

# NEWSLETTER 25



## INTRODUCTORY GREETING

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Respected colleagues, associates and readers,

We started 2020 with implementation of two new projects - one in the field we have been working for a long time - energy efficiency and renewable energy sources; and the second project we started tackles the social aspects, more specific the deinstitutionalization process in the social sector.

In this issue of our E-Newsletter you will also read about the activities our team completed in the implementation of our ongoing projects, the cooperation with the institutions, as well as the trainings that our team visited during the past period.

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

## NEW PROJECT - “STRONGER CIVIC SUPPORT FOR EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF THE ENERGY POLICIES IN THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS”

The main goal of the project is 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

Target groups are Macedonian environmental CSOs with specific area of work in the energy sector. They are also final beneficiaries together with the relevant public authorities responsible for implementation of energy related policies (EE and RES).

The project shall result with: increased capacities of the Macedonian environmental CSO to monitor, advocate and participate in processes related to implementation of the key reforms in the energy sector, developed recommendations for policy implementation in the energy sector with focus on RES and EE regulation and enhanced awareness and cooperation among the key stakeholders.



- *Start date - December 22, 2019*
- *Duration - 9 months (December 2019 – September 2020)*
- *The project is supported by the 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).*

## NEW PROJECT IN THE FIELD OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL ASPECTS - „TOGETHER FOR INTRODUCTION OF MORE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPECT – TIMOR”

The main goal of the project is to resettle people with disabilities from Special Institution Demir Kapija into community-based supported living settings. The action foresees new community-based social services such as group homes and day-care and implementation of social services for the resettled persons with disabilities – rehabilitation through active users’ involvement, collaborative, participative and proactive participation in occupational (horticultural) therapy. Within the project were held meetings with all project co-applicants for setting up a project implementation unit for the project.

On 27.01.2020, the project team held two initial meetings - one with the Mayor of the municipality of Demir Kapija and the other with representatives from the SI Demir Kapija. On the meetings the project team presented the project activities, the time frame and the foreseen implementation plan. The project manager also pointed out the responsibilities for the municipality of Demir Kapija and the SI Demir Kapija during the project implementation period and the need for communication and active cooperation, in order to timely and qualitatively meet the project goals.

- *Start date - January 02, 2020*
- *Duration of the project - 36 months (January 2020 – January 2023)*
- *Donor: European Union (EY IPA II 2017, Action Programme of the EU Support for Education, Employment and Social Policy)*
- *Implementators - CeProSARD in consortium with: SI Demir Kapija PI; Municipality of Demir Kapija; Foundation Loza – Sweden and Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia (ASERRNM)*



## ORGANIZED EVENT - A ROUND TABLE WITHIN THE PROJECT “CLEAN ENERGY FOR CLEAN AIR”

Within the project “Clean Energy for Clean Air”, a Round Table - “Situation, Challenges and Perspectives for solving the air pollution related problematics in the Skopje Planning Region - Proposals” was held on 16.01 in Hotel Karpos, Skopje.

Opening speeches on the event were held by Ms. Ana Petrovska - State Secretary at MOEPP, Mr. Nehri Emrula - Director of the Energy Agency of the Republic of North Macedonia, Mr. Stefan Bogoev - Mayor of Karposh Municipality. On the Round Table participated representatives from civil society organizations Eko Svest, REC, Reporters for human rights, representatives from the municipalities of Karposh, Butel and Shuto Orizari, as well as representatives from educational institutions: SGU “Zdravko Cvetkovski” and the Faculty of Forest Sciences, Landscape Architecture and Eco Engineering at UKIM, as well as local experts in the field of EE and renewable energy and representatives from the business sector.

An active collaboration between all sectors - the civil society, business sector, educational department, the local government and the relevant institutions is required, so that all the proposed measures can be implemented which will result in higher knowledge and mindset of the citizens in the Skopje planning region for the need and the benefits of implementing EE measures in their homes and the use of clean energy.



- Start date - October 18, 2019
- Duration - 6 months (October 18, 2019 – April 18, 2020)
- Donor: Government of the Republic of North Macedonia through the Program for financing the program activities of associations and foundations for 2019
- Implementator - CeProSARD

## PARTICIPATION ON FIFTH PROJECT MEETING AND VISIT FROM EXPERTS FROM CONSULTING COMPANY SELECTED BY LEAD PARTNER ON PROJECT “TOWARDS ZERO ENERGY HOSPITALS IN THE BALKAN REGION - ZENH”

In January, experts from consulting company selected by lead partner on project “Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region - ZenH” visited CeProSARD. The visit was in order to discuss Energy audit for selected hospitals in the project. Experts, accompanied by energy auditors, and CeProSARD’s representative made on the spot visit of hospital’s building in Skopje, Special gynecology-obstetrician hospital and General hospital in Ohrid. The project team also participated in the fifth project meeting held in the administrative building of Democritus University in Thrace, Xanthi, Greece, together with the project partners. The meeting discussed progress in the implementation of the project so far and planned the following activities.

- Start date - December 01, 2017
- Project duration - December 1, 2017 - November 30, 2019 (9 months extension)
- Donor: INTERREG Balkan-Mediterranean 2014-2020 European Regional Development Fund
- Implementators: CeProSARD; Democritus University of Thrace, Department of Environmental Engineering, Xanthi, Greece; ALBAFOREST, Albania; Sofia Energy Centre Ltd, Bulgaria; The Cyprus Institute, Cyprus





## **THIRD CONSULTATION MEETING WITHIN THE PROJECT: “FOSTERING RURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL TOURISM THROUGH SMART TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES / FRET-STIC”**

The meeting organized on 27 November 2019 at NB Hotel & SPA in Tetovo, was attended by representatives of the key stakeholders for the development and the promotion of the local and regional tourism in Sharra Region. Representatives of the Center for Development of the Polog planning region, Regional Development Agency South from Kosovo, representatives from several local authorities (Municipality of Tetovo, Prizren, Rahovec, Dragash, Suha Reka and Malishevo), representative of the civil sector from the cross-border region, public enterprises and local business sector.

In addition to the review of the status of the activities that have been implemented so far, the project team presented the Platform for Smart Tourist Info Centers (STIC Platform) developed within the project. The STIC Platform is one of the key activities of the project aimed at networking of the newly constructed and existing Tourist Information Centers in the Sharra Region.

- *Start date - May 15, 2018*
- *Project duration - May 15, 2018 – May 14, 2020*
- *Donor: European Union IPA CBC Programme Kosovo – North Macedonia*
- *Implementator - CeProSARD as a lead applicant, with the co-applicants: Municipality of Tetovo and Regional Development Agency South, Kosovo*



## **IMPROVING THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF THE CEPROSARD TEAM**

In the past period working towards continuous professional improvement, CeProSARD members participated in several trainings, such as:

1. “Workshop on the EU financial support mechanisms” for the EU financial support, organized by EUD
2. “Building technical capacities for biodiversity at all levels in RNM” aimed at promoting good international practices in the country and supporting institutions to build capacities for assessing and managing biodiversity problems, organized by “Hardner & Gullison Associates, LLC” as a contracted consultant in the “Program for building technical capacities for biodiversity in RNM” by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development;
3. First stakeholder workshop on the preparation of the 6th National Report on the Convention on Biodiversity, organized by the implementation agency UNEP and the local NGO ESSA SINERGI;
4. Nature Conservation Program in RNM training, held on capacity building for stakeholders on the concept of ecosystems and ecosystem services, organized by Farmahem – Skopje, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation

