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The **HMRR Info** is a quarterly e-newsletter of the Croatian Rural Development Network (HMRR), a NGO and a network of NGOs joined in a common endeavour to improve conditions for an integral development and quality life in rural areas.

The **HMRR Info** publishes news and announcements, information on events and activities, projects, achievements, publications and calls for proposals related to the rural development in Croatia. The bulletin follows up changes in legislation and funding on the national and European scene and presents major actors in the rural development process.

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## PREPARE Gathering 2009



HIGHLIGHTS

The Croatian and Slovenian rural development networks were hosts and co-organizers of the 2009 international PREPARE event. PREPARE – Pre-accession Partnerships for Rural Europe – aims to strengthen civil society and promote transnational cooperation in rural development, especially in the new member states, accession countries and the “new neighbour countries” of the enlarged EU. The Partnership members are European and national civil society organizations (CSO) from Central and North Europe. Traditional annual gatherings offer an opportunity for meeting, contacts and exchange of experiences and practices between different stakeholders - representatives of civil society, public and business sector from the EU member states, candidate countries, countries in accession and those preparing for accession to the EU in the area of South-East and East Europe. The main objectives are to share views

on the current challenges of rural development in Europe, to stimulate exchange between rural actors from different parts of the continent and to strengthen the voice of civil sector in the multi-sectoral dialogue on the issues of rural development.

The PREPARE Gathering 2009 was a series of linked events organized in Croatia and Slovenia, from the arrival and accommodation of participants in the hotel Matija Gubec in Stubičke Toplice on 30 June, to the last working day 4 July. More than eighty participants represented different organizations from sixteen European countries – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia and Sweden, and EU. The working language was English.



### 1 JULY 2009

The first day included “travelling workshops” – study visits by bus along three different itineraries focusing on rural partnerships, local development initiatives and good practices resulting from sustainable, bottom-up approaches used in Croatia and Slovenia:

**Group 1-SW** - Gorski Kotar LAG/Skrad (HR), LAG: Heritage trails from Idrija to Kolpa /Ribnica (SI), LAG: City and countryside hand in hand/Ivančna gorica (SI)

**Group 2-W** - Vallis Colapis LAG/Ozalj (HR), LAG: Heritage trails of Dolenjska and Bela krajina/ Adlešiči-Žuniči (SI), Landscape park Kolpa in LEADER programme, fern areas/Marindvor (SI), the land of black proteus species near Črnomelj (SI), local development initiatives and the family holding Režek in Jastrebarsko area (HR)

**Group 3-N** - Haloze LAG/Cirkulane (SI), Prlekija LAG/Jeruzalem (SI), village initiatives based on local cultural heritage/Razkrižje (SI), water mill in Sveti Martin na Muri and wine-route, Međimurje (HR)

### 2 JULY 2009

The conference held in Ptuj, Slovenia focused on the economic recovery of the European rural areas including presentations of the European Recovery Package and partnership in preparation and implementation of the rural development programmes. The Slovenian representatives presented their method and experience in dealing with the challenges of rural development – history, organization and achievements.

### 3 JULY 2009

The European and national approaches to rural development were presented at the conference in Stubičke Toplice, Croatia. Different types of networks for rural development were presented – supranational and national, including the process of their establishment, scope and activities as well as different roles of “official” and “unofficial” networks in different countries. An hour was dedi-

cated to the presentation of group reports from the “travelling workshops”. In the afternoon, four important themes of rural development were discussed in groups resulting in views and recommendations for future work and cooperation.

### 4 JULY 2009

During the last working day, Saturday 4 July, participants were engaged in discussing the issues of inter-regional exchange and collaboration in rural development in the light of enlargement taking into account different situations in countries, national rural development priorities and needs of rural civil society. A set of proposals and recommendations resulting from these deliberations is a good basis for making cooperation plans either in form of country-specific support or inter-regional exchange.

In spite of the comprehensive programme, the participants found time for a tour of the old town of Ptuj, sight-seeing of the area of Stubičke Toplice, admiring and tasting the traditional local products, dancing and singing after the dinner at the Straw Roof restaurant. The PREPARE coordinator Urszula Budzich Szukala, leaving for other job, made her adieu by singing “Those were the days, my friends” to her colleagues and friends.

### PREPARE GATHERING 2009 WAS REALIZED WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE

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- NGOs ODRAZ Zagreb and Milieukontakt International-Amsterdam through the MATRA Programme of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the
- Slovenian Government / Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food.

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## What has been achieved?

