

Project „Closer to people”

1. **Project Applicant:**

Agency of regional Development KRAPO

2. **Partner:**

Agency of regional development and cross-border co-operation “Transcarpathia”

3. **Project location:**

Slovak border area and Transcarpathia region (Ukraine)

4. **Project summary:**

The project objective is to support the civil participation on principle of the civil society on Zakarpatie. The project will contribute to mutual knowledge on how does the civil society work on the both sides of the Slovak-Ukraine border and to the sharing of know-how in three areas: work with citizens, work with local NGOs‘ representatives and work with the local administration representatives.

The support is oriented mostly on the educational activities for the representatives of the three areas on which the project is focused: educational activities for citizens (training cycle „The Minimum for the active citizen“, printed manual „The active citizen Handbook“), activities for NGOs (workshop, NGOs network establishing), activities for the local government and local administration representatives (communication trainings – public relationship, multimedia CD), activities for NGOs and local administration and local government (training program „The projects preparation for pre-accession and structural funds of EU utilizing).

Cross – border impact:

The project ambition is to raise the close cross-border co-operation among institutions operating in border regions which will create the basis for the further partnerships and other bigger scale cross-border common projects. The project contributes to the border regions economic and social development as well as to the process of „on integration oriented border region Zakarpatie“ and increases the absorb ability to draw from the EU funds.

Expected results/ impact:

Increasing the engaging of the Zakarpatie citizens in the public affairs by training of local NGOs activists

The East Slovakia and Zakarpatie NGO’s network establishing for the exchange of know-how and experience with the civil society development

Improving of the institutional capacity and competence of organizational structures in local public and NGO sector

Strengthening of the absorb ability of public and NGO sector of Zakarpatie to utilize the financial sources from the EU funds.

Budget (in EUR): 49 908