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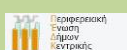
KICK-OFF MEETING OF THE SMARTRURAL PROJECT

The Kick-off meeting of the SmartRural Project "Smart Rural Entrepreneurship", funded in the framework of European Territorial Cooperation by the Balkan Mediterranean Program 2014-2020 took place in Kozani, at Hotel Aliakmon venue, on 31/01/2018. In the meeting, there were twenty (20) people present representing the following partners:

- Regional Development Agency of W. Macedonia – ANKO (LP – PP1)
- Regional Union of Municipalities of Central Macedonia (PP2)
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – Special Account for Research Funds – Department of Economics (PP3)
- Local Economic Development Agency – Razlog (PP5)
- Larnaca and Famagusta District Development Agency (PP6)
- Center for Development of Pelagonija Region (PP8)



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THE CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PELAGONIJA PLANNING REGION (CRPPR) INTRODUCES THE SMARTRURAL PROJECT IN PELAGONIJA

Within a several pages interview of the Head of the Center for Development of Pelagonija planning region, Mr Gogo Vidimche, presented the Project "Smart Rural Entrepreneurship" in a regional newspaper reaching all nine (9) municipalities from Pelagonija planning region.

In brief, he presented the Project activities, Project aims and the expected results and he explained briefly the program Balkan Mediterranean "Balkanmed" Programme.



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SMARTRURAL PROJECT PRESENTED WITHIN A SESSION
OF THE INTEGRATED NETWORK FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF
PELAGONIA REGION

Within the framework of presentation of the Center for Development of Pelagonija planning region (CDPPR)'s activities presented among others was also the presentation of the SmartRural Project in front of representatives of the Integrated Network for regional development of Pelagonija region in July 2018.



**ЦЕНТАР ЗА РАЗВОЈ НА
ПЕЛАГОНИСКИ ПЛАНСКИ РЕГИОН**

**ПАМЕТНО РУРАЛНО ПРЕТПРИЕМНИШТВО (SMART RURAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP)**

На првиот повик во рамките на новоотворената ЕУ Програма - Балкан Мед, Центарот за развој на Пелагониски регион аплицираше со: **Паметно рурално претприемништво (Smart Rural Entrepreneurship).**

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ENTREPRENEUR

VISION KNOWLEDGE Leadership
NEW innovation
VENTURE owner SOLUTIONS Plan ENTERPRISE Startup
BUSINESS Risk MANAGEMENT ideas
INITIATIVE OPPORTUNITY

Главната активност на проектот е дефинирање заеднички пристап кон предизвиците во претприемништвото со кои се соочуваат руралните средини на балканските земји а со проектните активности ќе бидат адресирани специфични економски проблеми како што се ниските приходи, недостатокот на можности за вработување, намалувањето на квалитетот на живот и процесите на депопулација.

Партнери: ЦРППР, Регионална развојна агенција АНКО Кожани, ЛАГ Разлог Бугарија, Економски форум Бугарија, Локална агенција за развој Ларнака-Кипар, Општина Дропул Албанија, Универзитет Аристотел Солун, Регионален сојуз на општини од Грција

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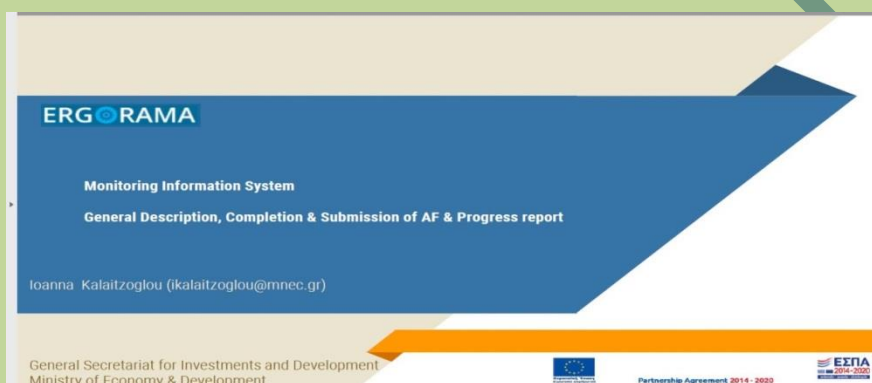
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MIS TRAINING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SMARTRURAL PROJECT

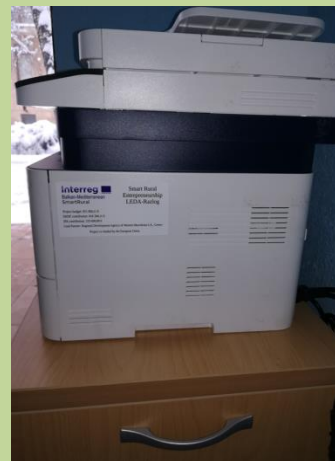
Representatives of the SMARTRURAL partnership participated on the MIS training. The training was organized by the Special Secretariat for ERDF & CF funded sectoral OPs, the Managing Authority of ETC Programmes and the MIS Special Service.

The seminar on the Management Information System (MIS) took place in Thessaloniki, Greece on Tuesday 27/11/2018. During this event the basic rules and guidelines for the MIS tool were presented and practically shown on a PPT presentation by representatives of the above mentioned entities.

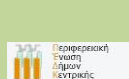


EQUIPPED FIRST SMARTRURAL BUSINESS CENTER

The Local Economic Development Agency (LEDA) of Razlog (PP5) as foreseen by the Project equipped its SmartRural Business Center which will be used for hosting seminars, workshops, gatherings or generally activities serving the knowledge transfer.



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PRESENTATION OF THE SMARTRURAL PROJECT AND THE STAKEHOLDER NETWORK AT THE ANNUAL BULGARIA ECONOMIC FORUM

On December 3, 2019, an economic forum with the topic "The Bulgarian economy at the end of 2019. A small business perspective for 2020" was held at the Inter Continental Sofia Hotel. The focus of the event was on small and medium-sized businesses. The main purpose of the event was to create favorable conditions and prerequisites for business contacts between the representatives of the business circles in Bulgaria. The forum was attended by more than 150 participants and 30 representatives of diplomatic missions, including Project Countries.

The host of the event - Bulgaria Economic Forum (BEF), as a Project Partner of SmartRural Project, made a short presentation of the Project and the Stakeholder Network, which has to exchange business and innovative ideas related to rural areas and the rural economy in the framework of the upcoming project activities, including through the developed IT networking tool.



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ACTION PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A NETWORK OF STAKEHOLDERS

In implementation of Deliverable D.6.4.1, an Action Plan for the development of a stakeholder network was developed. The main goal of the Action Plan is to establish and maintain functional and durable business oriented transnational network with existing relevant networks, local authorities and civil society organizations, enhance practices, information & methods. The document defines the roles and responsibilities of all participants in the networking process.

2ND PROGRESS AND SC COMMITTEE MEETING

On Thursday, 10th of October 2019, in Razlog was held the 2nd Progress Meeting and SC Committee Meeting . LP together with PP5 organized the 2nd Progress and the Steering committee meeting on which present were representatives from the seven (7) PPs. During the meeting the project work plan and upcoming activities were discussed.



The Project Partners agreed to proceed to their scheduled tasks until the next meeting in Cyprus in March 2020.

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