



Minutes from the 15th Stakeholders' Group Meeting for "Drina-Sava" cross-border region

16. December 2016,

Bijeljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

I. List of participants

The fourteenth Stakeholders' Group Meeting for "Drina-Sava" cross-border region was attended by 34 participants, representatives of the stakeholder group of the cross-border region "Drina-Sava" and SWG project team.

Annex 1: List of participants

II. Agenda

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| 10:00 - 10:30 | Arrival of participants and welcome gathering |
| 10:30 – 10:40 | Welcome speech
<i>Ankica Todorović, Head of the Department for Local Economic Development and European Integration, Town Bijeljina</i>
<i>Aleksandar Damnjanović, Regional Manager</i> |
| 10:40 – 10:45 | Introduction to the programme
<i>Mirela Čaušević, Coordinator</i> |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | Information on the ABD Grant scheme within the Project "Rural development through integrated forest and water resources management (LEIWW)"
<i>Aleksandar Damnjanović, Regional Manager</i> |



- 11:30 – 11:50 **Implemented and planned activities within the EU Project “Fostering regional cooperation and balanced territorial development of Western Balkan countries in the process towards EU integration”**
Aleksandar Damnjanović, Regional Manager
Mirela Čaušević, Coordinator
- 11:50 – 12:20 Coffe break
- 12:20 – 12:45 **Nomination of Chairperson and Chairman/s of Stakeholder group according to the Operational protocol**
Aleksandar Damnjanović, Regional Manager
- 12:45 – 13:00 **Conclusions and future activities**

III. Minutes of the meeting

The fivetenth meeting of the stakeholder group for the cross-border region “Drina-Sava” was organized on the 16th December in the Centre for Culture “Semberija” in Bijeljina (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and the objective was discussion about general achievements related to the implementation of ABDA in the Western Balkan countries, on going activities and future perspective, information on ABD Grant Scheme under the project: “Rural development through integrated forest and water resources management (LEIWW)” and nomination of Chairperson and Chairman/s of the Stakeholder group.

Topics during the meeting:

1. Information on the ABD Grant scheme within the Project “Rural development through integrated forest and water resources management (LEIWW)”
2. Implemented and planned activities within the EU Project “Fostering regional cooperation and balanced territorial development of Western Balkan countries in the process towards EU integration”
3. Nomination of Chairperson and Chairman/s of Stakeholder group according to the Operational protocol
4. Conclusions and future activities

Appendix 2: Presentation used during the meeting

Official opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened and the participants were welcomed by Chief Executive in the Cabinet of the Mayor in Town Bijeljina Mr. Mile Pejčić and by Mr. Aleksandar Damnjanović, SWG Regional Manager how gave a short review on the activities that were implemented by the “Drina-Sava” stakeholder group.

1. Information on the ABD Grant scheme within the Project “Rural development through integrated forest and water resources management (LEIWW)”

Regional Manager Mr. Aleksandar Damnjanović informed that under the ABD Grant scheme within the LEIWW programme “Rural development by integrated forest and water resource management in South-East-Europe” in the cross-border region “Drina-Sava” in total seven (7) project will be granted with eight (8) grant beneficiaries. The total value of the investments, together with the beneficiaries’ own contribution, will exceed a quarter of a million euros (266,000 EUR). Some beneficiaries are partly supported with contributions from the local governments. All Grant scheme investments are foreseen to be implemented by May 2017.

Following projects will be supported:

- **Renovation and equipment for the office of Touristic organisation of city Loznica and renovation of plumbing by applicant Tourism Organization of City of Loznica, Loznica, Serbia**
The purpose of the project is to create a space that will be multifunctional and representative for the purposes of TOGL. Investment required: Adaptation and equipping of office space TOGL, info booth on solar energy, computer equipment
- **Renewable energy sources-solar water heating at the Royal Spa Banja Koviljaca by applicant Hotel "Royal Spa", Banja Koviljaca, Serbia**
The purpose of this project is transition to solar water heating and installation of the necessary equipment.
- **Improving the quality and capacity of tourist services in the rural tourist household Vila Albedo by applicant Agricultural Household Milojka Kovacevic, Varna, Serbia**
The project aim is the improvement of the quality and capacity of the services of the household Vila Albedo considers providing of the new business which is more efficient and economically rational. The project includes the procurement of the necessary equipment in the kitchen and procurement of the tables, chairs, air-conditions and set used for video presentations for the hall.
- **Building plant small scale production of electricity from sunlight-Solar Power Plant "Vocar Sun" 20kw by applicant "Vocar" D.O.O., Brcko, Bosnia and Herzegovina**
The purpose of the project is to improve the production of food products in the company, so it will reduce production costs by producing solar electricity power and the use of renewable energy sources. The main objective of this project is construction of solar power plant "Voćar Sun" of 20 kW.

