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1st Call for Proposals

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**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

**Duration**
24 months

**Start date**
11 October 2018

**Total value**
€ 827 860.00

**ENI contribution**
€ 761 631.20

**OVERVIEW**
The main idea of the project is to upgrade the **skills of the SMEs’ staff** with necessary requirements to implement business **managerial tools and techniques** to improve their **competitiveness**.

**PARTNERSHIP**

- **Lead Beneficiary**
  - Technical Chamber of Greece - Eastern Macedonia Branch (Greece)
  - Partner budget € 132 086.00

- **Beneficiary 2**
  - Municipality of Xanthi (Greece)
  - Partner budget € 123 871.00

- **Beneficiary 3**
  - Municipality of Constanța (Romania)
  - Partner budget € 156 562.00

- **Beneficiary 4**
  - Development Principles NGO (Armenia)
  - Partner budget € 147 104.00

- **Beneficiary 5**
  - State organization "Regional Fund for the Support of the Entrepreneurship of Zaporizhje region" (Ukraine)
  - Partner budget € 136 479.00

- **Beneficiary 6**
  - Sile Governorate (Turkey)
  - Partner budget € 134 758.00

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

- **3 Management models** adapted to the tourism SMEs for management improvement;
- A **Common mentors’ training package** for tourism SMEs mentors;
- A **Transnational mentors’ registry** including 24 trained mentors able to support the tourism SMEs towards their management improvement;
- A **Common SMEs’ training platform** providing an effective e-training tool for SMEs staff to improve their managerial performance;
- **200 SMEs’ Staff Trained on modern management tools & methods**;
- **100 SMEs implemented management tools** for managerial performance and competitiveness;
- **1 CERTOUR network** developed to ensure sustainability, transferability and springboard and multiplier effect.

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**Common borders. Common solutions.**
Black Sea Basin interdisciplinary cooperation network for sustainable joint monitoring of environmental toxicants migration, improved evaluation of ecological state and human health impact of harmful substances, and public exposure prevention

Priority 2.1 – Improve joint environmental monitoring

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Duration
30 months

Start date
20 September 2018

Total value
€ 952 583.55

ENI contribution
€ 876 376.85

OVERVIEW

The project beneficiaries will cooperate to improve joint monitoring of environmental toxic pollution and exchange of new analysis methodology, data and information on ecological state and human health impact of harmful substances.

PARTNERSHIP

Lead Beneficiary
Dunarea de Jos University of Galati (Romania)

Beneficiary 2
Institute of Zoology (Republic of Moldova)

Beneficiary 3
Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Institute of Technology (Greece)

Beneficiary 4
Institute of Geology and Seismology (Republic of Moldova)

Beneficiary 5
Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development (Romania)

Partner budget
€ 303 195.20

Partner budget
€ 193 370.40

Partner budget
€ 144 778.49

Partner budget
€ 93 732.00

Partner budget
€ 217 507.46

EXPECTED RESULTS

• 1 network of analytical laboratories and experts to elaborate a common ecotoxicological monitoring system;
• 1 scientific platform with harmonized information on toxic in soil, water, sediments, vegetation and their potential impact on ecosystems and people;
• Innovative tools leading to public awareness for prevention of pollutants spread and reducing health effects;
• GIS maps of regional pollution with toxic substances in Black Sea Basin;
• Complex studies in the Black Sea Basin region on 7 separate environmental compartments and 6 classes of toxic pollutants;
• 2 international scientific conferences; 2 cross-border regional workshops; 1 international symposium and 6 public informational events on the environmental issues;
• Practical activities in modern laboratory for teenagers future environmental experts.

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Priority 1.1 – Jointly promote business and entrepreneurship in the tourism and cultural sectors

Overview
The project aims to diversify the activities currently limited to specific routes and themes for foreign visitors, in line with the natural and cultural potentials of the area. A variety of eco tourism activity routes and locations will be created to support the tourism in Black Sea Basin region.

