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SMALL STEPS TO A BETTER PLANET

"To live in a world in which climate change is not a threat to humanity" is our vision and mission that we send in this newsletter with the desire to make it sustainable together.

Our goal is to sustainably invest in the community and at the same time introduce social and environmental changes in the direction of realizing our vision. Through the projects in the process as we create them, implement them, in the trainings we hold or are in any way involved in them, we try to convey the message in our community.

We are proud that we managed to build a network of collaborators with whom we invest together for a better future. We thank all our collaborators who worked with us and continue to work on the sustainability of the projects despite the closure of financial support from the EU. The sustainability of our projects pleases us and gives us an incentive for further work.

In this issue of our newsletter, we express our great gratitude to the "Association of Persons with Cerebral Palsy and Other Disabilities - Veles" from Veles for the holiday in Montenegro which they gave to 13 persons with disabilities displaced from the Demir Kapija Special Institution in homes in Veles and Gradsko through the project "Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect" – TIMOR

CeProSARD team



Support to Social Enterprises following the principle - Leave No One Behind



A successfully completed story of support for Social Enterprises and the support of employment of persons from vulnerable categories within the project "Support of Social Enterprises by following the principle - Leave no one behind".

During the implementation of the project, the project supported the re-granting of 6 organizations operating in different fields, while enabling them to strengthen their organizational capacities through 7 months of tailor-

made trainings according to their needs in the areas of Digital Marketing, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Sources of Energy, and Environmental Protection, as well as increasing their capacities by supporting the employment of 12 people from the vulnerable categories, with the aim of their social and professional reintegration into society.

At the final event, we presented the achieved project results and the importance of social enterprises in the country. The project worked to improve social entrepreneurship and promote social enterprises in the country by supporting and employing vulnerable groups of citizens. At the event, the participants had the opportunity to see the successful project activities of the re-granted organizations, as well as an exhibition of their products.

More information about the project results and information can be found on the social networks <https://www.facebook.com/CeProSARD> and <https://www.facebook.com/proektposop> , as well as on the websites <https://ceprosard.org.mk> and <https://posop.mk/>

The project is financed by the European Union.

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Project GREEN ENERGY - Fostering social entrepreneurship by establishing pilot energy cooperatives in the cross-border region

In the middle of June 2023, as a partner organization, we started implementing the project Green Energy - Fostering social entrepreneurship by establishing pilot energy cooperatives in the cross-border region within the framework of the cross-border cooperation program between the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia.



The overall objective of the action is to strengthen good neighbourly relations and cooperation in the green energy sector for development of social entrepreneurship by establishing energy cooperatives in the cross-border region.

Key activity components:

1. Overview of inter-sectoral capacities and interest for cooperation in establishment of energy cooperatives and development of social entrepreneurship
2. Establishment of new cooperation model (Energy cooperative) for development of social entrepreneurship through set-up of pilot project for production of RES-based energy and EE
3. Share of EU experience – Increase knowledge and capacities of CSOs, business sector and local authorities through transfer of know-how EU experience and best practices
4. Promotional activities to raise public awareness on social entrepreneurship through energy cooperatives.

In the first quarter of the implementation of the project, the project team was formed, and organizational documents were established within the framework of the project. Special emphasis was dedicated to the creation of the visual identity of the project. Part of the project team attended a workshop on project implementation within the grant scheme in the Ministry of Finance in Belgrade on September 26, 2023. At the beginning of September, the first monitoring on-site visit by the Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) was held in Medvedja, Serbia.

During this period, the team is actively working on the preparation of the activities for holding an Informational Event and Round Table and strengthening cooperation in the cross-border region, especially between the partner municipalities of Medvedja and Butel.

Project partners are Municipality of Medvedja, Republic of Serbia, Center for promotion of sustainable agricultural practices and rural development – CeProSARD, Municipality of Butel



Project implementation period is 16 months, starting from 16.06.2023.

The project is co-funded by the European Union.

Consulting services

Local Environmental Action Plan for the Municipality of Gjorce Petrov

The team of experts of the Citizens' Association CeProSARD Skopje, together with the superiors in the Municipality of Gjorce Petrov, are in the final phase of preparation of the Local Environmental Action Plan for the Municipality of Gjorce Petrov, which will be valid for 6 years, i.e. from 2024-2030. The involvement of the citizens through the public survey and the activities carried out through the media working groups contributed to an easier identification of the challenges that affect the environment and climate change.



In August, we held the presentation of the first draft document for the development of a local environmental

protection plan (LEAP) of the municipality of Gjorche Petrov in the municipality hall.

The creation of the LEAP is carried out within the framework of the WWT-SWM project "Pilot interventions for wastewater treatment and solid waste management in a cross-border region", implemented between the Municipality of Gjorce Petrov and the Municipality of Novo Brdo from Kosovo.

Collaboration with the business sector - CeProSARD continuously collaborates with the business sector.

Communication Strategy, an important tool for every business

The cooperation between CeProSARD and Silgen Resources International LTD continues in the month of October. The beginning of trainings for employees by communication experts for the implementation of activities and quality information of the public about the work process is in progress. Communication with citizens is an important factor for the success of a project that is implemented by the public and private sector, and has a socio-economic impact and an impact on the environment of the local community. The CeProSARD team is always ready to establish proper communication with all stakeholders who strive to protect the environment.

Improvement of knowledge and skills of the CeProSARD team

Representative from ZG CeProSARD Skopje, Mrs. Sanja Trpkovska, Graduated in International Law and International Relations, participated in the 10th International Scientific Conference "Social Changes in the Global World", which was held on September 28 and 29, 2023 at the Faculty of Law „Goce Delchev” in Shtip. She presented her scientific research paper on "Strengthening access to legal services for the elderly in Macedonia through smartphones". The conference targets academic researchers and academic collaborators, professionals, and experts, as well as young researchers, for whom a separate section was foreseen within the conference framework. All accepted papers will be published in the Proceedings of 10-th International Scientific Conference „Social Changes in the Global World “



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