



Regional cooperation and networking in the field of agriculture,
rural and economic development of cross-border areas

Minutes from the 6th Stakeholders' Group Meeting for the cross-
border region "Pcinja-Kraishte"

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Annex 1: List of participants

1. List of participants

The sixth Stakeholders' Group Meeting for "Pcinja-Kraishte" cross-border region was attended by 43 participants, representatives of the stakeholder group of the cross-border region "Pcinja-Kraishte" and SWG project team.

2. Agenda

10:00 - 10:15 **Welcome speech**

*Ms. Zaklina Jovanovska, Mayor of municipality of Staro Nagoričane Agenda (Mr. Predrag Markovic - SWG).
Recapitulation of activities already implemented in the region "Pcinja – Krajiste" (Mr. Predrag Markovic - SWG).*

10:15- 10:45 **Open call for the proposals for support people to event in cross border region Cross-border Region of "Pcinja-Krajshte"**

*Mr. Predrag Markovic (SWG)
Mr. Darko Buzarovski (SWG)*

10:45- 11:00 **The examples of P2P events , scoring list and support of the event from the project**

*Mr. Predrag Markovic (SWG)
Mr. Darko Buzarovski (SWG)*

11:00 – 11:30 **Support in the preparation cross border project proposals in the region "Pcinja-Krajshte"**

panel discussion

11:30 – 12:00 **Organization of the possible trainings in the region, operational protocol, other planned events and next steps**

12:00- 13:00 **Lunch**

Minutes of the meeting

The VI Meeting of the Stakeholders' Group for the Cross-border region of "Pcinja-Krajshte", was held on the 7th of March, 2018, at restaurant „Timcevski", Municipality of Staro Nagoricane, Macedonia.

3. Topics during the meeting:

The focus of the discussions was on the following topics:

- Open call for the proposals for support people to event in cross border region Cross-border Region of "Pcinja-Krajshte";
- The examples of P2P events, scoring list and support of the event;
- Support in the preparation of cross-border project proposals in the region "Pcinja-Krajshte"
- Organization of possible trainings in the region, operational protocol, presidency, other planned events and next steps

4. Official opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the mayor of Staro Nagoricane, Ms. Zaklina Jovanovska, who gave a welcome speech and stated the support of the Municipality of Staro Nagoricane for the work of the SWG and Stakeholder group of Pcinja

Aannex 2: Presentation used during the meeting

5. Presentations

Field Officer, Predrag Markovic presented the work of the project "Regional cooperation and networking in the field of agriculture, rural and economic development of cross-border areas", stating the mission and objectives of the new phase of the project and the results of the first call for People to People activities.

5.1 Field Officer, Predrag Markovic had a presentation on the region “Pcinja-Krajshte”

- Presentation on the region Pcinja-Krajshte, stakeholders, beneficiaries and people to people activities of the SWG in the region.

5.2 Presentation on People to People activities, scoring and criteria with special accent on partnerships and environmental impact:

WHAT IS PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EVENT?

tool for strengthening networking, cooperation, promotion of the cross-border regions and their cultural, traditional, natural heritage and enabling economic potential, both in terms of products and services, as well as creation of cross-border value chains/links. Special focus should be given to and which contribute to:

- Regional promotion (tradition, cultural and historical heritage, traditional products);
- Regional cooperation and networking;
- Agriculture and tourism;
- Environmental impact of the event;
- Gender equality;
- Impact of the event to the income generating to the local and regional economy;
- Sustainability; - Cross-border partnership/cooperation.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND BUDGET

- The application form, along with the defined budget
- Scoring
- Approval for financing. Additional clarifications or documents will be requested in order to support the submitted application and budget
- Approved activities/costs should start after signing the contract by both parties.

ELIGIBLE COSTS - BENCH MARKS FOR BUDGET LINES / TYPES OF COSTS

- Promotional costs – design and printing of promotional materials
- Accommodation costs for participants and exhibitors;
- Transport costs;
- Food and beverages / refreshments;
- Rent of facility;
- Rent of equipment – sound, light, stage, tents, stands, translation equipment;
- Engagement of trainers, experts, speakers, photographers, guides, skippers, translators, designer;

- Workshop materials;
- Other costs which are in line and contribute to the organization of the event and approved by SWG.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORING FOR PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ACTIONS

The evaluation of the People to People actions will be made according to the following criteria:

- Economic aspect and sustainability
- Partnership
- Environmental aspect of the event/manifestation/action
- Expected results
- Budget and cost-efficiency

5.2 Explanation and presentation on 2016-2017 grants (video) by Darko Buzarovski Regional Manager for the Cross-Border Regions "Prespa", "Sharra" and "Pcinja-Krajshte"

- Background information on the call for grants and application procedure;
- Overview of the beneficiaries from the second call for proposals in the cross-border regions. "Prespa", "Sharra", "Drina -Tara" and "Drina -Sava"

6. Discussions

6.1 Thank-you certificates

Thank you certificates were given from the Association of Beekeepers "Matica" to SWG for financing and promoting beekeeping, received by the Field Officer, Mr. Predrag Markovic and to the association of beekeepers "Trmka", Staro Nagoricane, for successful international cooperation.

6.2 Discussions

- Discussions on the future of the project and the planned open call for People to People events in the region of Pcinja-Krajshte were open.
- Representative from Kumanovo, Cross border Kosovo- Macedonia project manager Ms. Donka Petrovska opened the discussion on the budget for P2P actions and how is it implemented.
- Representative from Municipality Kuystendil, Mr. Borislav Krumov, explained about the festival Balkanska Cerga they organize for the 8th year and invited everyone to the festival in the area of Kuystendil to have a stand to promote the cross-border region "Pcinja-Krajshte" and the work of the Stakeholders group. It was stated that they are open to collaborate. They

work in the sphere of culture and artisanal arts in collaboration with municipality of Kriva Palanka.

- Field Officer Mr. Predrag Markovic explained to the participants that the SWG is open for collaboration and is ready to support interested organizations who want to participate in people to people actions or want to apply on CBC call for proposals .

- Open discussion on other ongoing projects in the region and the support that SWG is willing to give while applying in other projects of interest in the cross-border region of “Pcinja-Krajshte” and finding potential partners.

7. Conclusions and future activities

The 6th stakeholders group meeting for the cross-border region “Pcinja-Krajshte” was held on the 7th of March 2018, in Restaurant “Timcevski”, Municipality of Staro Nagoricane, Macedonia and it gathered 43 participants from the region. After the presentations and discussions, the following conclusions were drawn:

- After this meeting there will be an open call for proposals for People to People activities in the cross-border region of “Pcinja-Krajshte”;

‘The participants of the meeting were invited demand for the technical support in preparation Project proposals for the open CBC calls

-On the next Stakeholder’s group meeting the operational protocol will be reviewed and there will be elections of presidency: president and vice-presidents;

-Stakeholders were informed that in the future every organization/institution/company should send their official nominations before the next meeting in order to create a list of nominated stakeholders for the cross-border region “Pcinja-Krajshte”.