



Austrian Montenegrin cooperation

Sustainable tourism & regional development in the North of Montenegro

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Introduction



The **Austrian-Montenegrin Partnership (AMP)** is located in Montenegro with headquarters in Kolašin and branch offices in Berane and Podgorica.

The project started in 2004 and will run until 2009 however the very first cooperation activities were initiated in 2001. During this period Kolasin has been the only town in the area with a tradition of tourism. The political and economic changes in the former Yugoslavian states in the 1990's have been enormous. The mountainous hinterland of Montenegro now provides an ideal natural environment for the development of tourism, and within the National Park Biogradska Gora there are excellent preconditions for a realistic chance of future economic development. The project started, virtually from scratch, in 2004 and involves the five municipalities of Andrijevica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Kolašin, Mojkovac and the National Park Biogradska Gora.

Our Aims

The strategy foresees a **holistic, integrated and a strictly sustainable approach** for tourism development where all products and activities are based on authentic, traditional regional resources. From the very first meeting all activities have been planned and implemented with regional stakeholders.

The objectives until 2009 are:

1. Establishing and strengthening the Regional Tourism Organization (RTO): tourism programming, marketing and visibility.
2. Further development of the National Park Biogradska Gora: visitor programming and infrastructure.
3. A sustainable local and regional development: as completion to the regional tourism strategy.
4. Further development of summer and winter sports activities.
5. The project already serves as an example of best practice, and now also covers activities for the National Park Lovćen in the South of the country by developing guest programs including adequate visitor infrastructure.

The project implementation takes place in five areas of concern:

- Regional Tourism Organization of the area of Bjelasica & Komovi/RTO
- National Parks of Biogradska Gora and Lovćen
- Local sustainable development for the five municipalities of the Bjelasica & Komovi region
- Regional sustainable development of the area of Bjelasica & Komovi
- Mountain Tourism activities

Our Funding 2004 – 2009

Project budget (consultancy, offices, personal etc)	1,700.000	Austrian government
Small Project Fund	1,200.000	Austrian government
	500.000	Montenegrin government
	100.000	Municipalities, national parks
	15.000	Sponsoring

Regional Tourism Organization Bjelasica & Komovi - RTO

In June 2006 the five municipalities of the Bjelasica & Komovi Region (Bijelo Polje, Berane, Andrijevica, Kolašin, and Mojkovac) agreed to found the Regional Tourism Organisation Bjelasica & Komovi (RTO). The RTO is funded by annual financial contributions from all five municipalities.

RTO marketing activities

Logo design

In December 2006 the process of designing the Logo commenced. Representatives from all five Municipalities, local tourism organizations and private tourism related companies took part in 3 workshops. By the end of March 2007 the RTO board approved the design, which was felt would best represent the region of Bjelasica & Komovi. The intention of the RTO and the AT & CG Partnership is not only to use the logo for purposes of RTO activities but also for promotional opportunities such as marketing regional products. Marketing materials including T-shirts, stickers, desk-flags etc have been produced for promoting the RTO at international Tourism Fairs.

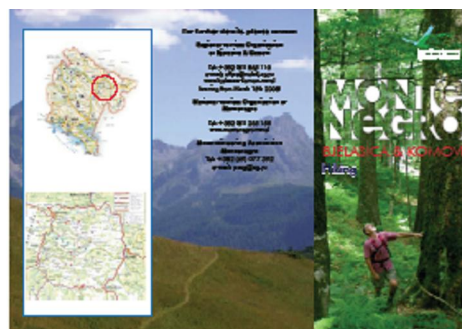


Web page – www.rtobk.cg.yu

For Internet marketing activities a web page is needed. The process of designing and implementing a bilingual (Montenegrin/English) web page will start in May 2009.

International/national tourism fairs

Participation at some tourism fairs is important. In particular the specialist tourism market for hiking & biking activities at international fairs in Vienna, Prague, Belgrade and Novi Sad plus domestic fairs such as Budva.



Support to Local Tourism Organizations

Local Tourism Organizations have received support in purchasing basic equipment for their services such as computers, printers, cameras etc.

All these marketing activities are supported by 41.000 Euro



Promotion activities

Regional information brochures and folders

For marketing purposes, and to properly inform visitors about the various offers, it is essential to provide a complete set of brochures and folders.

Accommodation brochure



The accommodation brochures provides an overview of all available lodging facilities in the Bjelasica & Komovi region including Plav and Rozaje. The brochure is available in Montenegrin and English language at all tourist offices in the region.

