of Environment and Physical Planning Jani Makraduli stressed that one of the key components in the recovery of the economy is the energy transition and that investments in energy efficiency and renewable sources, as well as decarbonisation of warming, must be high on the economic recovery agenda. He stressed the need for a quality indigenous Macedonian Green Agreement that would involve civil society organizations, academia, the private sector, state institutions and friends of the international community, and produce a document for future generations.

The Mayor of the Municipality of Karpos, Stefan Bogoev, referred to the importance of using renewable energy sources, changes in the heating system in state institutions and the construction of energy efficient buildings, as well as the progress of the municipality in that direction.

The Mayor of the Municipality of Gjorce Petrov, Aleksandar Naumoski, presented the project for public lighting in the municipality as a positive example for other municipalities, and that the municipality already supports and invests in energy efficiency projects in public sector buildings and buildings for collective housing.

Ms. Sofija Bogeva presented the Joint Initiative for Cooperation and Partnership of CSOs with National and Local Authorities in the Field of Environment and Climate Change, supported by a number of civic associations.

At this Round Table, the focus was on the document with analysis and recommendations for more effective participation of the civil society in the implementation of energy policies, which was presented by Ms. Elena Petkanovska and who stressed that the process of energy transition of our country to cleaner and climate neutral The energy sector can only be successful if it is economically balanced and socially just, and if society as a whole is behind it. The involvement of citizens and civil society organizations is not a one-time event, but a continuous process that helps build public confidence in the decisions of politicians and improve the quality of decisions made.

### Promotion of project activities:

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Cooperation with local self-government within the project



Training for monitoring, lobbying and participation in the processes related to the implementation of key reforms in the energy sector by strengthening the capacities of the Macedonian civil society organizations for environment





Cooperation with civil society organizations within the project

### 4.4 ENVIRONMENT

### Project: Clean energy for clean air

<u>Project description:</u> The aim of the project is to contribute to the sustainable development of the Skopje Planning Region by applying the best practices for environmental protection with a focus on reducing air pollution, by developing sustainable practices for implementing energy efficiency of buildings and the use of clean energy and renewable energy sources. This will contribute to creating a quality and healthy environment for future generations.

Project Coordinator: CeProSARD

Implementation period: October 2019 - March 2020

The project is funded by: Government of the Republic of N. Macedonia

### **Activities:**

On 16.01.2020, the team of ZG CeProSARD, within the project "Clean Energy for Clean Air", organized an event in Hotel Karpos, Skopje - Round table "Conditions, challenges and perspectives for solving the problems with air pollution in the Skopje planning region - Suggestions ". The project is implemented with the financial support of the Government of Republic of N. Macedonia through the Program for financing the program activities of associations and foundations for 2019. The event was addressed by Ms. Ana Petrovska - State Secretary at the MoEPP, Mr. Nehri Emrula - Director of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Northern Macedonia, Mr. Stefan Bogoev - Mayor of the Municipality of Karpos and Ms. Tea Teveva, project coordinator. Representatives of the civil society organizations Eco Awareness, REC, Human Rights Journalists, representatives of the municipalities of Karpos, Butel and Suto Orizari as well as representatives of the educational institutions SGGU "Zdravko Cvetkovski" and the Faculty of Forestry, Landscape Architecture and Eco-Engineering at UKIM.

At this Round Table, the focus was placed on the current situation with air pollution from the residential sector and the possibilities for implementation of improvement measures were noted in order to contribute to the creation of a quality and healthy environment.

In the second part of the session, challenges and perspectives for solving the problems with air pollution, the representative of the business sector - Agrometal contributed with his presentation at the round table by presenting an innovative product - chimney filter to reduce household exhaust fumes.

The presentations of Mr. Igor Pancevski, EBRD expert on the GEFF program pointed out the possibility of using green energy through affordable credit programs of banks. Mr. Zdravka Stefanovski, energy efficiency expert presented the start of a new project that will enable the creation of valid and applicable energy efficiency programs for the so-called MABs (multiapartment buildings) - multi-storey buildings. The target group in this project are 30,000-50,000 households in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of N. Macedonia.

In the first half of February 2020, the team of CA CeProSARD, within the project "Clean Energy for Clean Air", realized meetings with high school principals in the target municipalities of the Skopje Planning Region.

The principal of SGGU "Zdravko Cvetkovski" - Mrs. Atina Tomovska and Mr. Doan Sulejmanoski, director of the municipal high school "Shaip Jusuf" expressed readiness and desire for cooperation and initiative to organize a joint event at the end of March. These activities will proactively involve school students and will be committed to improving energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources in households.