The actors on the rural development scene from different European countries met to exchange experience and expectations, and were given an insight into the approach and achievements of the rural development process in Croatia and Slovenia.

The European Commission representatives and representatives of the Croatian and Slovenian ministries in charge of rural development presented their policies and results, including support to development in rural areas.

The establishment and functioning of the national rural development networks belonging to public and civil sector, in EU states and other countries, were highlighted as well as the role of European networks PREPARE and ECOVAST.

The Croatian and Slovenian rural development networks as hosts affirmed both ability and advantages of having civil sector as organizer of a multi-sectoral dialogue and exchange of experience.

Views were exchanged to be formulated as recommendations for actions and collaboration in the light of the EU enlargement, regional cooperation, education and animation, and capacity building for rural development.

Opportunities for collaboration and the most appropriate themes for multinational and cross-border exchange between the EU countries and SE European countries were considered in detail as well as the issue of providing support based on specific country needs.

# Project „Sustainable Development of the Regions through Participatory Processes“

*A partnership project of the Czech Centre for Community Organizing Central Moravia (CCO) from Prerov and HMRR aims at encouraging the sustainable local development through participatory process and inter-sectoral partnership*



Project funded by EU



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The project pilot area is a sub-region at the borders of three Northern Croatian counties where nine municipalities have been creating a new local partnership: **FUTURE PRIZAG LAG**.

A local partnership kick-off meeting for the area was convened by Odraž – Sustainable Community Development and HMRR – Croatian Rural Development Network in Visoko on 10 December 2008. The presenters at the meeting were representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development and the Gorski Kotar LAG. Modern European approach to the rural development and the Croatian policy which follows the EU philosophy and experience were presented along with the Gorski Kotar LAG recommendations. A credit for good attendance of the representatives from different parts of the micro-region and different social groups goes to Anđelko Stričak, the Visoko Municipality mayor at the time.

## CITY AND EIGHT MUNICIPALITIES

A conclusion made at the meeting was that there is an interest in and need for establishing a group that would eagerly work on development and prosperity of this region, and for launching the activities for establishment of a local action group (LAG). An agreement was reached about the territory to be included, i.e. the southern part of the Varaždinska County, SW part of the Koprivničko-Križevačka County and the NE part of the Krapinsko-Zagorska County. The territory encompassed by the LAG would include the City of Novi Marof and the municipalities of Breznica, Breznički Hum, Ljubeščica and Visoko from the Varaždinska County, Gornja Rijeka, Kalnik and Sveti Petar Orehovec from the Koprivničko-Križevačka County and the Budinščina Municipality from the Krapinsko-Zagorska County.

In March 2009, a meeting was held at Novi Marof, attended by the representatives of all local self-government units from the territory of the future LAG and the representatives of Odraž and HMRR. Presentations included detailed information on LEADER and LAG concept, and a proposal made that this area be included in the project Sustainable Development of the Regions through Participatory Processes funded from the PHARE 2006 programme as a pilot-area. The opinions were exchanged on possibilities and reasons for creation of a new development partnership.

## PATH TO LAG

The pilot-area shares the same natural/geographic, historical and cultural conditions and economic interests, and its common aim is faster rural development of an area where over 90% of population lives in the country. It was agreed that the representatives of the

## PROJECT ID CARD

THE FUTURE LAG NAME:

**LAG PRIZAG**

(abbr. Prigorsko-zagorski LAG)

## VISION

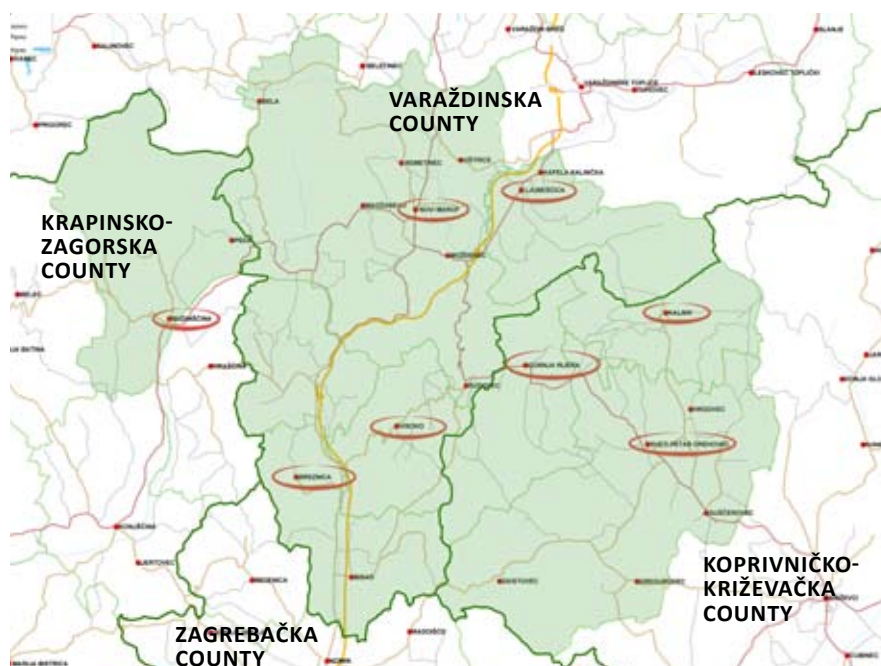
“A community of happy and satisfied people living in a healthy environment who ground their progress on respect for cultural and traditional values and efficient and balanced harnessing of all available human, natural and economic potentials”