Expected results
- 66 eco tourism activities proposed in the region: 10 cycling routes, 6 hiking routes and 4 bird watching locations, 32 recreational locations, 10 photo bank locations, 2 local marketing points, 2 educational tour routes;
- 1 Web portal displaying 560 panoramic pictures of the 18 routes and 48 locations, track maps, local stories and transportation & accommodation;
- Map and emergency supported IOS and Android based mobile applications;
- 1 Outdoor Guide with the eco-tourism activities and maps;
- 1 introductory film and 3 viral videos to promote the new eco tourism activities;
- 145 signage posts, 66 large map and information boards, 4 bird watching towers; 54 sets of outdoor furniture, 10 fixed sales stands, 10 fixed photo banks; 10 bicycle parkings and 60 track marking over the trees for the routes/recreation areas proposed.

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Development of Sustainable Cultural Tourism in the Black Sea Basin

Priority 1.1 – Jointly promote business and entrepreneurship in the tourism and cultural sectors

About the Project

Duration
23 months

Start date
11 September 2018

Total value
€ 957,792.24

ENI contribution
€ 881,168.86

Overview
The project aims to enhance attractiveness of tourism sector through small scale investments in the Black Sea Basin region and through the use of new technologies and interactive tools for promotion.

Partnership

Lead Beneficiary
Sozopol Municipality
(Bulgaria)

Beneficiary 2
Constanta Municipality
(Romania)

Beneficiary 3
ECCOCENTER for Environmental Protection (Georgia)

Beneficiary 4
Agency of Sustainable Development and European Integration "Lower Danube Euroregion" (Ukraine)

Beneficiary 5
Executive Committee of Izmail City Council (Ukraine)

Beneficiary 6
Düzce Governorship
(Turkey)

Expected Results

- 1 Joint strategy for cross-border tourism promotion in the Black Sea Basin countries;
- 1 Interactive web-based platform for tourism promotion of the Black Sea Basin region;
- 25 Regional tourism routes in the Black Sea countries and 15 cross-border tourism routes;
- 1 Investment in Sozopol, Bulgaria for construction a pedestrian tourist alley with pavilions and relax area near the cultural site "St. Marina" Chapel;
- 1 Investment in Izmail, Ukraine for rehabilitation of the park-monument of landscape art "City garden" near the cultural and religious site Pokrovsky Cathedral;
- 1 Investment in Düzce, Turkey to renovate the historical site.
Increase Trading and Modernization of the Beekeeping and Connected Sectors in the Black Sea Basin

Priority 1.2 – Increase cross-border trade opportunities and modernisation in the agricultural and connected sectors

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Duration
24 months

Start date
27 March 2019

Total value
€ 758 303.00

ENI contribution
€ 697 638.76

OVERVIEW

The project aims to identify and implement tools to support the beekeepers in the Black Sea Basin by improving the conditions of production, increasing the quality of bee products and ensuring marketing to create safe cross-border trade opportunities and business development with input in modernizing the beekeeping sector and related sectors.

PATTERNSHIP

Lead Beneficiary
Galati Tehnopol Association (Romania)

Beneficiary 2
Varna Economic Development Agency (Bulgaria)

Beneficiary 3
Eastern Black Sea Development Agency (Turkey)

Beneficiary 4
Gahul Business Centre (Republic of Moldova)

Beneficiary 5
Mykolay Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Ukraine)

Partner budget
€ 213 293.00

Partner budget
€ 141 524.00

Partner budget
€ 158 486.00

Partner budget
€ 119 560.00

Partner budget
€ 125 440.00

EXPECTED RESULTS

- An organizational and functional framework for the apiculture producers’ network in the Black Sea Basin;
- 1 online portal containing a database fully accessible to each associative beekeeping entity in partner countries during the implementation of the project and 3 digital maps;
- A marketing and trading strategy with common elements but tailored to the specifics of each country;
- 1 International Fair of Apiculture Products in Varna, Bulgaria;
- 1 International Honey, Tea and Traditional Local Products Festival in Galati, Romania;
- 1 International Beekeeping Conference in Ordu, Turkey;
- A catalogue of all bee products in the Black Sea Basin by categories.

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Improved online public access to environmental monitoring data and data tools for the Black Sea Basin supporting cooperation in the reduction of marine litter

Priority 2.1 – Improve joint environmental monitoring

Overview
The project core is an interactive web-based Internet portal to support geospatial data on Black Sea region including digital maps on marine environmental conditions, geophysical maps for the coastal areas, environmental and abiotic parameters for the broader region, maps of protected areas, current climate and projections of future climate. It will also support maps for marine litter movement patterns.

