



Dear friends and colleagues,

In order to achieve the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the EU by at least 55% by 2030 and to achieve climate neutrality by 2050, it is urgent and vital to take swift, courageous and transformative actions at all levels of society and in every region of the European continent. A fair transition begins with reshaping our economies in a way that make them more democratic, equal, diverse, collaborative, circular and sustainable.

At CA CeProSARD, we started talking about a green economy at the very beginning of our existence in 2008, through the project "AGROENERGY". Farmers were among the first target group to be offered knowledge and resources to introduce renewable energy sources and improve energy efficiency in farms. We offered assistance in the development of the domestic economy by supporting the creation of bylaws, at the same time keeping in mind the socio-economic well-being and caring for humans, animals, and the planet as a priority. We promoted the irreplaceable role of women in rural areas in the fight against climate change, and thus tried to make a strong contribution to the development of gender fair transition. Since then, we have been continuously working on networking of the civil and business sector with the municipalities and institutions, which resulted in several successfully implemented projects: [BUILDLAG](#), [Clean Energy for Clean Air](#), [A Balkan Tale](#), [Build-up skills](#), [Towards Zero energy Hospitals in the Balkan Region](#) (ZeN-H Balkan), [Strong civic support for effective application of the energy policies in the EU accession process](#) and many others. We have always aimed to open new employments, especially for people at risk.

Today, we continue to work on projects that contribute to a fair transition and promote equal opportunities for all people without exception:

- We help people with disabilities to get comfortable housing units for supported living, through the process of de-institutionalization of the Special Institution Demir Kapija through the project "Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect" - [TIMOR](#);
- We work for the development of the social economy by creating support for social enterprises and creating new jobs for vulnerable groups, by following the principle "[Leave no one behind](#)"
- With the project "[Green Heat](#)" we are working on introducing an efficient service for central heating oriented towards consumers, through a small distribution network based on renewable energy sources.
- We continue to network with the civil and business sector, institutions and municipalities to improve the climate emergency and the environmental transition.

## Project "Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect – TIMOR"

In the last quarter, the project team of the project "*Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect - TIMOR*", continuously worked on several segments of the project activities.

In February, we **officially opened the third housing unit for supported living** in Veles. The opening was attended and addressed by Mr. Stefan Hudolin, Head of the Cooperation Department at the Delegation of the European Union, the Minister of Labor and Social Policy, Ms. Jovanka Trenchevska, the project assistant Ms. Tea Teveva,, the Mayor of Veles Mr. Marko Kolev and the President of the Association of Persons with Cerebral Palsy and Other Disabilities - Veles Mrs. Daliborka Zlateva. The housing unit will be managed by the *private service provider for supported living in the community* for persons with disabilities - Association of persons with cerebral palsy and other disabilities - Veles, which has obtained authorization for a licensed provider of this type of services by the MoLSP and will provide users with 24-hour care and inclusion in social life. By January 2022, within the project, 3 of the planned 10 housing units for supported living in the community have been opened and functional.

In the past period, the project team continuously worked on the field and monitored the adaptation of the new housing units that are being prepared, also visited the already established housing units in Demir Kapija, Negotino and Veles regarding monitoring the process of adaptation of users. The organization - partner of the project - Loza Foundation from Sweden also attended some of the visits, with which we had a **working meeting** in February at the premises of the Special Institution Demir Kapija regarding the process of preparing users and further opportunities for cooperation, including their donation of a sensory room in the Special Institution Demir Kapija.

**Lease agreements were signed** for new facilities whose reconstruction process is ongoing and they are located in Demir Kapija, Gradsko and Bashino Selo. At the same time, 15 users are being prepared for the deinstitutionalization process by the Macedonian Montessori Association and personal plans are being prepared for appropriate documentation.

On February 22, 2022, the **6th meeting of the Consortium of the TIMOR project** was held. The meeting presented the already implemented activities in the last 6 months, with emphasis on the opening and selection of new housing units for supported living in cooperation with the Special Institution Demir Kapija in preparing users for the deinstitutionalization process and the selection of professional staff for the small group homes. At the moment, the preparation of the **publication - Monograph** "Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect" is in progress.

Among the most important activities implemented in this quarter is the **working meeting with the Minister at the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Ms. Jovanka Trenchevska** with part of the project team held on 25.02.2022 at the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of RNM. The meeting discussed the support of the MoLSP in the implementation of project activities under this grant scheme, cooperation between the Ministry, civil society organizations and local government in the application of social services and the steps to take over the established group homes within the projects by the MoLSP.



