



ЦЕНТАР ЗА ПРОМОЦИЈА НА ОДРЖЛИВИ ЗЕМЈОДЕЛСКИ ПРАКТИКИ И РУРАЛЕН РАЗВОЈ
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Annual program of work of the Citizens' Association CeProSARD for 2019

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1. INTRODUCTION

The preparation of the Annual Program for the work of the Citizens' Association CeProSARD for 2019 was prepared in accordance with the conclusions reached from the conducted consultative workshop of the employees in the executive office, as a result of the past experience, the undertaken current obligations, the identified challenges and needs in the organization; the current relation between the sectors in Citizens' Association CeProSARD, and taking into account the vision and mission of the organization. Priorities for 2019 have been set, and the planned activities and projects as well as the resources in the organization are appropriately streamlined for the sake of its further sustainable progress and development. Priorities in the work of the Citizens' Association CeProSARD for 2019 are set based on the experience and expert opinion of the members of the Executive Board:

- Svetlana Petrovska, executive director;
- Ivana Petkanovska, project director;
- Gordana Pecelj, financial director.

and in close cooperation and consultation with the employees, professional associates and members of the organization.

The annual work program is based on the expected results, and is in line with the available and planned financial and human resources, equipment, competencies and timelines.

And in 2019 Citizens' Association CeProSARD continues to act in accordance with its mission:

Introduction and promotion of sustainable development for providing better living conditions, both in rural and urban areas.

To accomplish its mission in 2019 Citizens' Association CeProSARD will focus on:

1. Successful realization of the current obligations for existing projects and consulting activities;
2. To deepen the cooperation with all stakeholders in the organization's activities: civil society organizations (including networking), the business sector, local and national authorities, as well as regional authorities, as well as strengthening and deepening partnerships established at the international level and expanding the network of associates from and outside the country.
3. Further strengthening of own resources, which implies the support of the continuous education of the team
4. Ensuring the financial sustainability of the organization.

The Citizens' Association CeProSARD will implement its activities in accordance with the following existing sectors:

- Environmental protection (with particular emphasis on nature protection, air pollution and waste management)
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy sources
- Local development
- Agriculture and rural development.

In order to successfully implement its mission, Citizens' Association CeProSARD coordinates its activities in a way that contributes to the achievement of 17 sustainable development goals from the United Nations Agenda 2030. To achieve the goals in its work in 2019 Citizens' Association CeProSARD will strive to follow the modern trends, techniques and tools that can contribute to the massive promotion of the activities that lead to the realization of the mission and the vision of the organization, including the electronic information and digital marketing.

2. CURRENT COMMITMENTS

Current commitments primarily relate to the realization of existing projects that are allocated by sectors as shown in Table 1:

Table 1 Current Projects of the Citizen's Association CeProSARD

Sector	Project	Project duration
Energy efficiency and renewable energy sources	"Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region - "ZenH Balkan	01.12.2019
Environmental protection	"Support for improved management of natural resources in National Park 'Pelister'	04.08.2019
Local development	"Fostering Rural and Environmental Tourism through Smart Tourist Information Centres" / FRET-STIC	15.05.2020
Agriculture and rural development	"Capacity Building for Sustainable Development of Local Action Groups" - BUILDLAG	19.06.2019

Concerning the consulting services for which the professional team of CeProSARD is engaged, the activities will be directed towards completing the obligations towards the Unit from the Ministry of Finance, following the current Municipal Services Improvement Project financed by a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank).

Citizens' Association CeProSARD will realize networking with civil society organizations, local self-government units and institutions at the regional, national and international level in 2019 through cooperation with the partners of the current and future projects for achieving the goal that is in line with the mission of the Citizens' Association CeProSARD for introduction and promotion of sustainable development for providing better living conditions, both in rural and urban areas. Citizens' Association CeProSARD promotes and realizes the networking through the signing of Memorandum of Cooperation.

3. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

In order to ensure financial sustainability in 2019, CeProSARD as a professional organization will strive to follow the latest trends in its areas of operation, will support a continuous adequate upgrade of its professional team, thus providing an opportunity to further strengthen its capacities and to offer the ultimate expertise, both in the services offered on the market for its clients, as well as in the creation of future projection applications

CeProSARD will continue to participate actively and cooperate with all stakeholders, but also with partner organizations and institutions, in order to target the real needs and crucial problems that will contribute to the achievement of the common goals, and one of our most important efforts is even more active participation in the creation of policies in the areas of our work

When creating new project proposals, as in the past 11 years, with same approach in 2019, the organization will focus on activities and tasks that lead to the realization of the vision and mission of the organization