About the Project
Duration
30 months
Start date
24 July 2018
Total value
€ 771 779.58
ENI contribution
€ 710 057.21

Partnership

- Lead Beneficiary
  Black Sea NGO Network (Bulgaria)
  Partner budget € 188,398.58

- Beneficiary 2
  Mare Nostrum NGO (Romania)
  Partner budget € 157,708.00

- Beneficiary 3
  Aristotle University of Thessaloniki-Special Account for Research Funds (Greece)
  Partner budget € 162,852.00

- Beneficiary 4
  Ukrainian Scientific Center of Ecology of the Sea (Ukraine)
  Partner budget € 140,191.00

- Beneficiary 5
  Black Sea Eco Academy (Georgia)
  Partner budget € 142,630.00

Expected Results
- Study of data and information to open up the Web-based Internet portal supporting geospatial data on the Black Sea region, further developed with maps for future climate conditions at both the marine component and the terrestrial environment;
- E-learning course providing opportunities for non-formal education mainly for youth and volunteers on a series of related topics;
- Regional training on policy toolbox to support the adaptive environmental policies and marine litter reduction in the programme region;
- Guidebook on good practices of marine litter reduction providing information and summary material for the existing regulatory measures and practices from countries and sectors in the Black Sea basin.

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Priority 2.2 – Promote common awareness-raising and joint actions to reduce river and marine litter

**Common borders. Common solutions.**
Creating a System of Innovative Transboundary Monitoring of the Transformations of the Black Sea River Ecosystems under the Impact of Hydropower Development and Climate Change

Priority 2.1 – Improve joint environmental monitoring

About the Project

Duration
30 months

Start date
21 September 2018

Total value
€ 896,865.00

ENI contribution
€ 825,115.80

Overview
The project is focused on developing a unified system of monitoring and a common set of indicators of the influence of hydropower on the state of the environment and ecosystem services delivered by Black Sea rivers, Dniester and Prut. The system will be incorporated into a bilateral cooperation strategy on joint monitoring of cross-border rivers affected by hydropower.

Partnership

Lead Beneficiary
Institute of Zoology (Republic of Moldova)

Partner budget
€ 310,445.00

Beneficiary 2
International Association of River Keepers “Eco-Tiras” (Republic of Moldova)

Partner budget
€ 162,544.00

Beneficiary 3
University Dunarea de Jos Galati (Romania)

Partner budget
€ 236,210.00

Beneficiary 4
Scientific Research Institution Ukrainian Scientific Centre of the Ecology of Sea (Ukraine)

Partner budget
€ 93,188.00

Beneficiary 5
Hydrometeorological Center for Black and Azov Seas (Ukraine)

Partner budget
€ 94,478.00

Expected Results

- A common methodology for monitoring impacts of hydropower on trans-boundary river ecosystems based on agreed environmental indicators and available best international practices;
- A strategy for bilateral water cooperation on joint monitoring of trans-boundary rivers affected by hydropower;
- 1. Youth Summer School to raise awareness on monitoring methods, impact of hydropower on river ecosystems, integrated river basin management concept and EU water legislation;
- 1. International Conference on hydropower impact on ecosystem functioning;
- A digital platform that will contribute to the dissemination of knowledge and good practices for the sustainable management of aquatic resources of rivers of cross-border importance affected by hydropower and climate change.

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Sailing across the Black Sea

Priority 1.1 – Jointly promote business and entrepreneurship in the tourism and cultural sectors

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Duration
24 months

Start date
22 August 2018

Total value
€ 1 237 786.24

ENI contribution
€ 1 138 763.34

OVERVIEW

The project will deliver new tourist products introducing new maritime tourist routes alongside. Consequently, the cross-border business opportunities will increase supporting the cross-border tourist flows.

