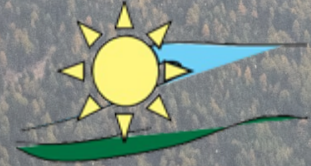


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Dear colleagues, associates and readers,

in the new October edition of our Newsletter, we would like to inform you about the activities our organization completed in the past period:

The project „Support for improved management of natural resources in NP ‘Pelister’” is in final phase and for a longer period of time you have been able to follow the results of the monitoring of large carnivorous in the National Park "Pelister" on our website and our Facebook fan page as well.

We finished the project "Capacity Building for Sustainable Development of Local Action Groups - LAG in EU Integration Processes - BUILDLAG " with organization of a Final Event in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Water Economy and we delivered the received recommendations from the EU experts to the relevant authorities at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy.

Within the project “Fostering Rural and Environmental Tourism through Smart Tourist Information Centres” / FRET-STIC – we continue with the construction activities of the smart information centres (STICs) in Kosovo, municipality of Prizren and Republic of North Macedonia, municipality of Tetovo.

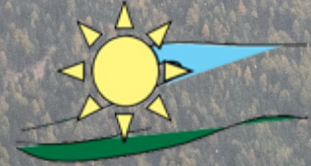
We are preparing and Energy Review of the General Hospital in Ohrid within the project „ZenH Balkan Project - Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region” which detected many shortcomings in the energy efficiency of the hospital building.

We worked closely with the business sector and we prepared a number of applications for using funds from ongoing calls from the Fund for Innovation and Technology Development. We cooperated with domestic companies such as Goldiren, Digital Center and Driving School M22.

We started with preparation of a Study on the Energy Efficiency for the Aluminka facility - production of aluminum and PVC windows and doors and preparation of a Study on Environmental Protection of Gobeks Plus - juice producer.

In this Newsletter, we keep you updated on all our current projects, news, events we have participated in, and the collaborations and partnerships we've concluded. We are thankful to everyone who continuously supports and co-operates with us!

We invite you to read the latest issue of our Newsletter and to join us in the creation of our future activities related to sustainable development.



CeProSARD in protection of biodiversity

Project “Support for improved management of natural resources in NP Pelister”

In the last period, we continued with the monitoring activities of large carnivores - bear, wolf and lynx in the National Park "Pelister".

In July in Hotel Capri, Bitola, the project team held the last session of the training for monitoring of large carnivores. This training session was preceded by a one-day workshop on July 12, 2019, as well as a two-day theoretical and practical training for the staff of NP Pelister in December 2018.



Within the project, works for revitalization and marking of two mountain biking trails in the NP "Pelister" were concluded on: the Circular trail of 10 km: Rotino - Golema livada - Magarevo - Trnovo - Rotino and the trail of 3,5 km: Rotino - Info center Pelister.



This project is part of the European Union funded Program for the improved management of Protected Areas, and is implemented by CeProSARD with the support of UNDP and the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning of the Republic of North Macedonia.

A joint meeting was held with all involved parties in the process of the Valorization and Revaluation Values Study in NP "Pelister"

In June, a representative from our organization participated on a joint meeting was held with all involved parties in the process of the Valorization and Revaluation Values Study in NP "Pelister", as part of the preparation of New Management Plan of NP Pelister, a project financed by the Fund PONT (PRESPA OHRID NATURE TRUST).



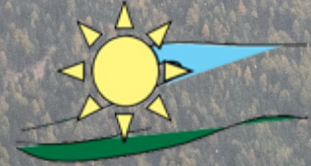
In order to achieve full synergy, besides the support of the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, the NGO “CeProSard” and “Balkan Foundation for sustainable development” took part in the working meeting, which implemented projects on the territory of NP Pelister, financed by the EU, and financially coordinated by UNDP.

At the meeting, a representative of the Fund for development of the Ohrid - Prespa region PONT also gave some assistance as the main financier for the implementation of the Valorization/Revaluation of Values of NP Pelister Study, within which through donation will be financed the preparation of the New management plan of NP Pelister, with the support of the Twinning Project, UNDP, as well as by its own employees from the NP "Pelister".



