



"Support to economic diversification of rural areas in Southeast Europe (SEDRA)"

Minutes from the 9th Stakeholders' Group Meeting for the cross-border region "Pcinja-Kraishte"

20th March 2019

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"Pcinja-Kraishte"

20, March 2019

Kriva Palanka, Republic of North Macedonia

1. List of participants

The ninth Stakeholders' Group Meeting for "Pcinja-Kraishte" cross-border region was attended by 49 participants, representatives of the stakeholder group of the cross-border region "Pcinja-Kraishte, translators, technicians and SWG and GIZ project team.

Annex 1: List of participants

2. Agenda

10:00 – 10:30 **Arrival of the participants and welcome gathering**

10:30 – 10:45 **Welcome speech**

The representative of the Municipality of Kriva Palanka, TBC

SWG representative, Mr. Predrag Markovic, Regional Manager

GIZ representative, Ms. Irena Dzimrevska, Advisor

10:45 – 11:15 **Presentation of SWG GIZ project: "Support to economic diversification of rural areas in Southeast Europe (SEDRA)"**

Predrag Markovic, SWG Regional Manager

Ms. Irena Dzimrevska, GIZ Advisor

11:15 – 12:00 **Presentation of future investment support / Open Call for support to People to People events and Capacity building activities within the SEDRA project**

- Coaching stakeholders for planning, organization, and implementation of P2P activities
- Discussion and inputs from stakeholders related to training needs in the upcoming period

Predrag Markovic, SWG Regional Manager

GIZ representative, Ms. Irena Dzimrevska, Advisor

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 – 13:30 **Presentation of the results and discussions on the baseline assessment of the selected value chains (Evaluation of submitted survey forms)**

Predrag Markovic, SWG Regional Manager

Ms. Irena Dzimrevska, GIZ Advisor

13:30 – 14:00 **Discussion and conclusions of the meeting**

14:00-15:30 Lunch break

15:30- 18:30 **Meeting of beekeeping value chain operators**

15:30-17:00 **Identification of scope of cooperation within the beekeeping value chain in Pcinja-Krajiste cross-border region, based on joint interest**

Group work

17:00 – 18:30 **Presentation of results and discussions**

Plenary Session

19:30 Dinner

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9:00- 13:30 Meeting with honey value chain operators

09:00 – 10:00 Discussions and agreement of the aspects of the Value Chain Strategy and Code of Practice

10:00 – 11:00 Identification of specific capacity building measures for the beekeeping value chain operators, preparation of capacity building plan

11:00- 11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30 Discussions on the needs for investment support in the beekeeping value chain in Pcinja-Krajiste cross-border region

12:30-13:00 Identification of possible funding sources (National support schemes, IPARD, cross-border cooperation programmes, etc.)

13:00-13:30 Final discussions and conclusions

13:30-14:30 Lunch and departure

3. Minutes of the meeting

The 9th stakeholder meeting for “Pcinja Krajiste” region was organized in Monastery St. Joakim Ostrogovski, Kriva Palanka, the Republic of North Macedonia on 20th March 2019

5. The official opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the mayor of municipality Kriva Palanka Mr. Borjanco Micevski who welcomed the guests and presented the agenda of the meeting.

Presentation of SWG GIZ project: “Support to economic diversification of rural areas in Southeast Europe (SEDRA)”

Output 1: Regional cooperation and policy advice

Output 2: Sustainable business models

Output 3: Community-led and area-based development

All planned activities were presented to the participants

The special focus was given to p2p events, since call for p2p will be open soon. The main instruction was about process of the application but also some main difficulties in implementation were mentioned.

Regarding the needs for investment support in the beekeeping value chain in Pcinja-Krajiste cross-border region, the main focus in the discussion was on the promotion of the beekeeper products. The individual investments are needed for beekeepers with the high number of the beehives. The investments with the inclusion of the women and the youth are also possible ,but further elaboration is needed

The beekeepers in the CB region “Pcinja –Krajiste” are not using enough Identification of possible funding sources (National support schemes, IPARD, cross-border cooperation programmes, etc.)

It was also discussed about the products of the bees which can be produced in this cross-border region. The discussion was opened on the price of the honey in the cross-border region. Participants explained on the income that they’ve had from beekeeping and expenses needed on maintenance. SHG members were asked to promote more beekeeping in the region “Pcinja-Krajiste” and to apply on the p2p call with the activities which are linked with beekeeping

After the organized SHG meeting capacity building event regarding the identification of the needs of beekeepers and beekeeper associations. As one of the main events of this capacity building event was Identification of specific capacity building measures for the beekeeping value chain operators and preparation of capacity building plan. It was also discussed about all other planned activities on the SEDRA project

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