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Advocating Sustainable Agricultural Policies in local governments' funding programs in Serbia

PROJECT COORDINATOR:

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AIMS

Overall objective was to contribute to sustainable agriculture in Serbia **based on participation of the farmers in tailoring supporting and funding mechanism.**

Specific objective was to **introduce, promote and apply new participative mechanism for decision making and development of local agricultural policies** using LEADER approach in 10 marginalised and underdeveloped municipalities in east Serbia.

ACTIVITIES

- 1.1 **A Survey with 300 farmers** and their associations in 10 targeted municipalities
- 1.2 **10 Meetings with local self-government, civil sector and LAGs** aimed at collecting information about use of agricultural funding programs at municipal level.
- 1.3 **Report on effectiveness** of existing programs and supporting measures in agriculture
- 2.1 **Consultation process with local governments and farmers** through individual meetings with high representatives of 5 local self-governments for change/revision of local agricultural policies.
- 2.2 **10 meetings with LAGs, CSOs and LSG**
- 3.1 **10 info sessions/public events in 10 targeted municipalities**
- 4.1 **Creating Recommendation paper** specifying measures that contributes to improvement of sustainable agriculture policies and effectiveness of local supporting schemes.
- 4.2 **A roundtable organized in Majdanpek** in order to present Recommendation paper to the Ministry and local governments
- 4.3 **Recommendation paper sent to the Ministry and local governments**
- 5.1 **Launching public campaign** for amending agricultural supporting measures programs

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS



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RESULTS

1. **Comprehensive Report on effectiveness** of existing programs and supporting measures in agriculture was created as basis of advocating better support measures tailored to farmers' needs.
2. **Recommendation paper** specifying measures that contribute to improvement of effectiveness of local supporting schemes sent to the local and national authorities.
3. **Three local self-governments have changed their local agricultural policies** by introducing new support measures tailored to farmers' needs, based on Recommendations created during the project and as a result of project advocacy efforts.
4. **One Local Action Group was founded in Majdanpek (LAG Via Danubius)** for the territory covering three municipalities: Majdanpek, Kladovo and Negotin with current 22 members including farmers, stock breeders and forest associations.
5. **Local community was involved in all stages of the the project** including research and development of recommendations for better support measures.

PROJECT "IN NUMBERS"

- 10 meetings with Local self-governments conducted
- 24 participants at a roundtable
- 10 info sessions/public events organised involving over 100 farmers
- 320 questionnaires are collected with farmers comments during research process
- 500+ people total were involved in consultations on agricultural funding policies
- 32.500+ people outreach by online campaign, 114 feedbacks received
- 20 research-based media reports,
- 33 media posts
- 4 press conferences
- 1000 leaflets, 100 posters, 100 folders, 100 pens produced and distributed
- 1 promotional video, developed and broadcasted 300 times at local and regional media, with 333 views on YouTube

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