Consultation Meeting on the Draft Plan for Management of Natura 2000 areas within the NP "Pelister"

In July a representative of CeProSARD participated at the public consultation workshop on the implementation of the 1st component “Enhanced Capacity for Preparation of Draft Management Plans for Management of Protected Natural Areas That are of National and EU Conservation Interest (Potential Natura 2000 Areas)” as part of the Twinning project “Strengthening the capacities for effective implementation of European legislation in the field of nature protection”.



Rural Development

Final Event within the Project Capacity Building for Sustainable Development of Local Action Groups – LAGs in EU Integration Processes – “BUILDLAG“

At the beginning of June, the team of the project BUILDLAG, together with the partner organizations - The Association of Young Farmers Asaja, Granada from Spain and LAG UNA from Croatia, organized a Final Event at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Water Economy, as one of the final activities within the Project Capacity Building for Sustainable Development of Local Action Groups – LAGs in EU Integration Processes – “BUILDLAG“, funded by the EU (IPA Program).



The event aimed to provide an overview of the importance of applying the LEADER approach and the role of the local action groups in EU integration processes, as well as to give an overview of project activities and the current state of the LAGs established in the Republic of North Macedonia.



Representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Water Economy, the Director of the Center for Development of the Polog Planning Region, as well as the Mayor of Zelino, addressed the event. The project partners from Spain and Croatia presented the conclusions of the project activities and discussed the recommendations which aim to help in the process of creation of sustainable solutions and practices in the long run for the functioning of the local action groups, the implementation of the LEADER approach and to provide support in the process of EU integration of the country.



This project is funded by the European Union.

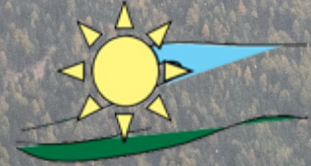
Fostering Rural and Environmental Tourism through Smart Tourist Information Centres "FRET-STIC"

In the past period within the project “Fostering Rural and Environmental Tourism through Smart Tourist Information Centres” / FRET-STIC, activities related to the establishment of tourist information centers (STICs) have been intensified related to their construction in North Macedonia and Kosovo. A software company has been hired to develop an interactive platform that will collect and analyze data about preferences from the searches of tourists and will allow for improvements and upgrades. Also, with this platform, networking of new and existing tourist information centers in the region of Shara Mountain will be made.



This 24-month project is implemented by CeProSARD in cooperation with the Municipality Tetovo and the RDA South - Kosovo, with financial support from the European Union through the program for cross-border cooperation between the Republic of North Macedonia and Kosovo.





Energy Efficiency of Hospitals **Project Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region - Zen-H**

Experts engaged in the implementation of energy audits of selected hospitals within the Zen-H project - "Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region" presented the existing condition and selected hospital building for conducting an energy audit in the complex of the Ohrid General Hospital. The results were presented in front of the project team in the premises of our organization on 17.06.2019.



These activities are implemented in order to achieve one of the objectives of the project - Preparation of detailed analysis and testing of models for construction and reconstruction of hospital buildings in energy-consuming buildings close to zero. These are the first controls with this methodology and detailed energy audits of hospital buildings in the Republic of North Macedonia. The prepared documentation will be submitted to the Ministry of Health, which provided support in the realization of this project.

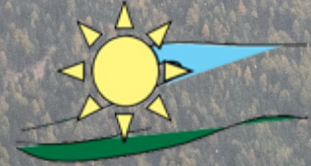


Cooperation with institutions **Cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Water Economy of Republic of North Macedonia**

On 26.07.2019 Mr. Trajan Dimkovski, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy of the Republic of North Macedonia held a working meeting with the team from CeProSARD, in the premises of MAFWE. On the meeting the activities undertaken by CeSroSARD in the field of agriculture and rural development, in particular the implementation and final activities of the project "Capacity Building for Sustainable Development of Local Action Groups - LAG in EU Integration Processes" - BUILDLAG, financed by the European Union through the CFCD, the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of North Macedonia were discussed. The project was implemented by CeProSARD in cooperation with Local Action Group LAG UNA from Croatia and the Association of Young Farmers Asaja, Granada from Spain. Ms. Svetlana Petrovska, Executive Director of CeProSARD expressed gratitude to the Minister for the support and the active role in the process of establishing an institutional framework for implementation of the project activities by the involved MAFWE representatives and submitted them the "Recommendations for the implementation of the LEADER approach in the Republic of North Macedonia" received from experts engaged by partner organizations from Croatia and Spain.

