

## Support Balkan Rural Development Network - BRDN as a functional regional platform for cooperation of rural networks in the Western Balkans

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# Objectives

- Development Objective:

Strengthening institutional capacity of Balkan Rural Development Network to support sustainable socio-economic development in the Western Balkan countries through networking.

- Project Objective:

Increased capacities of RDN of RM on its role as a leader of the BRDN to implement networking activities in the Balkan region with specific focus on rural women, and share experience and knowledge, to ensure coordination of joint actions and the activities of each member network.

# Outputs

- Output 1: BRDN institutional capacity for planning and implementation of sustainable strategies increased;
- Output 2: Networking and joint activities of the network-members of BRDN on a national and regional level initiated through BRDN;
- Output 3: Specific rural women empowerment activities initiated and realized on a regional level through networking of the existing LAGs – members of the national rural networks;
- Output 4: BRDN visibility enhanced on a national and regional level;

# Activities

1. Preparation of BRDN strategy and 2 years' action plan with strong emphasize of the rural women needs;
2. Organization of regional rural development policy forum;
3. Implementation of Local Action Groups regional joint projects thematically oriented to the strategic objectives of the rural women in the Western Balkans;
4. Design and maintenance of web site;
5. Preparation of promotional materials.

## Expected outcome/impact

- It is expected with this action the project will strengthen BRDN institutional capacities to be able to play a significant role in promoting partnership-based local development in Western Balkan countries and to dialogue with Governments influencing policy and decision making processes in sustainable development of rural communities. This will stimulate awareness, networking and participation among all categories of stakeholders. Governments would then recognize the value of the BRDN, as independent non-government organization acting as expert and intermediary between government and stakeholders.

- Project duration: 2 years
- Project implementer: Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia, as member of BRDN.

Budget	Total Project value	504.315,60 SEK	100%
	We Effect contribution	405.310,85 SEK	80.37%
	RDN of RM contribution	99.004,75 SEK	19.63%