On February 28, 2020, the team of CA CeProSARD, within the project "Clean Energy for Clean Air", had a meeting with Mr. Dimitar Gjorgjiev, Principal of the High School of Electrical Engineering of the City of Skopje "Mihajlo Pupin". Mr. Dimitar Gjorgjiev, expressed readiness for cooperation with ZG CeProSARD and gave an initiative for cooperation in educating students in terms of improving energy efficiency and introduction of renewable energy sources, in order to improve the situation with air pollution in the city of Skopje.

On March 9, 2020, the team of CA CeProSARD, within this project, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with CA Center for Environmental Resources - REC. This Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the goodwill and interest of both parties for cooperation and professional support in the implementation of activities related to the implementation of policies in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development, especially in the area of introduction of energy efficiency and renewables. energy sources in all sectors.

On April 9, 2020, B.Sc. eng. Dejan Filiposki, through the digital platform ZOOM, held an online monitoring training on the need to reduce energy in households, in order to reduce air pollution, organized by CA CeProSARD, Skopje. Participants in the training were the fourth year students from the construction-geodetic profession - profile: construction technician, in SUGS Shaip Jusuf from Skopje. Through the training, the participants were informed about the need to improve energy efficiency in homes.

The second training through the digital platform ZOOM on the topic "Reduction of air pollution by reducing energy in households", was held on 16.04.2020. This training was intended for fourth year students - profile architectural technicians and construction technicians, in SGGU of the City of Skopje "Zdravko Cvetkovski" - Skopje. Through the training, the participants were informed about the need to improve energy efficiency in homes in order to reduce energy consumption. By reducing the energy for heating homes, we act to reduce air pollution - it was pointed out to the students at the training.

On April 21, 2020, CeProSARD organized the third training through the online platform on the topic "Reduction of air pollution by reducing energy in households." This training was held for second and fourth year students in SETUGS "Mihajlo Pupin". The participants were introduced to the types of heating, cooling, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, as well as the importance of insulating the hot water distribution network in the homes through the training for improving the energy efficiency in the homes. The possibilities for improving energy efficiency were presented through the introduction of systems for measurement, regulation and automation and with practical examples of the use of energy efficient lamps in the function of electric lighting. The use of a thermal camera was practically demonstrated to determine the thermal thermal bridges in buildings.

At the final event of the project organized on 14.05.2020, the project results in the area of reducing air pollution in the Skopje planning region were promoted, as well as the activities of key mapped stakeholders in the project on the topic. In the introductory part of the event, Mr. Jani Makraduli, Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, the Mayor of the Municipality of Karpos - Mr. Stefan Bogoev, the Mayor of the Municipality of Butel - Mr. Velimir Smilevski, as well as a representative from the Municipality of Suto Orizari. The principals of the high schools SGGUGS "Zdravko Cvetkovski", SETU "Mihajlo Pupin" and SUGS "Shaip Jusuf" gave their review of the activities of the schools in this topic and the involvement of the students in the project

activities. Mr. Antonio Jovanovski from the Association for Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection "Go Green - Be Green", as well as Ms. Natasa Dokovska from the NGO "Journalists for Human Rights" also addressed the current and important topics for green economy and ambient air pollution. In the final part of the event, the students from the three high schools had their presentations, and Mr. Dejan Filiposki presented the developed Guide for energy and environment and the conducted trainings within the project.

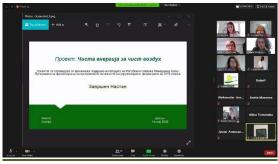
The Energy and Environment Guide is available in Macedonian and Albanian at the following links:

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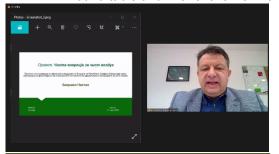
### Promotion of project activities:

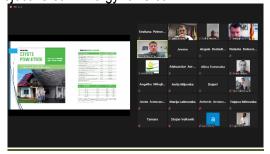
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Round table and final event within the project "Clean Energy for Clean Air"





Final event within the project "Clean Energy for Clean Air"

<u>CSO CeProSARD</u>, as part of the local working group of the project "Making heating and cooling for European consumers efficient, economically resilient, clean and climate-friendly" - REPLACE

On 12.05.2020, organized by CSO SDEWES, the first meeting of the local working group was held on online platform in order to present in detail aims and activities of the project and to establish local working group.

Despite the organizer CSO SDEWES Skopje, the working group consist of representatives from CSO CeProSARD, CSO Habitat and CSO ZLEK and representatives from the municipalities Karpos, Gorce Petrov and Aerodrom.

The project is funded by EU, through the program "Horizon 2020".





