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Rural development in Serbia,

- Based on the experience in EU.
- The LEADER approach is recognized like a powerful tool
- LEADER approach started early, in the year 2007, and developed constantly

The activities in the period 2007 – 2011 increased the awareness of local communities about the LEADER approach and encouraged them to start with activities on creating LEADER like partnerships.



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- 2007. Started the process of creating Local action groups in 5 municipalities in Vojvodina (supported by SAWMF of APV)
- 2007. The building of Rural development network started (supported by MAWF)
- 2008. Project Strengthening Rural Social Capital and Networks (UNDP Serbia)
- 2009 – 2011. Various projects based on the LEADER approach realized (supported by cross- border program and other funds)
- 2011. LEADER Initiative Serbia - LIS started



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LIS

- The LEADER Initiative Serbia (LIS) is the working name of the EU-funded project officially titled “Capacity building for the establishment and implementation of a LEADER initiative in the Republic of Serbia.
- LIS provides assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture, Trade, Forestry and Water Management and the relevant local stakeholders, to prepare for the future implementation of the "LEADER" approach in rural development in Serbia



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Planned results to achieve

1. Capacities and awareness within local communities to participate in the LEADER approach have increased
2. Financial procedures and/or resources for the overall support to LEADER approach within the MATFWM have been strengthened
3. At least 10 potential LAGs have been identified and assisted



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- the project has a limited duration of two years
- this support should be seen as a defining period of development "LEADER" bottom-up approach, in relation to rural development in Serbia.
- LIS will continue to evolve and mature, with the support of local, regional, national and donor initiatives, so that became a complete 'LEADER' initiative that meets the needs of stakeholders.



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The two components of LIS provide opportunities for active participation for relevant stakeholders.

Component 1 aims to support local level actors who have either formed local development partnerships or have concrete plans to form them. These actors will be identified through a thorough screening process.

Component 2 aims to support the most relevant institutional actors, to assist them to prepare and develop appropriate structures, systems and services for local level development based on the LEADER approach



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Component 1: Potential Local action groups in Serbia

In 2011. were held 3 training sessions for facilitators of Potential local action groups. On the trainings participated 94 potential facilitators. The first call for LIS partnership groups was announced in September 2011. with the deadline on 30th November. LIS project received and evaluated 27 eligible proposals.

21 partnerships have demonstrated sufficient capacity to successfully complete the process of creating a potential LAG.

After the first screening process and evaluation of the proposed partnerships, 20 facilitators passed to the next step in the project.



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Total
area covered
by the project:
13.604,93
km²



Total population
covered by the
project:
547 477

Potential LAG OVERVIEW



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ALIBUNAR:

Name of PLAG DELIBLATSKA PESCARA

Size in km² 1.111

Population 39.419

CACAK:

Name of PLAG ZLATNA DOLINA

Size in km² 493.88

Population 28.276

ZAJECAR:

Name of PLAG TiM

Size in km² 1.727

Population 50.089





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KRALJEVO:

Name of PLAG DOLINA JORGOVANA

Size in km² 606.67

Population 23.442

KRALJEVO:

Name of PLAG GOLIJA-STUDENICA

Size in km² 538.04

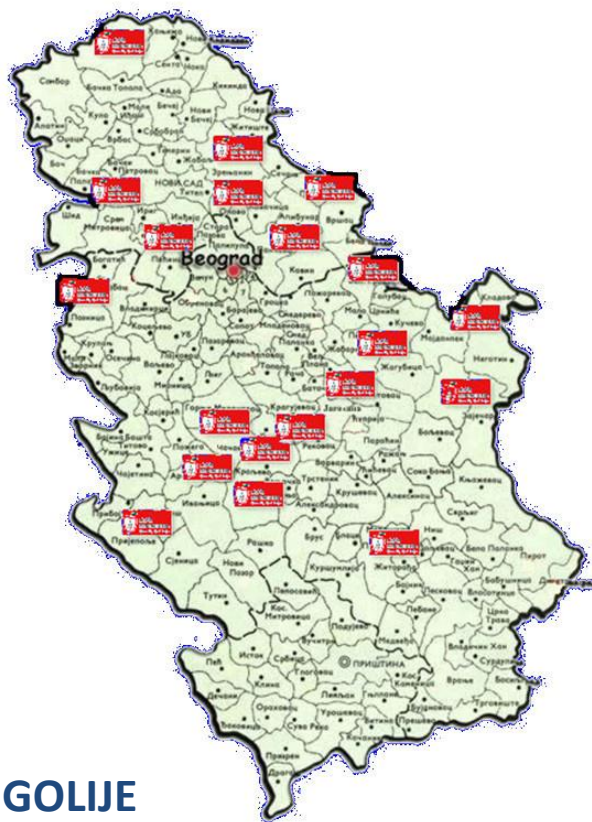
Population 5800

GOLIJA:

Name of PLAG PLANINSKA ZAJEDNICA STANOVNIKA GOLIJE

Size in km² 938.66

Population 11.412





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SREMSKA MITROVICA :

Name of PLAG	SREM+
Size in km²	730
Population	60.000

INDJIJA:

Name of PLAG	INicijativa
Size in km²	386
Population	32.178

TORAK:

Name of PLAG	TORAK
Size in km²	266.7
Population	9812





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TOMASEVAC :

Name of PLAG TAMISKA RAZVOJNA INICIJATIV

Size in km² 536.7

Population 20.144

SUBOTICA:

Name of PLAG SUBOTICA

Size in km² 280

Population 11.117

LOZNICA:

Name of PLAG DRINA

Size in km² 130.68

Population 13.738





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DONJI MILANOVAC :

Name of PLAG LAG ĐERDAP

Size in km² 687 KM2

Population 23.703

GOLUBAC:

Name of PLAG VITEZOVI SA DUNAVA

Size in km² 712 KM2

Population 30.572

JAGODINA:

Name of PLAG MORAVA

Size in km² 451 KM2

Population 35.305





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KUCEVO :

Name of PLAG KUCEVO

Size in km² 721

Population 18.639

NOVA VAROS:

Name of PLAG UVAC-ZLATAR-MILESEVKA

Size in km² 1.408

Population 61.170

VRSAC:

Name of PLAG PODBRDSKA OAZA

Size in km² 307.6

Population 7.218





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KRAGUJEVAC :

Name of PLAG PARTNERSTVO ZA RAZVOJ

Size in km² 366 KM2

Population 12.170

ZITORADJA:

Name of PLAG ZITO GROUP

Size in km² 520

Population 53.273





LEADER initiative in Serbia

- Possible inclusion of three more groups
- Cooperation with LEDIB project in establishment of 2 groups in LEDIB project AOR
- Work with all other interested initiatives (Coka municipality , economic chamber in Krusevac)

In total 27 potential initiatives



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Component 2 - Support to the most important institutional actors, helping them in preparing and developing appropriate structures, systems and services for local development based on the "LEADER" approach.

Unlike the first component, whose implementation and effects are directed to the local level, the second component aims to establish a system, structure and services to support, LEADER" - similar initiatives in Serbia.

Implementation of activities from the second component, is carried out in parallel with the implementation of the LIS project at the local level, as a significant support for the sustainability of new partnerships (PLAG's) created during the LIS project implementation.



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Issues identified during project implementation

- Territorial context of partnership area (oversized municipalities)
- Local government system is not wholly applicable for LEADER
- How to support the sustainability of the PLAG's



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