



Results from the ABD Grant Scheme within LEIWW Programme

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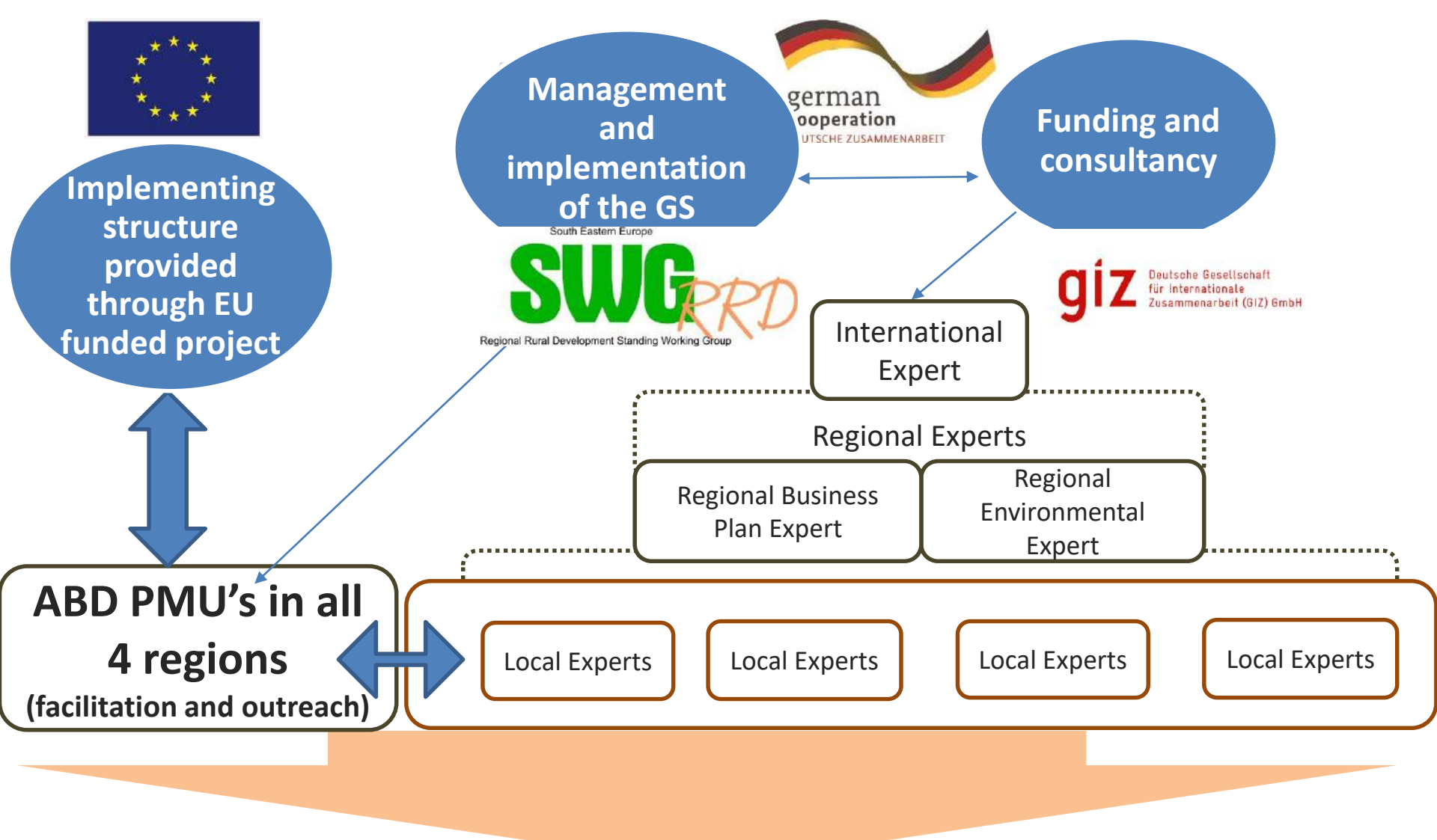
ABD Grant Scheme within LEIWW Programme

The ABD Grant Scheme within LEIWW Programme is designed to support small projects in the cross-border regions “Drina-Tara”, “Drina-Sava” + “Prespa” and “Sharra” related to income generation by improvement of production processes, technology and quality of products and services in “green” value chains (tourism, agriculture, etc), through sustainable use of natural resources.

Special intention is given to the potential grant applicants such as **women** and **young** people (below 40 years of age).