PARTNERSHIP

Lead Beneficiary
Port Authority of Alexandroupolis (Greece)
Partner budget € 454 714.00

Beneficiary 2
Sport fishing Club "Glarus" (Bulgaria)
Partner budget € 482 430.24

Beneficiary 3
International Centre for Social Research and Policy Analysis (Georgia)
Partner budget € 300 642.00

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 6 new tourist routes aiming to create sailing trips with emphasis on cultural heritage attractions;
- Floating pontoons set up to enhance the capabilities of the Alexandroupolis Port to host tourist boats;
- A new eco-friendly tourist boat that is going to travel along the newly created tourist routes from Burgas port;
- 3 separate but integrated into one network tourist offices (1 in each participating country);
- A complete guide-manual for boat owners that want to travel between Black Sea ports and north Aegean Ports;
- 3 movable info points to approach stakeholders and tourists;
- An interactive database for the visualization of the routes providing open access to the information.
Priority 2.2 – Promote common awareness-raising and joint actions to reduce river and marine litter

**Overview**

The project is proposing the concept of Zero Waste with a theoretical and a practical perspective. Common methodologies will be developed to collect both social and economic data, which will be addressed to develop comparable datasets for evaluation at the EU level. On desk research will be supplemented by clean-up operations of shorelines and the sea floor as well as school and public education programmes.

**Expected Results**

- Integrated database as a dynamic website on existing information and knowledge on collected marine debris from the Black Sea region;
- Reports on Collected Marine Debris to ensure long-term sustainability;
- 4 Coastal/Beach Clean-Up Campaigns involving 1,600 volunteers;
- 4 Fishing for Litter Campaigns involving 330 fishermen;
- An Ecosystem Education Programme with three multi-media education sets and a web-based online game.

**Partnership**

- **Lead Beneficiary**
  - Namik Kemal University (Turkey)
  - Partner budget € 378,300.00
- **Beneficiary 2**
  - Tourism Development Council in Nessebar Municipality (Bulgaria)
  - Partner budget € 164,655.00
- **Beneficiary 3**
  - Ukrainian Marine Environment Protection Association (Ukraine)
  - Partner budget € 161,872.00
- **Beneficiary 4**
  - International Association “Civilitas Georgia” (Georgia)
  - Partner budget € 165,311.00

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**Overview**

Piloting Modern Trading Opportunities in Agriculture through Creation of the Innovative Online Platform

Priority 1.2 – Increase cross-border trade opportunities and modernisation in the agricultural and connected sectors

About the Project

Duration
24 months

Start date
19 June 2018

Total value
€ 699,993.00

ENI contribution
€ 643,993.56

Overview
The project will develop an online roadmap of a multilanguage agricultural trading platform to provide agribusiness stakeholders operating in the field free access to the business links and information.
Around 150 buyers, sellers, processors, service and technology providers are expected to get registered online to find business partners.

Expected Results
- International trade links, sectoral and cross-sectoral networks and partnerships facilitated and promoted;
- Modern electronic marketing and trading tools for agricultural products and services developed and good practices shared;
- Cross-border information system on markers, logistics, legislation and other agribusiness related issues of the three countries;
- Research and information gathering activities conducted through joint cooperation of the three different organizations operating in Georgia, Bulgaria and Romania; the findings will be placed online for free and access provided in an organized way;
- Internet connectivity strengthened with greater use of information and communication technologies among the cross-border business actors in agricultural and connected sectors.

Partnership
Lead Beneficiary
Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (Georgia)
Partner budget
€ 246,508.00

Beneficiary 2
Elva Community Engagement (Georgia)
Partner budget
€ 109,010.00

Beneficiary 3
Varna Economic Development Agency (Bulgaria)
Partner budget
€ 171,020.00

Beneficiary 4
SMART Development Center (Romania)
Partner budget
€ 173,455.00

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Green tourism and historical heritage – a stepping stone for the development of the Black Sea Basin

Priority 1.1 – Jointly promote business and entrepreneurship in the tourism and cultural sectors

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Duration
30 months

Start date
23 October 2018

Total value
€ 1 105 080.96

ENI contribution
€ 1 016 674.48

OVERVIEW

The overall objective of the project is to boost the development of green cross border historical tourism in the Black Sea Basin by promoting heritage protection, know how, climate adaptation technologies in historic and protected buildings and facilitating the transfer of innovative business solutions between countries.