Hiking guide booklet Bjelasica

This hiking guide booklet has been developed by an Austrian mountaineer, and was printed in four languages - Montenegrin, English, German and French - in an edition of 5.000 issues.



All these activities have been financed by 22.200 Euro from the Small Project Fund and 4.500 Euros from advertising revenue

Trend sport activities



A workshop on the development of summer trend sports activities took place at the beginning of June 2007. Tour operators, local tourism organizations, NGOs and representatives of municipalities participated in the workshop. As a result, project activities to develop mountain biking, kayaking and sports climbing started.

40 mountain bikes have been purchased and given to municipalities or local tourism organizations for renting; mountain bike routes have been identified; a mountain bike folder has been produced. Also kayaking has been further developed by printing a brochure. Seven packages of kayaking equipment have been purchased for use on the rivers Tara, Lim and Moraca. A professional partner for rental could be identified to run the rental service. A training course for white water kayaking was held in cooperation with an UNDP Project in June 2008.

In cooperation with CHF 20 representatives from tourism, media and private businesses went for a study trip 5 days to Slovenia and Austria at beginning of June 2008. The objectives were to provide further incentives to create competitive tourism opportunities in the field of trend sports.

All trend sport activities are supported 55.300 from the Small project fund, and with 10.000 Euro from CHF.



Development of soft winter sport activities

This project includes a further development of Nordic skiing, snowshoe walking and Alpine ski touring, including assessments, training activities, purchase of equipment, and marketing activities. The results of the development of soft winter activities 2006 - 2009 will be presented during three events in order to present what could be achieved (licensed guides, equipment rental, offer of guided tours, folder) and to show the potentials of snow shoeing referring to international trends. These events are organised in co-operation with the Ministry of Tourism, the national and local tourism organisations and mountaineering clubs.

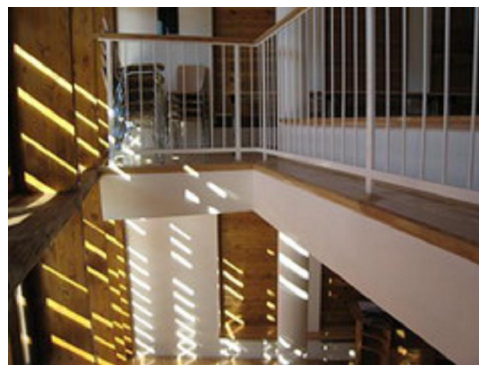


The project is financed by 28.500 Euro from the Small Project Fund, and by 10.000 Euro from the Austrian Council of Cities.

Interior and technical equipment for the RTO premises

In 2004 -2006 the Small Project Fund supported the construction of the new RTO energy efficient offices. In the second phase, the interior fittings - partly manufactured by local joiners - and technical equipment have been financed by the Small Project Fund. Investment has also been made for specialist windows and landscaping of the surrounding grounds.

The total of support in the second phase has been 37.000 Euro.



National Parks

The National Park Biogradska Gora belongs to one of the oldest primeval forests in Europe and to one of the oldest protected areas in the world. At the centre of the National Park is Biogradska Lake, the largest of seven glacial lakes. Up until now the National Park was managed from a purely scientific approach, committed to the idea of protection and preservation. Little attention was paid to education and recreation opportunities for a broader target audience, or utilization of the National Park as an attractive tourist destination.



During the first phase of the partnership programme (2004 - 2006) the first very important activities in infrastructure development were implemented in order to raise the profile including: signposting at the entrance, construction of a souvenir shop, reconstruction of the bridge over the delta and the platform at the entrance, and urgent repair works at the so called hunters hut.

The emphasis for the second phase (2006 - 2009) is a further improvement in infrastructure for the National Park Biogradska Gora. Some of the experience gained in the project work will be transferred to the National Park Lovcen in order to strengthen the visitors' programme on offer there. Ideally training programs, visitor information (folders and maps) and consultancy for construction of educational paths will be carried out in all National Parks of Montenegro.

National Park Biogradska Gora

Projects for improving the infrastructure

Information Centre

The so called "hunters' hut" has been reconstructed as an Information Centre for the National Park. The centre does accommodate office space for the park administration, and room for exhibitions and seminars.



The Rangers' House



A small wooden hut has been completely renovated and adapted as a comfortable recreation room for the National Park rangers.

Renovation of the bungalows

The bungalows provide one of the most important revenues for the National Park. As they are not in very good shape urgent renovation work has been carried out. Work included cement foundations, proper insulation, renovation of the floors, the purchase of furniture (cupboard, table and chair, carpet), and renovation of the surrounding fence.