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Support to potential applicants: Individual businesses, cooperatives, local value chains, CSO, Municipalities in the cross-border regions by **preparation of quality project proposals and business plans/strategies in line with the objectives of the ABD Grant Scheme within LEIWW Programme**

ABD Grant Scheme within LEIWW Programme

ABD GS package was prepared by the SWG team and updated in close collaboration with the international and regional experts provided by GIZ. The application package contains:

- *Guideline for applicants;*
- *Application form;*
- *Business strategy form;*
- *Partnership statements;*
- *List of eligible and ineligible costs;*
- *Contact list of experts for hand-on support;*
- *Manual of procedures with accompanying annexes.*

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Main features of the evaluation and selection process of the applications

Analysis 1 – *Administrative check, checking the timeliness, completeness of application (process done in SWG PMU's)*

Analysis 2 – 3 step evaluation process done by nominated representatives from the ministries and external experts

- *Evaluation of relevance, evaluation of gender, partnership and other criteria*
- *Evaluation of Business plan/strategy*
- *Evaluation of environmental criteria*

(Supplement documents/explanations could be requested after Analysis 1 and 2)

On Spot control – *verification of factual situation (prior to signing the contract and after investment/project is finished)*

Final Decision – *refusal or approval - SWG*

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ABD Grant Scheme within LEIWW Programme

The first ABD Grant Scheme call within LEIWW Programme was opened in May 2016, closed in July 2016. (41 days)

The second ABD Grant Scheme call within LEIWW Programme (only for Prespa and Sharra) was opened in October 2016 and closed in December 2016. (42 days)

Proper visibility and outreach was ensured with announcements on national/regional media (newspapers, TV, etc.). **20 info days and additional capacity building activities** for the potential applicants were organized during the SHG meetings and field visits, covering each country of the cross-border regions.