Potential **identified funds** for which the CeProSARD team has the knowledge and capacity to apply are:

No.	Sector	Name of the fund	Expected fund value	Expected call time
National funds				
1	Environmental protection and EE with RES	Government Fund for financing civil society organizations https://www.nvosorabotka.gov.mk/?q=node/254	10.000,00 €	February - March 2019
2	Citizen Participation / Environmental Protection	Civika Mobilitas https://civicamobilitas.mk/povici/cm-akt-04/	30.000,00	March 2019
International funds				
3	Environmental protection / Nature	Van Tienhoven Foundation - http://www.vantienhovenfoundation.com/C120-Application.html	10.000,00 €	January – February 2019
4	Environmental protection / Nature	National Geographic https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-opportunities/species-recovery/	100.000,00	open
4	Local development	NED - National Endowment for Democracy https://www.ned.org/apply-for-grant/en/	45.000,00	June 2019
6	Protection of the environment, energy, local development	Cross-border cooperation Macedonia - Kosovo	N/A	March 2019
7	Protection of the environment, energy, local development	Cross-border cooperation Macedonia - Serbia	N/A	N/A
8	N/A	Interreg-Balkan Mediteranean Programme http://www.interreg-balkanmed.eu/calls-for-proposals/	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	EU Action Grants	N/A	September 2019
10	N/A	RAMSAR SMALL GRANTS FUND FOR WETLAND CONSERVATION AND WISE USE https://www.ramsar.org/document/ramsar-small-grants-fund-for-wetland-conservation-and-wise-use-sgf-operational-guidelines-0	30.000,00	May 2019
Programs for capacity building of the organization				
11	N/A	EU operating grants	50.000 – 150.000	April 2019

Potential **identified partners** for cooperation are:

- National Institutions - in 2019, potentially identified institutions for cooperation are the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health; Ministry of Economy, Energy Agency, National Park "Pelister" as well as other institutions appropriate to the issues that the organization deals with;

- The planning regions in the country - in 2019, CeProSARD will strive to deepen the already established cooperation with the Polog, Vardar and Pelagonia planning regions, and for the new potential partner identified the Skopje Region as well as the Northeast planning region;
- The units of local self-government: Karpos, Butel, Suto Orizari, Kumanovo, Kriva Palanka, and other municipalities, as well as ZELS.
- Civil sector in the country: organizations working in the Skopje planning region - ORT, Mileukontakt, Alka, Rural Development Network, SNVP, ZLEK, NFF; CSOs in other planning regions - Harvest of knowledge - Prilep, CELOR - Radovish, LAG Agro Leader Krivogastani Javor - Zrnovci, etc..
- Business sector: Chamber of Commerce, Union of employers, tourist organizations, production organizations working in EE and RES, design companies, consulting firms, etc..
- Faculties and scientific institutions: MANU, Faculties within the University of Cyril and Methodius (Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, FEIT, etc.), Technical Faculty Bitola, Faculty of Business Economics, etc..

In 2019 Citizens' Association CeProSARD will foster and deepen partner co-operation with civil society organizations outside the country with which it has already implemented joint projects in particular Kosovo, Greece, Albania, Croatia, Cyprus and Spain and will develop cooperation with organizations in other countries of new civic neighborhood organizations and wider Europe.

Consulting services with the team's existing expertise - The professional team of CeProSARD in accordance with its expertise and qualifications, will continue to cooperate with the institutions in developing plans, programs, studies, other strategic documents and will actively participate in the creation of policies in the areas of its operation, will encourage and support long-term cooperation and partnerships between stakeholders; will support the business sector as the main element in the development of society and will assist in the identification and exploitation of available development programs, for example, European funds for small and medium-sized enterprises, EBRD BAS program for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources and environmental protection, training program for energy controllers, etc.

4. CONCLUSION

For the implementation of the Work Program for 2019, the Executive Office of Citizens' Association CeProSARD has been planned to continue the engagement of 6 persons who are permanently full-time employed and who will have at their disposal all the resources of the association. In accordance with the project activities we will work on providing conditions for the inclusion of additional staff.. In accordance with the activities, projects and necessary expertise, the organization continues with the cooperation with the already established network of proven collaborators, and it remains open for expanding it - both with professionals in certain areas of our work, as well as with young staff and volunteers.

Continuous supervision of the work of the association will be performed by a supervisory body with members elected in accordance with the statute of the organization.

The recommendation that arose from the joint annual planning workshop while designing the Work Program in 2019 is the appointment of members in the Advisory Body for 2019. The Advisory Body should be between 5-7 members. The purpose of the work of the Advisory Body is to provide expert support and guidance for the further development of the association and for ensuring its sustainability.

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