- ***TED - Training, Education, Demostration by applicant Agricultural Household Predrag Misic, Trsic, Serbia***

The project is planned to comprise the activities that upgrades value chain of service providing in rural households, and promotion of rural tourism in “Drina-Sava” region. Investment in purchasing of equipment for solar heating in order to introduce new technologies in the heating / cooling system, but also demonstration of renewable energy sources in educational purposes. Purchase of equipment for seminars and workshops, Training for runs and manages of SMART table by software and promotion of new tourism services and green businesses in the value chain in local and regional fairs.

- ***Procurement of beekeeping equipment by applicant Beekeeping Association "Majevicka Kosnica", Ugljevik, Bosnia and Herzegovina***

The purpose of this project is to obtain the necessary equipment in order to improve the development of beekeeping. The following equipment will be acquired: Digital refractometer to audit the quality of honey, duplicator of 70 or 120 liters (it is used for re-crystallization and homogenization of honey), melter for wax with a press a gas burner, centrifuge for melting wax from the comb and filler for honey from 200 to 1000 grams.

- ***Strengthening touristic offer in municipality of Bogatic through responsible use natural recources and intersectorial partnerships by applicants Caritas, Sabac, Serbia and Agriculture Household Obrad Damnjanovic, Bogatic, Serbia***

The project will promote a healthy lifestyle by offering cycling tours. The activities that will be carried out through the project are related to the renovation of the house for the accommodation of tourists on farm Damnjanović, refurbishing two rooms with 10 beds and a bathroom, as well as purchasing bicycles. Adaptation of the farm Caritas Šabac should include building an outdoor grill and a closed balcony for sitting. Both partners produce chemically untreated food on their farms just for their own needs, but with a possibility and great potential for supplying kitchens with raw materials.

2. Implemented and planned activities within the EU Project “Fostering regional cooperation and balanced territorial development of Western Balkan countries in the process towards EU integration”

Mirela Čaušević, regional coordinator referred on implemented and planned activities within the framework of the EU project: “Fostering regional cooperation and balanced territorial development of Western Balkan countries in the process towards EU integration”. In that respect, presented was implemented manifestation “XV International Trade Fair “Brcko 2016”. Mani goal of join presentation of the stakeholders from two Cross-Border regions “Drina-Sava” and “Drina-Tara” was to promote cross-border cooperation as well as promotion of stakeholders, their products, services, resources and tradition. SWG provided opportunity for 24 organizations to participate at this international fair with all expenses covered, including accommodation. Among individual agriculture producers, several organizations of producers where present, regional and local development agencies and few municipal tourist organizations. The fair also was used as a

partner search platform, since possible cooperation on future CBC IPA Calls was discussed between municipalities which participated.

Members of the stakeholder group were informed that additional funds for people to people actions for manifestations in the cross-border region “Drina-Sava” are available. The PMU will send applications forms for the manifestation and stakeholders were invited to apply.

3. Nomination of Chairperson and Chairman/s of Stakeholder group according to the Operational protocol

After a short discussion of the stakeholder group of the cross border region “Drina-Sava” following representatives were elected as members of the Executive Board of the SHG.

Nominated representatives in front of Bosnia and Herzegovina are:

- 1. Boško Nikolić – NGO „Eko Leonardo“, Lopare**
- 2. Ankica Todorović, Town Bijeljina, Bijeljina**
- 3. Milorad Jovičić, Agency for small and medium enterprises, Ugljevik**
- 4. Adis Rahman, Cooperative Union „Brka“, Brcko distrikta B&H**
- 5. Stojan Tešić, Municipality Ugljevik, Ugljevik**

Nominated representatives in front of Croatia are:

- 1. Ivica Klem, Municipality Nijemci, Nijemci**
- 2. Ivan Klasanović, Town Ilok, Ilok**
- 3. Dubravka Tomšik, Museum of town Ilok, Ilok**
- 4. Ivan Plavšić, NGO „Association of Youth of municipality Nijemci“, Nijemci**
- 5. Josipa Rosandić, LAG „Bosutski niz“, Nijemci**

Nominated representatives in front of Serbia are:

- 1. Tomislav Janković, Town Sremska Mitrovica, Sremska Mitrovica**
- 2. Tatjana Savić – Tourism Organization of Municipality Bogatić, Bogatić**
- 3. Milojka Kovačević, PG Milojka Kovačević, Šabac**
- 4. Marko Cvijanović, NGO „Sova“, Sremska Mitrovica**
- 5. Snezana Perić, Tourism Organization of Town Loznica, Loznica**

The SHG proposed following member of the SHG for the President, the two Vice-Presidents:

- 1. Boško Nikolić – NGO „Eko Leonardo“, Lopare**
- 2. Ivica Klem, Municipality Nijemci, Nijemci**
- 3. Snezana Perić, Tourism Organization of Town Loznica, Loznica**



Majority of the members of the SHG voted and elected **Ivica Klem** for the President of the SHG.

Conclusions from the meeting:

- Funds for executive board meetings organization should be provided,
- Additional funds for additional funds for people to people actions for manifestations in the cross-border region "Drina-Sava" are available. The PMU will send applications forms for the manifestation and stakeholders were invited to apply.

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