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Info Days



ABD Grant Scheme results

≈ **300.000EUR**

1st call available

≈ **211.642 EUR**

contracted in
all 4 regions

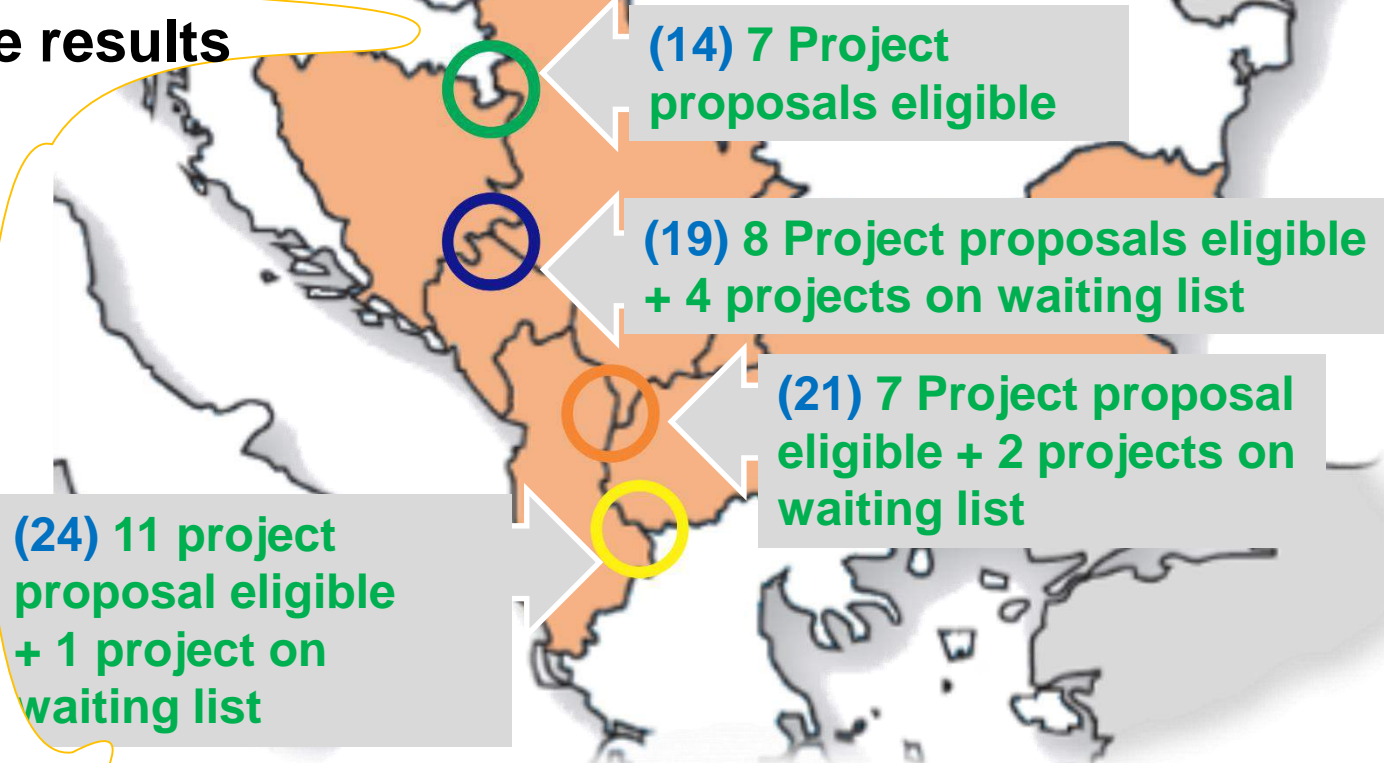
≈ **120.000EUR**

2nd call available

≈ **122.445 EUR**

contracted in
Prespa and Sharra

TOTAL ≈ 334.087 EUR



**(24) 11 project
proposal eligible
+ 1 project on
waiting list**

**(14) 7 Project
proposals eligible**

**(19) 8 Project proposals eligible
+ 4 projects on waiting list**

**(21) 7 Project proposal
eligible + 2 projects on
waiting list**

ABDA cross-border regions

“Drina – Tara”

(Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro)

“Drina – Sava”

(Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia)

“Sharra”

(Albania, Macedonia and Kosovo*)

“Prespa”

(Albania and Macedonia)

Approved Project proposals	(78)	33
Number of applicants	(113)	45
Number of partnerships	(24)	8 (18)

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

Overview of the project applications (both calls)

	Drina - Sava	Drina - Tara	Sharra	Prespa	Total	Average
Number of applications	14	19	21	24	78	19-20
Number of applicants	19	37	27	30	113	27-28
Number of partnerships projects	5	10	5	4	24	6
Total amount of the investments [EUR] as per proposals	129.087	253.237	248.800	233.969	865.093	216.273
Average amount of investment [EUR] as per individual applicants	8.033	5.265	7.565	7.778	/	7.160
Average amount of investment requested [EUR] per partnership	12.964	19.790	16.695	17.657	/	16.777
No. women applicants	7	5	3	9	24	6
No. of young applicants	6	7	5	8	26	6-7
No. of env. friendly projects	8	5	11	11	35	7

Overview of the contracted projects (both calls)

	Drina - Sava	Drina - Tara	Sharra	Prespa	Total	Average
Number of applications	7	8	7	11	33	8-9
Number of applicants	8	9	6	11	45	11-12
Number of partnerships projects	1	5	2	1	9	2-3
Total contracted amount of the investments [EUR] 75%	62.914	138.100	58.166	64.279	334.000	83.500
Estimated amount of entire project [EUR]	97573	226.897	84.447	82.521	491.438	122.859
No. women applicants	4	3	1	4	12	3
No. of young applicants	2	4	3	2	11	3-4
No. of env. friendly projects	5	4	6	10	25	4-5
Amount of projects on waiting list [EUR]	/	64.756	18.744	6.450	89.950	/

Contracting

3 Contract signing ceremonies for ABD Grant scheme beneficiaries were organized (1 joint for Drina – Tara and Drina – Sava, 1 for Prespa and 1 for Sharra) covered by national and regional media.



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Types of projects that are supported under the ABD Grant Scheme

- **Investments in reconstruction and improvement of touristic capacities and services;**
- **Investments in improvement of primary agricultural production process and marketing;**
- **Investments in improvement of processing of agricultural and other food and forest products;**
- **Investments in utilization of renewable sources of energy (sun, water, biomass, thermal energy);**
- **Investments taking into consideration sustainable use of natural resources (forests and water);**

Upcoming activities

Implementation, reporting, final on spot control and final payment for the projects contracted under the first call – **upon finalization of contractual obligations but not later than 11th of May 2017**

Implementation, reporting, final on spot control and final payment for the projects contracted under the second call – **upon finalization of contractual obligations but not later than 1st of September 2017**

Monitoring of the implemented projects (economic and environmental impact) – **throughout the project implementation period**

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