“Integrated economic development in rural cross border areas”

WORKING GROUP 1
State of art

• The Strategies and related Programmes for economic development of each particular cross-border area are the guidance for planning, development and implementation of different actions/projects.

• The structures for implementation of the ABDA in four cross-border target areas are consolidated and have a balanced representation of local authorities, civil and business sector.
State of art

- Private businesses confirmed their interest in developing business partnerships and quality oriented short value chains.
- Substantial funding for implementation of the programmes is missing, therefore it is essential to attract increased funding to achieve the development goals of the regions.
General Measures defined with Programmes for economic development of CB regions

1. Sustainable economic development (diversification of rural economy)

2. Sustainable natural resource management

3. Infrastructure
(GIZ) Rural development by integrated forest and water resource management in South-East-Europe – LEIWW

- 3 years period programme (2015-2017)
- Targets 6 countries in SEE
- Aims to build capacities for rural development, sustainable forest and water resource management

Field of activities:

1. Regional cooperation
2. National policy
3. Income generation based on the use of natural resources in the cross-border regions
Type of activities within component 3 of the GIZ programme

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Definition of possible general type of actions

- Tourism development based on sustainable natural resources
- Ecologically friendly production of agricultural products
- Ago-forestry development
- Green value chains development
Grant scheme

1. Capacity building ← expertise
   - Coaching
   - Training

2. Call for proposals ← PMU/HQ

3. Selection procedure

4. Implementation (investments) accompanied with coaching ← beneficiaries

5. Monitoring ← PMU
Conclusions

• The future actions targeting rural cross-border areas, should build on the measures defined with ABDA programming documents.

• Possible future grants scheme should focus on sustainable economic with special focus on the sustainable use of natural resources.
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• Coordination of local and national authorities in the programming process of the rural development is of a crucial importance.

• Commitment supported with financial contribution by the WB Governments will boost the sustainable economic development of rural cross-border areas.