## MOTO

“Home Sweet Home”

## LOGO

“Rabuzin’s motiff”, a segment of a picture painted by a great Croatian artist from this region





local self-government shall handle passing of the legal acts necessary for the LAG creation process, and nominate their representatives in a partnership group with due consideration of representation of all characteristic groups from the business, public and civil sector and of age and gender structure. Approval was given to the training programme of a local stakeholders' group as planned under the project. The training programme is planned to be organized in five two-day training sessions, starting from 2 - 3 June 2009, a visit to the Gorski Kotar LAG, and a study trip to the Czech Republic. HMRR will support the future preparations for the local partnership creation, the education programmes will be carried out by ODRAZ and CCO-Centre for Community Organizing from the Czech Republic, while Kristina Matijašec, the local coordinator, will coordinate performance of activities in the pilot-area.

#### TRAINING HELD

Surface of the potential LAG is 473.57 km<sup>2</sup>. According to the 2001 Census, population in the area was 32,975 persons. In line with the above conclusions, the City of Novi Marof and all eight municipalities gave their preliminary consent for setting up of a LAG at the proposed pilot area. The representatives of all local self-government units were proposed based

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on the required representation criteria.

The first training course for 23 participants was held in Remetinec near Novi Marof on 2-3 June. The training course topic was a strategic approach to the rural development – from the basics to the planning elements.

Between 16 and 19 June, the representatives of the potential LAG went, together with the members of the Gorski Kotar LAG and HMRR, on a study trip to the Central Moravia region in the Czech Republic. They met representatives of successful local LAGs, were presented examples of good practice on implemented projects regarding strategies of local development funded from the LEADER programme, attended the public hearing on rural development organized by the European Economic and Social Committee and were informed about the topical

issues of the rural development policy implementation in the Czech Republic.

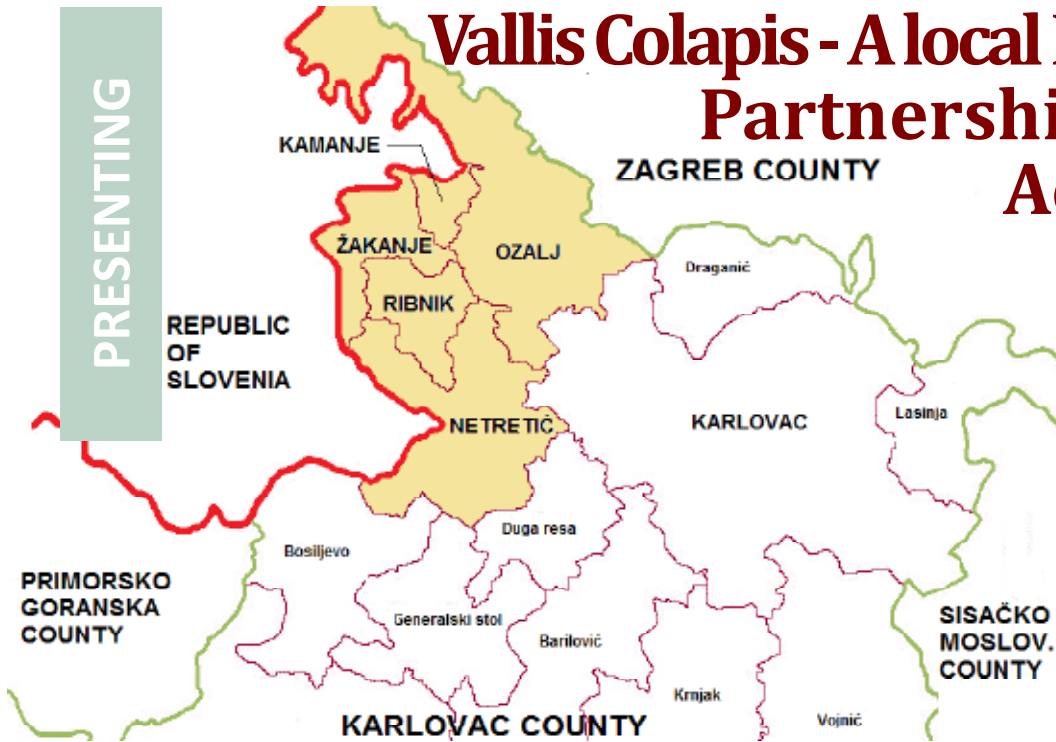
The second training course was held in Fužine, Croatia on 9-10 July. During the first day, work on the local sustainable development elements continued. The second day was dedicated to the Czech experts presentation of the LEADER implementation and role of the organic agriculture in revitalization of rural areas, the practical examples and comments. An avenue to be taken towards creation of a local partnership and a concept of the future activities were presented by the Gorski Kotar LAG president Petar Mamula.