Photos from a working meeting 12.05.2020





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# <u>Preparation of a document for obtaining an integrated environmental permit "B" for the needs of Aradiko Kop DOOEL</u>

CeProSARD as an environmental consultant started with the preparation of a document for obtaining an Integrated Environmental Permit "B" for the needs of Aradiko Kop DOOEL import-export v. R`zanichino - Petrovec. The consulting services provided during the project are divided into two phases.

First phase: assessing the current situation and,

<u>Second phase</u> preparation of Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) with assessment and measurement of pollution emissions. During this phase, the consultants use their own measuring equipment in order to process all input data and prepare studies and reports (project design, calculations and proposed measures) in their own premises.

<u>Project result</u> is the prepared Environmental Assessment and preparation of application for "B" permit for Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC). The document is prepared at the request of the Aradico installation.



Field photos - December 2020



Field photos - December 2020

### 5. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

CeProSARD publishes information about its activities and projects on its regular website www.ceprosard.org.mk and profiles social the of the media organization www.facebook.com/CeProSARD/. The organization also issues an electronic newsletter on a quarterly basis, which is distributed electronically to a large number of users. All issues of the enewsletter are available on the organization's website, as well as all documents, publications and promotional materials that are produced within the current activity. Depending on the needs, information is published in print and electronic media, as well as on the websites of other domestic and foreign organizations, government institutions and non-governmental organizations, etc.

Information on the activities and projects of CeProSARD was published by a large number of media, which achieved extremely high information of the target groups and end users. In addition to national and local television, radio, print and electronic media, information was published on the websites of institutions, social networks of partner organizations and associates, and in most cases it was shared by other users.



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December 3 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the national television Sitel

### 6. TRAININGS AND CPD OF EMPLOYEES

In 2020, the CeProSARD team worked on its own capacity building by the employees of CA CeProSARD working on their improvement in the field in which it works and actively participated in the trainings.:

- On March 24, 2020, the team of CA CeProSARD with its representatives participated in the online training of the Open Session for EU Grant Competitions, organized by ProEfekt, Skopje.
- Workshop on "EU Financial Support Mechanisms", organized by the Delegation of the European Union
- "Building Biodiversity Technical Capacities at All Levels in RNM", aimed at promoting good international practices and supporting institutions to build biodiversity assessment and management capacity facilities, organized by Hardner & Gullison Associates, LLC, which is engaged Consultant for "Technical Capacity Building Program for Biodiversity at all levels in RNM", from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD);
- Stakeholder workshop on the preparation of the 6th National Report on the Convention on Biological Diversity, organized by the implementing agency UNEP and the local NGO ESSA SYNERGY;
- Program for nature conservation in RNM, within which a training for strengthening the capacities of stakeholders for the concept of ecosystems and ecosystem services was held, organized by: Pharmachem - Skopje, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
- Climate change management "Information session for preparation of a project application for strengthening the capacities for adaptation of human capital to climate change". This information session was organized by the Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Economic Affairs, in the role of Nationally designated body for the Green Climate Fund, in cooperation with the German Society for Cooperation in the country, where opportunities to support institutions were considered. are directly aimed at supporting human capital from the aspects of climate change, ie the sectors of health, education and vulnerable groups of citizens.
- Improving lobbying and advocacy skills through training in drafting short policy papers. Within the project for Strengthening the capacities of the members, organized by MED, a

- representative of the NGO CeProSARD participated in an online training for the preparation of short policy documents, as a tool for lobbying and advocacy.
- Training for improvement and implementation of the working procedures of the
  organization, organized by NRD. During the training were developed: Procedure for
  working hours and distribution of working hours; Project management procedure; and
  Volunteering Procedure. These prepared documents were immediately implemented in the
  association.
- Training "To go on the road", organized by MCMS, which referred to transparent project cycle management.
- A representative of CeProSARD participated in the seminar "The momentum for a Balkan New Green Deal and Just Recovery", which took place on July 23, 2020 on the ZOOM platform, organized by the FriedrichEbertStiftung Dialogue Southeast Europe. In this digital discussion dedicated to the importance of activist networking, coordinated action platforms and the need for a Balkan Green Agreement and recovery plan, the demands for achieving inclusive, equitable and more democratic societies were discussed.
- Training for strengthening the capacities of the representatives of the civil society organizations for the Environmental Legislation in RNM and the participation of the public in decision making organized by the Association for Sustainable Development "Milieukontakt Macedonia", in cooperation with the Association of Environmental Engineers "Development Program ", within the project" Capacity building of environmental civil society organizations to increase democratic processes in Macedonia ". The training reviewed the legislation in the field of environment, with emphasis on the representation of the principles of the Aarhus Convention in it, but also reviewed the financial implications of environmental legislation;
- Training on "Thematic networking, building partnerships and coalitions" organized by the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation within the Civic Resource Center program;
- Online training on evidence-based research and advocacy, organized by EU TASCO 3

