

PARTNERSHIP FOR PROMOTING GREEN ENERGY IN THE RURAL AREA OF THE ROMANIAN-SERBIAN CROSS-BORDER REGION – GEROS

Goal of the project

- Increase the level of awareness and information regarding the use of green energy in rural areas by know-how transfer in the cross-border area
- Creation of a group of opinion leaders having know-how in the green energy domain
- Improvement of the infrastructure for insuring better cooperation and knowledge transfer regarding green energy in the cross-border area
- Supporting better preparation for people to develop new activities and to find new jobs in the green energy domain in the cross border-area
- Promoting the importance of using green energy sources for a sustainable development among the population in the cross-border area.

Short description of the project

Project supposed cooperation with Research Institute for Renewable Energies, for realize infrastructure connected and activities for training researches by cooperating with partners from Romania and abroad. The main base of the project consisted in use of experience and competence of Polytechnic University of Timisoara accumulated in the last forty years.

Acting according with the European and both Romanian and Serbian strategies for sustainable development, the project focused on transferring the knowledge and good practice from Romanian institutions that have expertise in the green energy field to the cross-border rural area.

The project addressed two key issues of rural development: the lack of information regarding the use or renewable energy and the high rate of unemployment.

More than that, the joint implementation and the large number of activities that were done in cooperation had a high impact on the connectedness, cultural and social aspects of the cross-border interactions.



Project implemented by

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Implementation period

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Main activities

- Launching and Closing Seminar's in RO and RS, for clearly present the goal, objectives and the project expected results, for actors of the rural areas (local authorities, SME's, NGO's, community representatives);
- Creation of the virtual network, with three components that are consistent with three different purposes: the project website, the web platform, and the green energy portal;
- Creation of Green Energy Promotion and Counseling Center at Žitište Municipality, Srednje Banatski County, with a capacity of 30 people, equipped adequately to host different activities;
- Organizing of two trainings, in Žitište, Srednje Banatski County and Timișoara, for preparing Stakeholders in the frame of green energy;
- Organizing cross-border caravan, for 3 days, which followed the route Timișoara, Jimbolia, Kikinda, Zrenjanin, Vrsac and Resita;
- Organizing a School Project contest between schools from the rural areas from both countries in the frame of green energy;
- Publishing a detailed study on the potential sources of renewable energy in the Romanian and Serbian border region.



Results

- 44 stakeholder trained, in green energy applications
- 287 pupils informed about green energy, which was informed by the cross-border caravan, in Timisoara, Jimbolia, Kikinda, Zrenjanin, Vrsac and Resita
- 16 school projects about using of green energy, presented in competition
- 1 green energy cross-border virtual network
- 1 Green Energy Promotion and Counseling Center
- 190 actors of the rural areas (local authorities, SME's, NGO's, community representatives) informed about project.



Applicability and transferability of the results:

- Best practices created will be applied also to future generations;
- The studies and materials created for the project will be used and improved for future years;
- The structures created will contribute to the development of future projects.

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