#### ANALYSIS IN PROGRESS

Between the training sessions, the trainees worked on their 'homework', individually or in groups. Now, the data is being collected and processed, and analysis carried out of the current state at the territory of the future LAG that will be used as a background for drafting of the Strategy. Activities are pursued for registration of the LAG as an association, which will give the Prigorsko-Zagorski LAG its legal form and enable it to submit its applications for national and international funding of projects in accordance with the Strategy.

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KRISTINA MATIJAŠEC | LOCAL COORDINATOR

# Vallis Colapis - A local Development Partnership and Local Action Group



*A partnership area Vallis Colapis (Latin for the Kupa River valley) is located in central Croatia, in the NW of the Karlovačka County, and it has favourable geographic characteristics. The surface area is 370 km<sup>2</sup>, the population 15,000, and it includes the territory of the City of Opal and municipalities of Kaman, Akanke, Rybnik and Nitrato. The partnership area is located near the state border with the Republic of Slovenia, along the Kupa River. It also borders with the Zagrebačka County. Municipalities of Ribnik and Netretić, which occupy 51% of the area, belong to the territory under special state care because of a trend of depopulation recorded in the period between the 1991 and 2001 Census. Population in all municipalities is less than 5,000 persons, and the City of Ozalj has about 8,000 citizens. The population density varies between 14.6 (Ribnik Municipality) and 67.9 (Kamanje Municipality) persons per square kilometre, which is an average of 41.3 persons / km<sup>2</sup>*

An idea of partnership and cooperation emerged in 2006, and its implementation started with launching of three joint projects supported from the EU funds (Interreg, CARDS):

**SEWER SYSTEM BY THE KUPA**

Support: € 100,000  
Participants: Žakanje, Kamanje, Metlika

**CLEANING THE BANKS**

Support: € 126,000  
Participants: Ozalj, Kamanje, Žakanje, Netretić, Ribnik; Metlika, Črnomelj, Kočevje, Osilnica and Kostel (Slovenia)

**VALLIS COLAPIS (A TOURIST TRAILS NETWORK)**

Support: € 175,000  
Participants: municipalities Vallis Colapis + Bosiljevo and Generalski Stol; tourist information centres Bela Krajina, Črnomelj and Semič (Slovenia)

Implementation of the joint projects was reinforced by signing of an Agreement on Regional Development Partnership Vallis Colapis on 5 September 2007 whose signatories were Ozalj, Kamanje, Netretić, Ribnik and Žakanje. The name Vallis Colapis was formally used as a common identity for the first time. The area expressed its willingness to implement a joint development strategy. Vision of use of the method from the EU LEADER programme for rural development. During the period 2007-2009, the partnership

collaborated with the Centre for Civil Initiatives (CCI) and created the Regional Citizens' Council (RCC).