### 7. NETWORKING

### Networking locally and internationally

- Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia
- Association of Licensed Energy Auditors
- Forum Synergies
- ARC 2020
- Network of Eco Villages in the Balkans (MEB)

- Balkan e-Waste Management Advocacy Network
- Natura 2000 Coalition
- National Network "Climate Response"
- Avalon Network
- Coalition "Ecology Priority"
- Network of environmental CSO initiatives

### 8. PARTNERSHIPS AND COOPERATION

CeProSARD works on creating a network of actors in the areas in which it operates locally, regionally and internationally. It includes government institutions, NGOs, cooperatives, private sector representatives and individuals. The organization strives to continuously expand its network of partners and associates in order to joint action towards achieving the goals in the areas of action. In order to work together in the field of sustainable development (focusing on environmental protection, air pollution, energy efficiency and climate change), CeProSARD cooperated with the municipalities of Karpos, Suto Orizari and Butel, for infrastructure projects with the municipalities of Gjorce Petrov, Sopiste and Bosilegrad from R. Serbia.

The contribution to the goals of sustainable development of our organization is mentioned in the First Annual Report - Voluntary National Review 2020, published in June this year by the United Nations. The contribution is highlighted in the implemented project "Strengthening education in technical secondary schools in Macedonia through the introduction of educational programs for the goals of sustainable development" and the publication "Manual for the implementation of education for sustainable development in secondary schools with technical professions." The full document can be found at the following link:

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/26388VNR\_2020\_Macedonia\_Report.pdf

Signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation with the NGO Center for Environmental Resources - REC, Skopje within the project "Clean Energy for Clean Air" (21)

### 9. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Finance and Administration of CeProSARD consists of 2 departments: a department for financial management and a department for administrative affairs and human resources.

### 9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

The Department for Administrative Affairs and Human Resources during 2020 competently and with its own resources realized the three basic functions:

- a) performed administrative work and archival and office work,
- б) monitored public procurement and
- B) developed and maintained the information system.

### 9.2 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Department of Financial Affairs continued to work in the same composition as in previous years. Apart from preparing and monitoring the annual budget of the Association, the Department also participates in the preparation of project applications as well as in the preparation of budgets within the project applications.

## **BALANCE STATEMENT FOR 2020**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ASSETS	
FIXED ASSETS	723.390
Intangible	
Tangible	723.390
- equipment	723.390
TOTAL OF FIXED ASSETS	723.390
CASH, SHORT TERM RECEIVABLES, AND ACTIVE ACCRUAL	
ACCOUNTING	6.797.274
CURRENT ASSETS	1.441.246
- Gyro account	929.709
- Cash in hand	
Foreign currency account	511.537
BUYERS	1.997.980
OTHER SHORT TERM RECEIVABLES	2.000
ACTIVE DEFERRED PAYABLES	3.356.048
TOTAL ASSETS	7.520.664
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	702 200
BUSINESS ASSETS SOURCES  - Business fund	723.390 723.390
- revaluation provision - revaluation provision	123.390
TOTAL SOURCES OF BUSINESS ASSETS	723.390
SHORTTERM LIABILITIES	3.358.048
- Suppliers	312.250
- State payables	109.757
Short term financial payables	2.936.041
Other short-term payables	
- Salary payables	
TOTAL OF SHORT TERM LIABILITES	3.358.048
PASSIVE DEFERERED PAYABLES	3.439.226
Capital surplus transferred for the next year	1.441.246
Other passive deferred payables	1.997.980
TOTAL PASSIVE DEFERRED PAYABLES	3.439.226
TREASURY STOCK	
TOTAL LIABILITES	7.520.664

# INCOME AND EXPENSES BALANCE SHEET 2020

INCOME	AMOUNT
SERVICE REVENUES	636.418
REVENUE FROM DONATIONS, MEMBERSHIP FEES AND	11.920.911
OTHER SOURCES	11.320.311
OTHER INCOME	
SURPLUS REVENUE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR	531.837
TOTAL INCOME	13.089.166
EXPENSES	AMOUNT
MATERIAL EXPENSES, SERVICES AND DEPRECIATION	2.913.890
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES	4.805.294
OTHER EXPENSES	3.603.950
EQUIPMENT FUNDS	324.786
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11.647.920
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INCOME AND EXPENSES	1.441.246
TOTAL	13.089.166

