

Project: IKARUS - Intensifying of communication and cooperation of regional development actors from Ukraine and Slovakia

Project Applicant:

Agency for the support of regional development Košice, Microregions Borolo, Koromľa, Trojhraňičie

Project partner: Agency of regional development and Cross Border Cooperation „Transcarpathia“

Place of project: Slovakia – Košice region, districts Sobrance, Trebišov, microregions Koromľa, Borolo, Trojhraňičie; Ukraine – Zakarpatska oblast

Term of realization: April 2009 – November 2010

The target groups are as follows:

- Inhabitants of the region, municipalities and microregions of the Košice region and Transcarpathia region;
- Sector or expert organisations, development agencies, private sector;
- Non-governmental organisations, entrepreneurs, universities and their students.

Project summary:

Main objective of the project:

Increase of educational level of local stakeholders in selected microregions of the Kosice-region in the border area with Ukraine for purpose of enhancement of their interest in public affairs, of their enhanced capacity readiness for solving their economical, social, cultural and environmental problems and of transfer of these skills to Ukrainian partners through better cooperation.

Specific objectives of the project:

1. Increase of educational level of local stakeholders in the area of strategic planning and project preparation for communities, non-governmental organisations and enterprises.
2. Develop or update the development strategies of selected microregions of border area with Ukraine, with emphasis on exploitation of human and natural potential.
3. Create the partnerships for cooperation in social, economical, cultural, environmental and educational/scientific area. Mediate the information flow among partners from both sides of the SK-UA border.

List and description of work packages and activities:

WP1: Education and capacity building:

Activity 1.1 Educational activities – focused on communication, project preparation and management, information and communication techniques, sustainable development aspects, social area and local economy.

Activity 1.2 Personal, technical and material equipment for local offices of the microregions

WP2: Development or updating of strategies:

Activity 2.1 Existing situation analysis of development strategies of the microregions

Activity 2.2 Elaboration or updating of development strategies and creating of action plans

WP3: Networking, contact development:

Activity 3.1 Workshop focused on searching of the common parts of Ukrainian and Slovak sub-regional strategies and looking for solutions of the border area problems.

Activity 3.2 Workshop with topic “Environmental problems of border area and their solving”

Activity 3.3 Partner search forum for entrepreneurs from Ukraine and Slovakia

Activity 3.4 Markets of tourism – focused on local attractions, products, culture.

Activity 3.5 Meetings of university representatives – study visit of Ukrainian scientists to Slovakia and of Slovak scientists to Ukraine.

Activity 3.6 Station of Ukrainian students in Slovakia, in university, scientific of other subject active in area of innovation – 1 semester

Cross-border impact is enhancement of cooperation and better local human and natural resources exploitation in Slovak-Ukrainian border area.

Project outputs:

Trainings; analysis of strategies; strategy; seminars; foreign practice courses for Ukrainian students.