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The project is funded by the European Union. The project duration is 36 months and it is implemented by CA CeProSARD in consortium with:

- 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

### **Project "Support to social enterprises by following the principle - Leave no one behind"**

On December 1, 2021 CeProSARD started with the implementation of a project entitled "Support to social enterprises by following the principle - Leave no one behind".

The main goal of the project is to **support the development of new and existing social enterprises**, and to encourage their economic independence by following the principle - *Leave no one behind*. By re-granting new and existing social enterprises we expect to ensure stable economic development and improve the quality of social

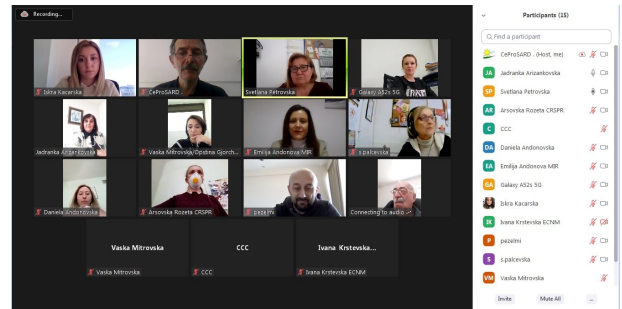
At the **First meeting of the Steering Committee** through a discussion on the situation and prospects of social enterprises, from a business, institutional and legal aspect, were further clarified the future activities of the project aimed at improving the operational capacities and sustainability of existing and new social enterprises as well as the need to create new sustainable jobs for vulnerable people. Part of the topics covered in the discussion were the presentation of the project specific objectives, activities, expected results. A discussion was developed on the course and implementation of

by creating new and stable jobs. The project activities are aimed at raising public awareness of the benefits of developing social enterprises and involving vulnerable people in the community by finding opportunities for their sustainability.

In the first quarter of the implementation, the project team focused on the necessary preparatory activities, which included meetings and communication with representatives of relevant national institutions, local self-governments, representatives of civil society organizations and businesses, in order to form a Project Steering Committee represented by key stakeholders interested in developing social entrepreneurship in the country.

local, regional, and national level, the business sector and civil society organizations. Members of the Criteria and Selection Committee for co-financing of social enterprises and persons from vulnerable categories were also nominated.

The project is funded by the European Union. The project duration is 18 months.



### Green Heat project in partnership with the Municipality of Radovich, funded by the European Union

In January 2022, we started the implementation of the project "Green Heat - introduction of efficient central heating service, customer-oriented, based on renewable energy sources." The key activity of this project that we had been preparing for more than a year is installation of a modern heating system that will connect 5 public buildings in the municipality, where most of the occupants are represent by children and young people.

In order to provide a solution which best utilizes the locally available potentials in the municipality - in energy resources and efficient technologies, the first activity of the team of CeProSARD and Municipality of Radovis is focused on preparation of **expert Analysis** which will take into account all previous relevant experiences and knowledge in order to propose a most contemporary and innovative solution for "green" central heating. By this action, the Municipality of Radovis will gain not only energy and economy related benefits, but will be promoted as an example of municipality that works on its sustainable development and cares about the future and well-being of



In addition to this analysis, the introductory phase of the project includes conducting other research and studies, as well as establishment of a **Local key stakeholder group (LKSG)** that will participate in the decision-making processes related to the introduction of the new service. The project also envisages a number of training and promotional activities aimed to reach all stakeholders and the end users. They will provide the necessary knowledge and tools for successful implementation of this activity and long-term sustainability, and is particularly beneficial for further replication of this model of municipal service in other municipalities and other locations.

The project is funded by the IPA "EU for Municipalities" programme which aims at piloting innovative solutions to local problems in the municipalities to strengthen their capacity to cope with their competencies while copying and adapting best practice solutions from local authorities in EU Member States, and to improve the involvement of local stakeholders in problem solving.

### Strengthening of the team knowledge and capacities

CeProSARD continuously works on strengthening the capacities of the team. In the period from January to March 2022, our representatives attended the following trainings and information sessions:

1. A representative of the team of CA CeProSARD participated in a two-day training on "**Project Cycle Management for potential applicants under the IPA II CBC Kosovo- North Macedonia 2014-2020 - 5th Call for Proposals**". The training was held on the premises of Hotel Alexander Palace in Skopje, North Macedonia, on February 15th and 16th, 2022.
2. Representatives of our team took part at the **online training programme on topics related to the Green Climate Fund** which was conducted in the period **28 February until 23 March 2022**, via the online [ZOOM](#). The online training programme is organized under North Macedonia's second project from the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme "Strengthening country capacities for climate change adaptation and mitigation and finalization of Country Work Programme for the Republic of North Macedonia", implemented by FAO under guidance and leadership by the NDA to the GCF.

