



PROJECT NEWSLETTER #4

Training on Project Cycle Management for the Representatives of Business Support Organizations



In an effort to further increase the capacities of Business Support Organizations on the topic of Project Cycle Management, Socio – Project has organized a four-day training for the representatives of these organizations. While the general topic was that of Project Cycle Management, the Project has put a special emphasis on development of Project Proposals. The training took place in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia, between May 31 and June 3, 2017.

A total of 15 representatives of Business Support Organization from Project Beneficiary Municipalities attended the training.

The training itself, was designed in such a way as to offer participants to get acquainted with Project Cycle Management, but mostly focused in development of Project Proposals. Development of Project Proposals and management and implementation of the same has been identified as one of the biggest gaps in the skills of the personnel of these entities. As such, Socio- Project has decided to address this issue by providing theoretical and practical knowledge. Topics covered during this training included: programing and identification of project idea, planning, setting performance indicators, appropriate risk management, project implementation, monitoring, evaluation, reporting and other relevant themes.

During the four-day training sessions, participants worked in mixed groups which provided the ground for potential future partnerships, in applying for funds.



The Training was very well perceived by all participants and there was a group request that such skill building opportunities are offered more frequently. Furthermore, this event served as an excellent opportunity for the representatives of minority and majority communities to share ideas, express their viewpoints related to socio-economic development of Kosovo but also socialize.

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The enthusiasm of participant is best described through the statement of two representatives of Business Support Organizations:

Ms. Arlinda Gashi,

Suhareka/Suva Reka Business Support Centre:



“Finally a training that does not only teaches us the theory but gives us an opportunity to express our thoughts and even make mistakes by doing so. I hope to transfer this knowledge into the practice and be able to develop good-quality project proposals, on behalf of our Centre.

I am thankful for the opportunity and do look forward to future events like this”.

Mr. Aleksandar Kojic,

Business Support Centre in Strpce/Shterpce Municipality:



“We have been offered this excellent opportunity, so to improve our skills and knowledge on Project Cycle Management.

We will use this knowledge to increase and strengthen our support towards our members – existing business and start-ups from the territory of Strpce/Shterpce Municipality.

The training was followed by a 2 day session, organized so to discuss the Guidelines for the upcoming Call for Proposals entitled “*Building Capacity of Business Associations in Development and Presentation Project Proposals*”, to be announced in mid-June. This event took place in Socio-Project Premises in Prizren and was designed in such a way as to prepare representatives of Business Support Organizations for the application period. During these two days, participants had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments concerning the application process.

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