

# **“Integrated economic development in rural cross border areas”**

## **WORKING GROUP 1**



# State of art

- The Strategies and related Programmes for economic development of each particular cross-border area are the guidance for planning, development and implementation of different actions/ projects.
- The structures for implementation of the ABDA in four cross-border target areas are consolidated and have a balanced representation of local authorities, civil and business sector.

# State of art

- Private businesses confirmed their interest in developing business partnerships and quality oriented short value chains.
- Substantial funding for implementation of the programmes is missing, therefore it is essential to attract increased funding to achieve the development goals of the regions.

# General Measures defined with Programmes for economic development of CB regions

1. Sustainable economic development (diversification of rural economy)
  2. Sustainable natural resource management
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3. Infrastructure

# (GIZ) Rural development by integrated forest and water resource management in South-East-Europe – LEIWW

- 3 years period programme (2015-2017)
- Targets 6 countries in SEE
- Aims to build capacities for rural development, sustainable forest and water resource management

## **Field of activities:**

1. Regional cooperation
2. National policy
3. Income generation based on the use of natural resources in the cross-border regions

# Type of activities within component 3 of the GIZ programme

## Hard measures

Grant scheme  
(investments)

## Soft measures

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P-2-P activities

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Capacity building

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Promotional activities

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Facilitation of policy dialogue  
local + regional + national level

# Definition of possible general type of actions

- Tourism development based on sustainable natural resources
- Ecologically friendly production of agricultural products
- Ago-forestry development
- Green value chains development

# Grant scheme

1. Capacity building ← expertise
  - Coaching
  - Training
2. Call for proposals ← PMU/HQ
3. Selection procedure
4. Implementation (investments) accompanied with coaching ← beneficiaries
5. Monitoring ← PMU



# Conclusions

- The future actions targeting rural cross-border areas, should build on the measures defined with ABDA programming documents.
- Possible future grants scheme should focus on sustainable economic with special focus on the sustainable use of natural resources.

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- Coordination of local and national authorities in the programming process of the rural development is of a crucial importance.
- Commitment supported with financial contribution by the WB Governments will boost the sustainable economic development of rural cross-border areas.