PARTNERSHIP

Lead Beneficiary
Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (Bulgaria)

Beneficiary 2
Cross-border Cooperation and European Integration Agency (Republic of Moldova)

Beneficiary 3
Executive Committee of Izmail City Council (Ukraine)

Beneficiary 4
Municipality of Grestiada (Greece)

Beneficiary 5
The National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia (Georgia)

Beneficiary 6
Association of Cross-Border Cooperation “Lower Danube Euroregion” (Romania)

Partner budget
€ 285 738.98

Partner budget
€ 107 979.98

Partner budget
€ 182 923.00

Partner budget
€ 272 034.00

Partner budget
€ 102 788.00

Partner budget
€ 153 617.00

EXPECTED RESULTS

- A joint online catalogue for green tourism;
- 18 Feasibility study for 3 buildings per country for introduction of investment measures in protected buildings;
- A roadmap of the Black Sea Basin historical tourism and its green aspects;
- 1 Virtual guide to historic Black Sea Cross border places for locating sites and assets on the map, discovering their history and other relevant information;
- Rehabilitation of a pilot building with historical value and its transformation into a Tourist site in the old city of Varna (Bulgaria);
- Modernization of Izmail Historical Museum of the Danube region (Ukraine);
- 1 Virtual Museum for promoting the story and opus of Carathédory family and their influence to local and European history / Karatheodoris Exhibition Center in Nea Vyssa, Grestiada (Greece).
Assessing the vulnerability of the Black Sea marine ecosystem to human pressures

Priority 2.1 – Improve joint environmental monitoring

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Duration
28 months

Start date
26 July 2018

Total value
€ 991 173.71

ENI contribution
€ 911 879.81

OVERVIEW

The project focuses on the pile of quality controlled and comparable data sets for the Black Sea environmental status assessment via pilot monitoring studies in selected study areas: coastal and open sea following testing of the Black Sea Monitoring and Assessment Guidance in order to assess the status of the Black Sea, as a basis for further actions.

Expected Results

- **Hot Spots Black Sea tool** through the implementation of the methodology for identification and prioritization of Hot Spots;
- **Decision-making tool** on the adaptive criteria for monitoring of the maritime activities impact;
- **Joint Scientific Research** organized having in mind harmonized methodologies and the need to include in the assessment new/common criteria and indicators related to biodiversity, eutrophication, contamination, marine litter and also areas beyond the coastal areas in a representative and efficient way;
- **Pilot study** on the quality of Black Sea seafood for new data on chemical contamination of aquatic organisms and potential risks, thus filling knowledge gaps identified for the Black Sea region;
- **Educational and awareness-raising** campaigns based on the findings following the case studies on beach litter and cetaceans.

Joint Cultural Heritage – Source for Development of Entrepreneurship in the Black Sea Basin

Priority 1.1 – Jointly promote business and entrepreneurship in the tourism and cultural sectors

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Duration
24 months

Start date
18 September 2018

Total value
€ 939 544.00

ENI contribution
€ 864 380.48

OVERVIEW

The project focuses on the underwater archaeological research for an unique experience in the Black Sea Basin of natural and cultural heritage.
The fascinating sub-aquatic treasures remain a „must-see”.

Lead Beneficiary
Constanta County Council (Romania)
Partner budget € 341 094.00

Beneficiary 2
Bulgarian Association for Transfer of Technology and Innovation (Bulgaria)
Partner budget € 215 590.00

Beneficiary 3
District Government of Enez (Turkey)
Partner budget € 297 740.00

Beneficiary 4
Ungheni District Council (Republic of Moldova)
Partner budget € 85 120.00

EXPECTED RESULTS

- A laboratory for underwater archaeological research to be developed by the Museum of National History and Archaeology Constanta (Romania);
- Specific equipment for water sports and cultural activities in Enez Water Activity Center (Turkey);
- Digital maps for promoting underwater archaeological heritage from the Black Sea;
- Innovative holographic projection system to promote the archaeological sites / the natural and cultural patrimony;
- 1 Touristic Information center set up in Ungheni (Republic of Moldova);
- A movie with the reconstruction of the Middle Ages promoting the historical sites;
- 1 atlas - digital album, promoting the project partner towns and historical cultural events;
- Investments to set up an underwater archaeological area in the ancient Ainos.

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Sustainable Agricultural Trade Network in Black Sea Basin

Priority 1.2 – Increase cross-border trade opportunities and modernisation in the agricultural and connected sectors

About the Project

Duration
27 months

Start date
2 August 2018

Total value
€ 638,264.88

ENI contribution
€ 587,203.66

Overview
The key issue is to create links between regional brands, local community and the region to support its promotion and further development. Certified local products can influence local business development and affect other products positively - increase their value, strengthen rural integration and valorize local resources.