The stakeholders from this area participated in two projects:

**2008: STRENGTHENING THE INFLUENCE OF CITIZENS IN DECISION MAKING PROCESSES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES OF CROATIA**

Support: National Foundation for Civil Society Development (HRK 100,000)



Kamanje, 7th August 2008

Kamanje,  
7th August  
2008



*In 2008, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development and the Greek consultants Vakakis Int. included the Vallis Colapis area in the program Institutional Capacity Building and Support for Implementation of SAPARD/IPARD Programme in Croatia as one of three pilot-areas for implementation of the LEADER methodology for rural development.*

*During the project implementation, 25 local stakeholders underwent the training; workshops and a study tour of Greece were organized, a local development strategy was drafted and the Vallis Colapis LAG was founded.*

#### 2009: AWAKENING OF CITIZENS' RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

Support: PHARE 2006 (€ 55,840)

Results of these initiatives were:

- participation of the local self-government units, NGOs, community boards, schools, crafts and companies in launching of the local development programmes
- capacity building of local NGOs for professional work
- initiating small municipal activities (repair of swimming facilities, sports grounds, monuments of natural and cultural heritage...)

#### ALL SECTORS INCLUDED

The inaugural general meeting held on 8 May 2009 was attended by 15 founders, including:

**Public sector:** City of Ozalj, municipalities of Kamanje, Netretić, Ribnik and Žakanje, Žakanje Elementary School; Croatian Extension Service-Ozalj office and Netretić Tourist Board

**Business sector:** Agropleter d.o.o. – Žakanje, Komunalno d.o.o. – Ozalj, Ugostiteljski obrt Marijana – Žakanje

**Civil sector:** Vrlovka Mountaineering Club - Kamanje, Zora - Netretić/Prilišće, Žakanje Cattle Breeders Association and CCI Zagreb. Another ten stakeholders expressed their desire to join the LAG.

#### WHAT DO WE EXPECT?

Accession of Croatia to EU will enable Vallis Colapis:

- Accreditation of the Vallis Colapis LAG area as the LEADER area
- Membership in the National Rural Network (in founding)
- Direct participation in national and EU development programmes
- Networking with other LAGs in Croatia and EU.

### LAG VALLIS COLAPIS ID

Vallis Colapis LAG was registered on 30 June 2009.

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#### PRESIDENT

Damir Mateljan  
Kamanje Municipality Mayor

#### DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Mirjana Vidiček  
City of Ozalj, Administrative  
Department Head

#### SECRETARY

Lidija Bućan

#### CONTINUATION OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The stakeholders included in the Vallis Colapis LAG continue with implementation of the development projects and programmes:

#### 2008-2009: BIODIVERSITY OF SUBTERRANEAN FAUNA OF KARLOVAC COUNTY

Support: PHARE 2005 (€ 96,000)

Participants: Vrlovka Mountaineering Club, Kamanje Municipality, Croatian Biospeleological Society, Public Institution for Protected Natural Assets Management in the Karlovačka County and Ursus Speleological Club - Karlovac

#### 2008-2009: CLEANER PRODUCTION PROMOTION PROGRAMME FOR THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY IN CROATIA

Support: PHARE 2006 (€ 100.000)

Participants: University of Rijeka, Vrlovka Mountaineering Club and Centic (Austria)

#### 2009: LAG YOUTH NETWORK FOR NONCONVENTIONAL CULTURE AND SPORTS

Initiated by: Vrlovka Mountaineering Club, Youth Association '90 (Kamanje), Žakanje Youth Association, Ciciban (Žakanje), Colapis Riders (Ozalj), Cultural epidemic (Ozalj), Community Board Ribnik, Youth Initiative Ribnik

PREPARED BY:

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## ACQUIRING CAPACITIES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

# TEPA – Training for European Partnership Animators

*Sustainable Future for Rural Areas of Croatia - a partnership project of Milieukontakt International, ODRAZ, HMRR, SMART and PINS d.o.o. with financial support from the Dutch MATRA Programme*

Training was organized within the project Sustainable Future for Rural Areas of Croatia for the local partnership animators from Croatia. It was held in Fužine on 7-10 June 2009. The training was based on the adapted TEPA (Training for European Partnership Animators) training methodology. The project partners from five Central European countries and Sweden, acting as evaluators, initiated the TEPA project as a response to an increasing demand for local animators that would play a key role in animation of the local community and creation of local partnerships. The goal was to develop a training curriculum and create a team of trainers that would implement the programme in five new EU member states: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia. Croatia was the first non-EU country in which the training was carried out.

### SEVENTEEN TRAINEES

The program included three topics: “From Local Participation to Intersectoral Partnership”, “Rural Resource Management” and

“Strategic Planning”. A multinational training team consisted of Urszula Budzich Szukala, Poland, Goran Šoster, Slovenia and Jela Tvrdonova, Slovakia. Most of the seventeen trainees were the representatives of HMRR

and its members, Gorski Kotar LAG and PINS, and one participant as representative of Milieukontakt International, UNDP and the Rational Development Agency for Slavonia and Baranja each. The working language was English.

