

Proposal for cooperation

LAG name	LAG Yablanitza Pravetz
Project name/ theme	Traditions – bridge through the generations
Description of the situation on place	<p>There are no huge signs from material Culture-historical heritage in Bulgaria, but still, deep in households of the local people, are kept traditions, music, dances which today at globalizing world, at global crises for spiritual values insensibly are lost.</p> <p>One of the most important factors for preserving the living traditions of cultural identity is the family – at family can be found the roots of activities implemented by our ancestors, which today can create opportunities for increasing of youth employment, increasing of families incomes and improving standard of living for population of different arias.</p> <p>Getting knowledge for other countries experience and good practice in culture-historical heritage sphere will motivate the locals to apply this innovative activities in the territory of LAG Yablanirza Pravetz.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserving the territory identity by utilization of traditions and culture-historical heritage. The family as factor for preservation and development of culture-historical heritage. • Encouragement of intercultural dialog trough examination of what is the common and different in the traditions and culture-historical heritage of European Union countries • Improvement and variegation of the possibilities for employment, increasing of population incomes and improving the conditions of live in LAG’s territory
Activities	<p>Keeping our identity trough utilization of tradition and culture-historical heritage. The family as factor for preservation and development of culture-historical heritage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities in the families – weaving, knitting, sewing, agricultural, craftsman’s and other traditional activities • Rituals in the family – birth, weddings etc. • Traditional holidays – rituals, culinary, music and etc. • The free time and the traditions – clubs, exhibitions, bazaars, concerts, art camps, events я <p>Encouragement of intercultural dialog trough examination of what is the common and different in the traditions and culture-historical heritage of European Union countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing traditions and activities at other countries members of European Union – exchange of managers, and specialists in different spheres for learning of music, dances, culinary, and other traditions between the participant countries

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing of round tables to familiarize with the good practice and experiences regarding preservation and renewal of culture-historical heritage at families, culture centers and it's usage at economical life at the relevant territory Organizing of common events <p>Improvement and variegation of the possibilities for employment, increasing of population incomes and improving the conditions of live in LAG's territory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewal of crafts and traditional activities for relevant territory Development of tourist products based on culture-historical heritage and traditions Promotion of the territory trough development of scripts and making of films and advertisement clips
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of conducive social, psychological and economical environment at families and local community Encouragement of creative personality development Increasing the levels of knowledge and skills connected with traditions and Culture-historical heritage Encouraging intercultural dialog and experience exchange between countries Decreasing of the levels of social exclusion Improvement of relations between generations
Target groups	The population of LAG Yablanitza Pravetz area – children, youth, adult, cultural and educational institutions
Partners who look for	Local Action Group from European Union
Language	English, Bulgarian, Russian
About us	<p>LAG Yablanitsa – Pravets was established on 09.02.2011. It includes the territory of both municipalities Yablanitsa and Pravets. The total area is 0.47% of the territory of Bulgaria – 522 km² and include 20 settlements (2 towns and 18 villages). The population of the territory is 15,033 inhabitants. The territory is situated at the central part of the Fore-Mountain and its relief is combination of hollows, river-valleys, hilly and mountainous. It is located in about 90 km east from the Bulgarian capital Sofia by “Hemus” highway.</p> <p>At the territory runs numerous small and clean rivers, providing excellent fishing opportunities. The mountainous topography determines and the wealth of springs of the territory as the largest and the most important spring is the "Golden Panega" at a rate of 600 l per second. There is no natural lakes on the LAG's territory, but this is offset by the presence of more than 12 microdams, which are also used for recreation and fishing.</p> <p>The area is with well preserved natural environment, preserved biodiversity and rare protected plant and animal species, with</p>

various natural formations - caves, cliffs, very old trees more than 500 years old and etc.

The LAG Yablanitsa – Pravets territory is successor of rich culture-historical heritage - there are many Thracians mounds, traces of cemeteries, remains of fortresses, remains of Roman roads, monuments of Medieval and Renaissance eras.

Cultural activities in LAG's territory are performed mainly by community centers – 16 in number, where works a variety of artistic groups in different ages and genders - brass bands, theater, children theater, children and female dance groups, Ensemble for traditional folk songs and dances and etc. The Community centers at the villages are primarily focused on the implementation of authentic folklore - songs, music and traditions, as their goal is to preserve the traditions of the region for future generations.

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