Expected Results
- Research of local agricultural products, including local / regional products that have a potential to receive geographical Indication and to be placed under umbrella of local branding;
- Study about the legislation related with production of these agricultural products and the needs of local producers;
- Research about the opportunities of international trading of these products;
- Good examples to straighten the capacity of local producers: the establishment of local production centers;
- Local Trainings on local branding and Geographical Indication products certification process;
- Local producers’ market where local producers will present their traditional agricultural products;
- Links between producers from Black Sea Basin region through common promotion and trading IT tools as online marketing and trading instruments.

Partnership

Lead Beneficiary
Traders’ Association of Thessaloniki (Greece)

Beneficiary 2
Chamber of Commerce and Industry Bourgas (Bulgaria)

Beneficiary 3
Galati Foundation for the Promotion of Small and Medium Sized Private Enterprises (Romania)

Beneficiary 4
Public Association “Business Advisory Center” (Republic of Moldova)

Beneficiary 5
Demirkoy Municipality (Turkey)

Beneficiary 6
Institute of Market Problems and Economic & Ecological Research/ National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (Ukraine)

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Partner budget
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Partner budget
€ 78,846.04

Partner budget
€ 73,455.16

Partner budget
€ 194,087.67

Partner budget
€ 78,075.00

Waste Free Rivers for a Clean Black Sea

Priority 2.2 – Promote common awareness-raising and joint actions to reduce river and marine litter

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Duration
26 months

Start date
30 August 2018

Total value
€ 1 008 497.00

ENI contribution
€ 827 817.24

OVERVIEW

The project will introduce modern practices of the Green Waste & Composting and 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) for solid waste in the communities located along the Black Sea basin rivers in Georgia and Republic of Moldova.


EXPECTED RESULTS

- A compost center for green waste in Kutaisi (Georgia) and separated collection of paper, plastic and glass waste and used batteries;
- A plastic waste separation network of 40 special containers in Poti (Georgia);
- A Recycling Center for WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) established in Ungheni City (Republic of Moldova) with 12 recycling points in Ungheni City and villages located along the Prut River;
- An environmental educational program regarding rivers and sea protection and modern waste management containing a manual, animated video lessons, an interactive game, books and lessons cycle;
- 50 clean-up events in the communities located along the rivers of Rioni, Prut, Danube and Black Sea coast;
- A drawing contest “I protect my river and Black Sea” for school students and an international Eco-plein air on “Rivers without borders. Art without borders” for young artists.

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Improving the existing competences and developing new ones in the aquaculture and fish products trade sector

Priority 1.2 – Increase cross-border trade opportunities and modernisation in the agricultural and connected sectors

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

**Duration**
24 months

**Start date**
21 November 2018

**Total value**
€ 682 883.57

**ENI contribution**
€ 628 252.87

**OVERVIEW**

The project was born from partners’ desire to improve existing competences in the field of aquaculture and its related fields in the Black Sea Basin. It builds on a consolidated experience of exchange by moving towards concrete transfer of good practices in 4 Black Sea regions aiming to improve their competences, especially in what concerns support for aquaculture SMEs.

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

- **A Consolidated Report on State of the Art Analyses in the field of aquaculture including an inventory on most valuable fish species in aquaculture in Black Sea partner territories**;
- **A Common guidelines for aquaculture entrepreneurs with all the necessary procedures and steps to be followed in order to start or to develop a business in this field**;
- **A set of relevant marketing strategies in all partner regions for aquaculture products with a focus on small scale businesses**;
- **A database with at least 18 examples of good practices in the field of aquaculture in the Black Sea region**;
- **An Aquaculture Virtual Center of Competences as an open access web platform that will primarily serve as a cross-border business & logistics information exchange system**;
- **A concrete set of policy recommendations/ proposals for policy improvements mainstreamed towards responsible institutions or organizations**.

**COMMON BORDERS. COMMON SOLUTIONS.**
Priority 1.1 – Jointly promote business and entrepreneurship in the tourism and cultural sectors

OVERVIEW

The natural richness and cultural diversity of partner regions will be capitalized to create new tourism products and the increase of cultural events aim to promote the target regions of the Black Sea basin as an attractive tourist destination.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 1 Cross-border and 4 regional tourist products consistent with the current demand for tourist services;
- 4 Transnational forums presenting topics related to tourism and new opportunities for business and entrepreneurship;
- 4 Festivals promoting authentic local traditions, folklore, culture and crafts;
- 1 Business and Entrepreneurship Strategy for New Opportunities in Tourism;
- 1 Joint study for best practices and modern alternatives for Tourism Businesses.