Fish hatchery



The former fish hatchery has been renovated and will be used for restocking the lake with small fish and selling fish to other National Parks. The hatchery is also be part of the future educational path around the lake, showing how fish breed.

Adaptation of the souvenir shop



The souvenir shop has been a great success, both promoting the National Park and selling regional products. Experience shows that the shop is rather small and not best designed to meet the needs of tourists. Minor renovations could improve the situation.

Themed educational nature trail

A themed educational nature trail with different stations has been built around Biogradska Lake



Watch tower



In 2004 -2006 the Small Project Fund supported the construction of a watchtower. In May 2009, the tower will be opened for public access.

Construction of a boathouse

Near the Lake are the remnants of the former restaurant, which was originally a traditional stone built house. The basement still exists and could be used as boathouse during the wintertime. Basic construction work should provide the facility to use the space as a boathouse.

Purchase of equipment

A snowmobile has been purchased for the National Park, so that outdoor duties can continue during the wintertime.



Development of new tourism and educational programmes

Development of school and visitors programmes

An educational programme for school classes and visitors was developed by a teacher and a National Park guide and tested together with two school classes in June 07. In addition a short film and accompanying brochure was produced and will be sent to about 100 schools in Montenegro.



Folders

Folders offering packages (such as an overnight stay in a bungalow combined with a guided tour in the National Park) will be printed.

Promotion film

The Greens of Montenegro do produce a promotion film showing the National Park Biogradska Gora during all four seasons.

National Park Lovcen

Infrastructure improvements

Themed trail/Nature Walk

One interactive, themed trails has been developed and built as an "Educational Park" for smaller children close to the Information Centre and nearby forest.



Purchase of equipment

Basic equipment for the National Park management has been purchased including a stove for the Information Centre, a 4X4 vehicle, a snowmobile and a camera.



Development of new tourism and educational programmes

Hiking map and brochure



A hiking map and a hiking and biking guide booklet for the area of Lovćen Mountain has been developed and published in four languages.

Development of school and visitor programmes

A school and visitor programme will be developed for the National Park Lovćen. From the beginning of the next season programmes for school classes and individuals will become an important element in the work of the National Park.



National Parks of Montenegro

Themed trail/nature walk in the NP Skadar Lake

We supported the National Park Skadar Lake with consultancies and funds to establish their themed trails. Carpentry work is now finished, stations, boards and a small watchtower for children have been installed.

Training for national park guides

From June 17- 21 2007 a refresher seminar took place for guides who attended training in 2005 or 2006.

As the National Park authorities increasingly recognize the importance of educational programmes the requirement for training will increase over the next few years.

Study trips to Austria by staff members of the National Parks of Montenegro

In November 2006 the directors of all the National Parks and National Park authorities in Montenegro visited various nature parks and the National Park Kalkalpen in Austria. The programme was focused on Information Centres (equipment and utilization), and on new methodology of educational programmes. The study trip was prepared and conducted by the Nature Parks of Austria in a joint program with IRD, and supported by the Austrian Council of Cities.





In November 2007 Visitor Centre managers from the National Parks of Montenegro visited the Austrian National Parks Kalkalpen and Donauauen, and the nature park "Steirische Eisenwurzen" to learn more about Visitor Centres and their functions. A team from a Montenegrin TV station accompanied them and broadcast a piece about the study trip. The study trip was prepared and conducted by the Nature Parks of Austria.

Purchase of equipment

The National Parks of Montenegro received a 4x4 vehicle for carrying out their duties and tasks.

All projects for both, the National Park Biogradska Gora and the National Park Lovcen, and for National Parks of Montenegro have been supported with 270.000 Euro; National Parks of Montenegro contributed 24.500 Euro.

Sustainable local development

During the first project phase (2004 - 2006) activities focused on the development of a joint tourism strategy for the Bjelasica & Komovi region, and the foundation of the Regional Tourism Organization. Among the five municipalities of the Bjelasica & Komovi region (Andrijevica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Kolasin, Mojkovac), Kolasin was the only town with an existing tourism industry.

During the second project phase (2006 - 2009), activities commenced to better involve the other municipalities in the regional tourism strategy. Which role could each municipality take on with regard to the tourism strategy; what work is required to develop a broad range of tourism programmes, and how much could local development and activities contribute to such objectives? Local Agenda Groups in each of the five municipalities took over the task to discuss, determine and develop the role of each municipality according to the regional tourism strategy. Several pilot projects in each of the five municipalities have been identified, selected and approved by the Local Agenda Groups and municipal assemblies. The projects should serve as examples of best practice for a sustainable local development.