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### LOCAL PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE

The trainers who gained their experience in different countries and situations, highly motivated trainees, interactive method of work and ambient of the Fužinarski Dom resulted in interesting ideas and dynamic exchange of experience. Practical work and scenarios used for training, and the recommendations given by the trainers are an inspiration for consideration in the future, and for transfer and use of knowledge and skills gained at the training. The participants expressed their opinion that such sessions should also be organized for other stakeholders in rural development. The last day, 10 June, was reserved for a visit to the LAG in Ribnica, Slovenia. It was an opportunity to get detailed information about founding and operation of the local partnership and presentation of the local development projects, including the joint project of the Croatian and Slovenian communities aimed at protection and advancement of the area by the Kupa River. This was an opportunity to discuss possible collaboration and exchange of experience.



# A Study Trip to Moravia, Czech Republic

*Organized within the projects Sustainable Development of the Regions through Participatory Processes and Sustainable Future for Rural Areas of Croatia described above*



The project partner on both projects, CCO - Centre for Community Organizing, Czech Republic organized this study trip to Moravia together with HMRR and ODRAZ. The trip was scheduled for the period 16-19 June 2009, and the aim was to learn about the Czech examples of good practice and to encourage exchange of experience with implementation of the LEADER methodology. The study trip participants were representatives of the Gorski Kotar LAG, future PRIZAG LAG, HMRR and collaborating organizations. The group travelled by coach, and an accommodation was organized in Prerovo from where daily excursions were made.

Tours, meetings and discussions were organized on different projects supported from the national and/or European LEADER fund. The projects fall in a wide range of topics, from the nature and energy conservation, revival of traditional skills, organic production and agriculture, to infrastructural project and revitalization of architectural heritage. Particularly valuable and interesting were descriptions, comments and advices of the local mayors, animators and LAG managers, representatives of the NGOs and other participants on the projects.

The study trip participants were given a chance to participate in a public hearing on the rural development organized by the European Economic and Social Committee in Prerovo on 18 June 2009. In addition to a summary overview of key issues of the Moravia rural development policy, the agenda

included presentation of the HMRR activities. The PREPARE coordinator invited the Committee to take part in the next annual PREPARE meeting to be organized by the Croatian and Slovenian rural development network.

Conversation with the leading representative of the Network of Czech LAGs gave the insight into some topical issues related to implementation of the rural development policy resolved through the dialog between the LAGs and other stakeholders with the Ministry. The study trip atmosphere was open and friendly. Both sides expressed their desire to continue with similar encounters, and an expectation that accession of Croatia to the EU shall enable direct collaboration of the Croatian and Czech LAGs.

*The Croatian representatives had a chance to learn about the opportunities given to the rural areas through implementation of the LEADER methodology. The talks with the project developers pinpointed the challenges and obstacles encountered in preparation, implementation and after the completion of the projects.*



## PHARE 2005 project Institutional Capacity Building and Support for Implementation of SAPARD/IPARD Programme in Croatia is finished

A meeting held in Zagreb on 18 May 2009 marked the end of the project implemented by the Greek organization Vakakis International S.A., on which we regularly reported in this newsletter. The project goal was capacity building at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development for coordination and management of the rural development programmes co-funded by EU. Within the

project, three local partnerships were created which resulted in establishment of the LAGs at the territory of the Karlovačka, Sisačko-Moslavačka and Zadarska Counties. A number of workshops attracted different rural development stakeholders and actors in Croatia who prepared for establishment and operation of the National Rural Network (NRN).

## THE TENDERS FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PROJECTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE RURAL / REGIONAL / SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ARE GIVEN BELOW

### National Foundation for Civil Society Development

The Foundation launched two tenders for grants, and three calls for expression of interest in collaboration with the civil society organizations.

- Information, instructions and forms: <http://zaklada.civilnodrustvo.hr>
- Deadline for all proposals and expressions of interest: 21 September 2009

#### TENDERS

##### TOPIC

#### DEMOCRATIZATION AND CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

encouraging development of democratic society and participation of the population in social processes in Croatia, Europe and international community – advocacy, participation in creation and monitoring of the public policy, networking, informal education and transfer of know-how

##### APPLICANTS

Organizations and private foundations

##### SUPPORT

HRK 50,000 to 150,000; for newly founded networks to HRK 40,000

##### TOPIC

#### INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE STABILIZATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

improving sustainability of organizations through a three-year financial and professional support for stabilization and advance in organizational and program development

##### ANNUAL SUPPORT

- 1) to HRK 380,000;
- 2) to HRK 170,000;
- 3) to HRK 60,000.