PARTNERSHIP

- Lead Beneficiary: SATEAN Foundation (Romania) - Partner budget: €183,900.00
- Beneficiary 2: Avren Municipality (Bulgaria) - Partner budget: €118,854.00
- Beneficiary 3: International Business Development and Investment Centre (Georgia) - Partner budget: €133,630.00
- Beneficiary 4: Săbăoieni Municipality (Republic of Moldova) - Partner budget: €101,954.00
- Beneficiary 5: "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati (Romania) - Partner budget: €103,004.00

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Black Sea Joint Environmental Monitoring and Protection

Priority 2.1 – Improve joint environmental monitoring

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Duration
24 months

Start date
10 August 2018

Total value
€ 723 472.24

ENI contribution
€ 665 594.46

OVERVIEW

The project focuses on prevention actions by creating a cross border environmental monitoring system, development of prevention activities for environmental protection and improve the availability and cross border interchangeability of updated online data for public authorities and NGOs.

PARTNERSHIP

Lead Beneficiary
- Constanța County Council (Romania)

Beneficiary 2
- Council District of Ungheni (Republic of Moldova)

Beneficiary 3
- Bulgarian Association for Transfer of Technology and Innovation (Bulgaria)

Partner budget
- € 370 550.00
- € 140 278.00
- € 212 844.24

EXPECTED RESULTS

- An integrated environmental monitoring system to ensure proper measures to protect the population of the Black Sea Basin exposed to various natural hazards, to avoid or reduce risks and to prepare effective responses;
- A management plan for environmental protection;
- An online common integrated platform to share the data gathered from the environmental system;
- A mobile application for environmental protection for youth to learn environmental protection measures to be taken, and also information on how to act during notable risks such as earthquake, floods and forest fires;
- An innovative technology web solution for rapid response to crises, simultaneous registration, allocation and pooling of volunteer groups, training and demonstrations to deal with unforeseen accidents or disasters;
- Specialized equipment to improve the capacities of public authorities from Black Sea Basin in addressing the common challenge regarding environmental and other risks hazards.

Promoting tea as the engine of growth for the Black Sea Basin Area

Priority 1.2 – Increase cross-border trade opportunities and modernisation in the agricultural and connected sectors

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Duration
24 months

Start date
7 August 2018

Total value
€ 700 000.00

ENI contribution
€ 644 000.00

OVERVIEW

Promoting tea as the engine of growth for the Black Sea Basin Area

The subject of the project is Tea

As a cultural heritage of the Black Sea basin area and as an instrument for intercultural dialogue

As an agri-food product which can serve as a focal point to boost the rural communities’ economy

PARTNERSHIP

Lead Beneficiary
Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Xanthi (Greece)

Partner budget
€ 170 000.00

Beneficiary 2
Trabzon Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Turkey)

Partner budget
€ 120 000.00

Beneficiary 3
Varna Economic Development Agency (Bulgaria)

Partner budget
€ 100 000.00

Beneficiary 4
International Centre for Social Research and Policy Analysis (Georgia)

Partner budget
€ 100 000.00

Beneficiary 5
Armenian Young Women’s Association (Armenia)

Partner budget
€ 100 000.00

Beneficiary 6
Chamber of Commerce of Drama (Greece)

Partner budget
€ 110 000.00

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EXPECTED RESULTS

- A complex analysis of the Tea sector in the Black Sea Basin Area based on the following three pillars: marketing opportunities; environmental sustainability of the Tea sector; political background;
- Capacity Building Toolbox through an online platform to enable the authorities to develop keen knowledge and enhance their capacity in the entire spectrum of designing activities and management processes related to the development and implementation of tea related capacity building efforts;
- Integrated Training Module on the specified needs in the sector of tea and new approaches, new methodologies and new tools deriving from the experience of the partnership and the scientific society in general.

Innovative techniques and methods for reducing the marine litter in the Black sea coastal areas

Priority 2.2 – Promote common awareness-raising and joint actions to reduce river and marine litter

OVERVIEW
The main objective of the project is to analyze the waste load of the Black Sea basin in specific representative areas, tracking the main polluting flows and carrying out waste cleaning through the developed measures in a specific demonstration pilot site through innovative methods.

