



Project on „Solid Waste Management in cross-border rural and coastal areas of South Eastern European region“

Objective:

- The goal of this proposal is to assess and develop effective schemes for integrated management of solid waste that is environmentally effective and economically affordable in order to eliminate adverse impacts on the environment and support the ecological and socio-economic development of the cross-border rural and coastal areas in the SEE countries.
- The project will support the local authorities and stakeholders in establishing a dialogue platform for assessing and developing effective management schemes for integrated solid waste management in the regional cross-border rural and coastal areas. In order to attain policy and operational means which are best and meet the social, economic and environmental conditions of the involved municipalities and countries.

Specific Objectives:

- to raise awareness on environmental pollution and protection of human health and improve quality of life among people living in rural areas;
- to assess and develop the most suitable model for integrated management of solid waste in the cross-border communities;
- to facilitate exchange of experiences and best practices among concerned stakeholders, as well as, the EU member states and SEE candidate and potential candidate countries on effective solid waste management;
- to develop measures and policy recommendations which will foster the EU approximation process of future policy development and implementation.

The proposed intervention focuses on three designated pilot measures

The **first pilot area** is "Sharra mountain", covering the cross border rural municipalities among Macedonia, Albania and Kosovo*.

The **second pilot area** is the cross-border regions across the Drina delta ("Drina-Sava" cross-border region among Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia and "Drina-Tara" cross-border region among Bosnia, Montenegro and Serbia); the focus of the activities will be in the upper area of the Drina river flow (Drina-Tara region), cross-border region among Bosnia, Montenegro and Serbia.

The **third pilot areas** is costal area between Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.

Project activities

- Kick-off meeting between the stakeholders and project partners;
- Development of a method for assessment of cross-border adverse environmental and economic impacts of solid waste mis-management;
- Conducting of assessment of regional cross-border impacts of solid waste mis-management in rural and coastal areas;
- Establishment of a Dialogue Platform;
- Development of models for integrated solid waste management in the cross-border rural and coastal areas;
- Collection of experiences and best practices from EU member states for integrated solid waste management in the cross-border rural and coastal areas;
- Development of measures and regional policy recommendations;
- Dissemination of the developed models for integrated solid waste management in rural and coastal areas as well as the measures and policy recommendations at national and local level;
- Pilot measures for solid waste management;
- Drafting project fiches from the developed models;
- Final project conference.

Foreseen Outcomes:

- The adverse environmental and economic impact of solid waste in 3 pilot areas is assessed;
- The communities are more aware upon the environmental pollution and negative economic impacts of a short fall in managing solid waste;
- Established platform for dialogue among impacting and impacted communities takes place in three pilot areas;
- 3 Assessment Studies have been realized for the 3 pilot areas, based on the developed Method;
- A solid waste management models for those 3 pilot areas including organizational structures and operational resources is designed and agreed by the local stakeholders;
- Measures and policy recommendations as a guidance for policy implementation on sustainable waste and natural resource management have been developed and endorsed by the SWG Assembly;