##### PROJECT DURATION

3 years

#### CALLS FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

AN INNOVATION WITH INITIAL COOPERATION AS A STARTING FORM OF COLLABORATION ON DEVELOPMENT OF NON-PROFIT MEDIA PROJECTS. AFTER EVALUATION, THE INITIAL COOPERATION MIGHT BECOME LONG-TERM PROGRAM COLLABORATION.

#### CALLS FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

##### TOPIC

#### RESEARCH INTO THE CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Applications are submitted for research projects of organizations, private foundations and public institutions which are related to the positioning and development of the civil society. Priority to the topics from the Call.

##### SUPPORT

HRK 100,000 to 150,000

##### TOPIC

#### NON-PROFIT MEDIA PROJECTS FOR ENCOURAGING DEMOCRATIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY

The invitation was open for the media projects of organization and private foundations for encouragement of democratization and development of the civil society.

##### SUPPORT

HRK 50,000 to 150,000

##### TOPIC

#### INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT "COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT"

The invitation refers to the projects of regional and cross-border cooperation and rendering of the international development aid for democratization and development of the civil society. The support is given to transfer of know-how and experience of the Croatian organization and private foundations to the similar organizations in the SEE countries.

##### SUPPORT

HRK 100,000 to 150,000

# Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance IPA 2008

## IPA 2008 COMPONENT I

### TOPIC

Developing capacities of CSOs for systematic monitoring and advocacy of sustainable development policies and integrated approaches to waste and water management, transport, regional development, sustainable use of natural resources and environmental safety

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

16 November 2009

### GUIDELINES AND FORMS AT

[www.safu.hr](http://www.safu.hr)

### TOPIC

Enhancing the participation of the CSOs in monitoring of the implementation of the EU Acquis in the field of fight against corruption and the overall transparency, openness and accountability of public administration bodies

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

10 November 2009

### GUIDELINES AND FORMS AT

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## IPA 2008 COMPONENT II

### IPA CROSS BORDER PROGRAMME

CROATIA - MONTENEGRO 2007-2013

### TOPICS

- (1) joint actions for environment, nature and cultural heritage protection;
- (2) joint tourism and cultural space;
- (3) small cross-border community development projects

### ELIGIBLE AREAS IN CROATIA

Dubrovačko-Neretvanska and Splitsko-Dalmatinska Counties

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

18 November 2009

### GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS AND APPLICATION PACK

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[ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm)

### INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR APPLICANTS FROM CROATIA

Dubrovnik, 10 September 2009 and  
 Opuzen, 11 September 2009.

## IPA 2008 COMPONENT II.

### IPA CROSS- BORDER PROGRAMME

CROATIA - SERBIA 2007-2013

### TOPICS

to promote business cooperation, increase cross-border trade, develop labour market mobility, cross-border RDI and joint economic planning, stimulate tourism development based on the cross-border regional identity and the natural and cultural assets of the cross-border region, protect and safeguard the natural assets of the cross-border region by taking joint actions and by increasing public awareness, and to promote good neighbourly relations across the border between local communities

### ELIGIBLE AREAS IN CROATIA

Osiječko-Baranjska County, Vukovarsko-Srijemska, Požeško-Slavonska and Brodsko-Posavska Counties

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

16 October 2009

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[www.mrrsvg.hr](http://www.mrrsvg.hr)  
[www.croatia-serbia.com](http://www.croatia-serbia.com)  
[www.delscg.ec.europa.eu/code/navigate.php?Id=1](http://www.delscg.ec.europa.eu/code/navigate.php?Id=1)  
[ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm)

### IPA CROSS-BORDER PROGRAMME

CROATIA - BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 2007-2013

### TOPICS

to encourage the creation of cross-border networks and partnerships, encourage the development of joint cross-border activities with a view to revitalization of the economy, protecting nature and the environment and increasing social cohesion of the programming area

### ELIGIBLE AREAS IN CROATIA

14 counties (border counties and neighbouring counties)

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

16 October 2009

### GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS AND APPLICATION PACK

[www.mrrsvg.hr](http://www.mrrsvg.hr)  
[www.dei.gov.ba](http://www.dei.gov.ba)  
[www.safu.hr](http://www.safu.hr)  
[www.cbc-cro-bih.net](http://www.cbc-cro-bih.net)  
[ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm)