ABOUT THE PROJECT
Duration
30 months

Start date
17 August 2018

Total value
€ 580 335.60

ENI contribution
€ 533 908.74

PATTERNSHIP

Lead Beneficiary
Foundation Via Pontica
(Bulgaria)

Beneficiary 2
"Ovidius" University of Constanta
(Romania)

Beneficiary 3
Iv Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
(Georgia)

Beneficiary 4
Municipality of Burgas
(Bulgaria)

Partner budget
€ 201 942.80

Partner budget
€ 200 000.00

Partner budget
€ 27 500.00

Partner budget
€ 150 892.80

EXPECTED RESULTS

- A Database on water flows and waste load containing the available information on the current state and data obtained from the monitoring;
- Assessment of the waste loading of the Black Sea basin in order to improve the knowledge on the current state;
- A Methodology for identification of hot points with 30 waste reduction measures;
- 1 Guidelines for environmentally friendly management of marine waste;
- 3 Cleaning campaigns in coastal areas;
- 1 Documentary movie containing real footage from hot spots, the degree of pollution, the problems associated with this pollution and the measures taken to reduce it.

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Priority 1.1 – Jointly promote business and entrepreneurship in the tourism and cultural sectors

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

Duration
30 months

Start date
10 November 2018

Total value
€ 973,705.77

ENI contribution
€ 895,809.29

**OVERVIEW**

The aim of the project is to analyse the untapped cultural tourism opportunities that exist along the Silk Road in the project study areas and to identify the prospects of creating new tourism entrepreneurial networks based on the Silk Road cultural heritage.

**PARTNERSHIP**

- **Lead Beneficiary**
  - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki,
    - Research Committee – Special Account for Research Funds, School of Economic Sciences (Greece)
  - Partner budget € 230,170.66

- **Beneficiary 2**
  - State Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education "Russian-Armenian University" (Armenia)
  - Partner budget € 175,244.13

- **Beneficiary 3**
  - University of Economics - Varna (Bulgaria)
  - Partner budget € 198,110.50

- **Beneficiary 4**
  - International Centre for Social Research and Policy Analysis (Georgia)
  - Partner budget € 164,275.82

- **Beneficiary 5**
  - National Association for Rural, Ecological and Cultural Tourism, Tulcea Branch (Romania)
  - Partner budget € 207,954.70

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

- **Silk Road Monitoring System** containing a geo-location / smart app and a sustainable monitoring system, aiming to record information regarding Silk Road cultural and tourism entrepreneurship;

- **Silk Road Entrepreneurship Network** - an inter-regional network for promoting cross-border business opportunities in the tourism and cultural sectors;

- **A joint strategic marketing plan** promoting Silk Road cultural and tourism entrepreneurial initiatives and perspective future development schemes;

- **SILCNECT label** for those entrepreneurs that deal with SILC products to boost local economies and create synergies among Black Sea countries;

- **Silk Road Quality Assurance Guide** for sustainable cultural tourism policies, to strengthen cross-border business opportunities in the tourism and cultural sectors.

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Trade and Innovation in Wine Industry

Priority 1.2 – Increase cross-border trade opportunities and modernisation in the agricultural and connected sectors

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Duration
24 months

Start date
5 April 2019

Total value
€ 686 996.00

ENI contribution
€ 632 056.52

OVERVIEW

The project aims to increase the cooperation in the wine sector by creating cross-border links which will lead to viable business relations and thus extended trade and ease cooperation, mutual promotion and exchange of best practices, constant modernisation of production and marketing strategies.

PARTNERSHIP

Lead Beneficiary
The Moldovan Investment Agency (Republic of Moldova)

Partner budget
€ 418 586.00

Beneficiary 2
Chamber of Commerce and Industry Stara Zagora (Bulgaria)

Partner budget
€ 156 720.00

Beneficiary 3
Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture Tulcea (Romania)

Partner budget
€ 686 996.00

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Black Sea Basin Wine Network (WINET) of relevant actors to increase the trade capacity in the Black Sea Basin area;
- White Paper - Wine Industry in the Black Sea Basin, present and prospects;
- 6 best practice exchange programs for the interested enterprises from wine industry;
- ICT WINET platform to increase collaboration and trade opportunities in the region;

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