



LEADER implementation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Institutions responsible for implementing the program LEADER and support to LAG-s:


- ▶ Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina (MoFTER B&H - State Level)
- ▶ Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina – MoA FBiH
- ▶ Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Republika Srpska – MoA RS
- ▶ Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Brčko Distrikt – DoA BD





ACTIVITIES OF COMPETENT INSTITUTIONS RELATED TO LEADER AND LAG


- ▶ **MoFTER B&H** is responsible for performing tasks within the jurisdiction of B&H, which relate to defining policies, basic principles, **coordinating activities and harmonizing** the plans of the entity authorities and institutions at the international level in the field of agriculture, and thus rural development and LEADER programs.

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- ▶ **MoA FbIH, RS and BD** are responsible for developing and implementing policies for the introduction of LEADER approaches, as well as funding measures to support the work of LAGs.

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- ▶ None of the competent authorities had in 2018 activities aimed to financially support LAGs in their work, new legislatives or improvement of capacities of the personnel working to introduce the LEADER program. MOFTER has, in line with its competencies, monitored work of LAGs
 - ▶ The support to LAG-related activities has been planned through the Strategic Plan for Rural Development of BiH (2018-2020)

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- However, in the programs/bylaws on the financial support for agriculture and rural development in 2018/19, none of the institutions authorized to implement agricultural and rural development policies (MoA FBiH, RS and BD), has not planned a measure to exclusively aim LAGs.

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- ▶ The measures aimed at LAGs were not included in programs/bylaws on support available for legal entities in MoA RS since 2014, FBiH since 2011 while in BD, the financial support for LAGs has not ever been introduced.
 - ▶ It is necessary to emphasize that the registered LAGs can apply for any measure available to legal entities within programs/bylaws, but in 2018 there were no applications submitted by LAGs.

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- In the previous period, some municipalities, where LAGs were established, took part in their financing. The financial support organised through financing LAG office and coordinator; and through co-financing of LAG projects.

Conclusion:

- In order to improve the current situation, it is necessary that the competent institutions show interest for LAG, and plan budgetary support for LAGs, in a consistent way and promote work of LAGs with donors.
- Very important aspect of improving LAGs work is education of their members, promotion of LAGs and cooperation among LAGs.
- Promotion of LEADER and LAG activities, in the area of existing initiatives and in the new areas, should be continuous activities implemented both by LAGs and authorized institutions.



Thank you