## IPA INFO 2008 / CIVIL SOCIETY EU INFO

### TOPIC

raising the awareness on European Integration and the Enlargement process and to increase the visibility of the European Union and its policies in Croatia

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

14 October 2009

### GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS AND APPLICATION PACK

[delhrv.ec.europa.eu/?lang=hr&content=1955](http://delhrv.ec.europa.eu/?lang=hr&content=1955)

## ZAGREBAČKA BANKA

### TOPIC

improvement in quality of life in a community under categories "Knowledge for Success" (projects regarding innovations and competition in education of children and youth) and "Let's Make the World a Better Place" (projects regarding disabled persons)

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

11 September 2009

### GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS AND APPLICATION PACK

[www.zaba.hr](http://www.zaba.hr)

(>> društvena odgovornost >> donacije >> natječaji za donacije)

## RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES FOR THE HOUSEHOLDS IN ZAGREBAČKA COUNTY

### TEMA

installation of solar panels for space and water heating in 50 households

### GRANT

40% of equipment and installation costs (Zagrebačka County) + HRK 11,200 (Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fond)

### APPLICANTS

persons living at the County territory that present the property ownership documentation

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

15 October 2009

### INFORMATION

[www.regea.org](http://www.regea.org)

### GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS AND APPLICATION PACK

[www.zagrebacka-zupanija.hr](http://www.zagrebacka-zupanija.hr) or  
[info@regea.hr](mailto:info@regea.hr)

## PROGRAM EUROPA ZA GRAĐANE

### TOPIC

Innovative actions to test new forms of transnational mobility and mentoring between civil society organisations.

### APPLICANTS

Non-profit non-governmental organizations

### GRANT AMOUNT

€ 75.000 to 150.000

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

30 September 2009

### GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS AND APPLICATION PACK

[www.uzuvrh.hr/vijest.aspx?pageID=18&newsID=867](http://www.uzuvrh.hr/vijest.aspx?pageID=18&newsID=867)

## IPA ADRIATIC CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME 2007-2013

### PRIORITIES

to encourage the creation of cross-border networks and partnerships, encourage the development of joint cross-border activities with a view to revitalization of the economy, protecting nature and the environment and increasing social cohesion of the programming area

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Albania and Montenegro

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

29 October 2009

### INFORMATION

[www.mrrsvg.hr/default.aspx?id=520](http://www.mrrsvg.hr/default.aspx?id=520)

### GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS AND APPLICATION PACK

[www.adriaticpacbc.org](http://www.adriaticpacbc.org)

## PROGRAMME EUROSTARS / EUREKA

### TEMA

RDI projects oriented towards development of innovative products and applications in all fields of technology – creation of marketable solutions or projects with strong marketing potential

### APPLICANTS

micro, small and medium businesses

### GRANT

to € 150,000

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

15 September 2009

### GUIDELINES AND FORMS

[www.bicro.hr](http://www.bicro.hr)  
[www.eureka.be](http://www.eureka.be)



## Sustainable Mountains

*RES and RUE Stimulation in Mountainous – Agricultural Communities, towards Sustainable Development Project under the Intelligent Energy for Europe (IEE) Programme workshop*  
 29 September 2009, Gospić, KIC, @ 10:00

Topics: EU experiences and usage of RES in croatian mountainous - agricultural communities  
 Organizer: Energetski institut Hrvoje Požar  
 Contact: Ana Kojaković, 01 6326 135, akojakovic@eihp.hr

See: <http://sustainablemountains.epu.ntua.gr>



## 2nd Croatian Congress On Rural Tourism

*26 - 28 November 2009 or 3 - 5 December 2009*

Topics: rural tourist destination, food and tourism, multi-sectoral clusters  
 Organizers: Hrvatski farmer d.d., Ruralis - Istria County Tourist Association and Klub članova Selo group

See: [www.hrvatski-farmer.hr](http://www.hrvatski-farmer.hr)



## Eko - etno Hrvatska 2009

*7th fair of products and services from the rural areas Zagreb, 14 - 18 October 2009*

More: [www.hrvatski-farmer.hr](http://www.hrvatski-farmer.hr)



## Revitalization Of Historical Small Towns And Their Hinterland

*2nd International Conference Mošćenice, 23 – 24 October 2009*

Organizers: Croatian Section of ECOVAST and Katedra čakavskog sabora of the Mošćenička Draga Municipality

See: <http://maligradovi.pbworks.com>