Possibilities for future cooperation between the MAFWE with the civil sector were also discussed, with the representatives of CeProSARD emphasizing the development and cooperation in the field of joint implementation of projects financed by IPA funds. Particular emphasis was placed on the cooperation in the field of improvement of energy efficiency and utilization of renewable energy sources in agricultural holdings, in the sector of secondary processing of agricultural products, creation of policies in the field of EE and RES in agriculture.





Meeting with representatives of the Energy Agency of the Republic of North Macedonia

In July, at the premises of the AC CeProSARD a meeting was held with Mr. Nehri Emrula, Director of the Energy Agency of the Republic of North Macedonia and Mr. Pance Atanasovski, Consultant for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources. At the meeting, a discussion was held on the past activities implemented by CeProSARD in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy so far, with particular emphasis on the implementation of the "Zen-H Balkan" project and the possibilities for future cooperation with the Energy Agency.

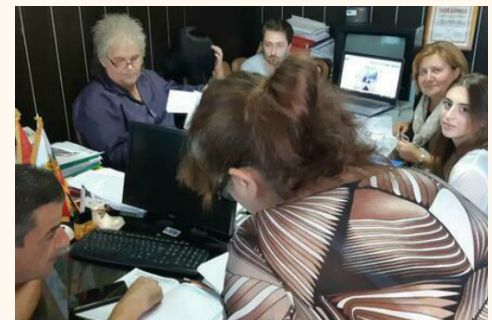
Mr. Nehri Emrula, Director of the Energy Agency, pointed out the possibilities for future cooperation between the Energy Agency and CeProSARD in the area of improving the energy efficiency and utilization of renewable energy sources in the industry and the sector of hospitals, future trainings on energy auditors, the creation of policies in the part of EE, and the need for support with equipment for determining energy savings.

Cooperation with the Special Institute Demir Kapija

The cooperation with the institutions continued with a meeting in July with the Director of the Special Institute Demir Kapija, Ms. Aleksandra Velkova. The meeting discussed the possibilities for future cooperation with the Special Institute Demir Kapija in the area of providing quality conditions for care of the proteges of the Institute. Ms. Svetlana Petrovska presented the activities implemented by the organization. Ms. Aleksandra Velkova, Director of the Special Institute, pointed out the possibilities for future cooperation in the area of improving the energy efficiency and utilization of renewable energy sources as well as cooperation in the field of sustainable agricultural practices.

Working meetings with municipalities of Bosilegrad and Sopsishte within the Open Call for Cross-border Cooperation Program between Republic of Serbia - Republic of North Macedonia

During September, representatives from our organization held two working meetings - one in the premises of the Municipality of Bosilegrad, Serbia and one in municipality of Sopsishte, North Macedonia. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss ideas and concepts in accordance to the municipalities' needs in order to prepare a draft version of a joint application for the IPA program following the call for cross-border cooperation between the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia.



Participation on a workshop on environmental protection and sustainable development of Prespa Lake area organized by EEAS in the Municipality of Resen

In September, our representative took part in a workshop on environmental protection and sustainable development of Prespa Lake area organized by EEAS in Resen. The aim of the workshop was to assess the overall relevance and coherence of the program for the Republic of North Macedonia prepared on the basis of the information shared during the previous workshops as well as the concept notes gained. The intervention logic was synthesized in a "logical framework" which aims to prioritize and select the most relevant methodologies and activities of the new program for the Republic of North Macedonia..