Upgrading of the Eco katun (Eco lodge) Stavna in Andrijevica

The eco lodge Stavna was built with the support of CHF/USAID funds in 2004-2006. It is a settlement with small bungalows and one restaurant/kitchen bungalow. The eco lodge is located at the base of Komovi Mountain, and well visited by tourists during the springtime, summer and autumn.



The project includes the following activities:

- Construction of a mini ski lift for kids
- Construction of a sports/football ground
- Construction of a second water basin for sufficient water supply
- Purchase of traditional dishes for the bungalows
- Purchase of a snowmobile plus equipment to cut cross country ski tracks



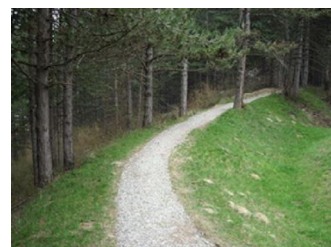
Restoration of the Jasikovac memorial in Berane

The Jasikovac memorial is a very unique monument of freedom and a landmark of Berane. It is situated in a panoramic spot on the top of a small hill on the outskirts of town. During the past years both the ravages of time and human damage have destroyed the monument, which has also become almost completely overgrown. The restoration of the Jasikovac memorial should enhance the significant importance of the spot once again; restoration works are carried out under the supervision of the National Institute for Protection of Monuments of Culture.



Construction of a jogging trail at the Jasikovac hill in Berane

Jasikovac hill is also a local recreational area for Berane, and through the construction of a jogging trail, should regain some of its' former importance. The trim trail is 1.5 km long for walking and jogging (the path is 1 to 1.5 metres wide) and will have 10 trim stations with relevant equipment.





Renovation of the mountain hut Suvodo in Berane

The mountain hut Suvodo is located in Kurikuce at the foothills of Bjelasica Mountain. It has not been used for many years and is almost derelict. The location of the hut is perfect as a lodging facility for the hiking/biking network of trails on Bjelasica Mountain. The renovation of the mountain hut could contribute significantly to developing the hiking/biking opportunities in the region of Bjelasica Mountain. The restoration includes the construction of toilets, a simple washing room, additional sleeping places on the top floor, the purchase of furniture, dishes and other equipment.



Cleaning up the River Bistrica in Bijelo Polje

A group of members from the local Ecological Association have drafted a detailed project plan which includes the following steps:

- Cleaning up the riverbanks and the river itself of all garbage - accompanied by an awareness campaign including the local population and schools
- Taking water samples and making checks before and after the action
- Installation of billboards (informing the population about the project, the water, river and environmental situation), waste bins and containers for collecting bulk garbage
- Ensuring the commitment of the local municipalities and local industry to make regular garbage collections





Renovation of Dulovine promenade in Kolasin



Dulovine is a park in the upper part of the town. A pleasant footpath leads from the centre of Kolasin through this park to the railway station, and to the botanical garden of Prof. Vinceg. The park did not have an adequate lightening system nor any benches etc. The renovation of Dulovine promenade and the installation of a lighting system will contribute significantly to the attractiveness of the town.

The SPF supported the installation of a lighting system while the municipality will take over the responsibility to undertake all the other renovation works.

Kolasin also has received support in purchasing a snowmobile plus the equipment for cutting cross-country ski tracks..

Spatial planning in Mojkovac



Mojkovac decided to develop a physical spatial plan and asked for support. Local development strategies and spatial planning are very important preconditions for sustainable tourism development. The activity has been the first priority for the Local Agenda Group and the municipal assembly and has approval for support by the Small Project Fund.

In spring 2009, results of the spatial plan are expected to be published.

The SPF also supported Mojkovac by purchasing a second hand snowmobile.

All local projects and activities (meeting of Local Agenda Groups) are supported by the Small Project Fund with 230.000 Euro. All municipalities contribute to the projects either by cash or through works performed by the communal enterprises.



Sustainable regional development

The natural surroundings of the mountains of Bjelasica and Komovi are the most important resources for the development of sustainable tourism. The area provides an unspoiled rural environment where you still find traditional agriculture on mountain pastures, home made domestic products, a low volume of traffic, and environmental consciousness in dealing with energy and waste.

Two sector programmes are in the process of implementation. The first is dealing with public transport and the road network, to improve accessibility and mobility in the region by providing better information. Information will be in the form of leaflets and folders with a timetable of public transport facilities, view points/starting points of hiking/biking tours and general information.

The second programme is dealing with the development of domestic agricultural products, their marketing and availability at point of sale, however the domestic products should be also be available for purchase on mountain pastures. As a pilot project one or two of the pastures should be developed as models.

Road network and public transport

Information on public transport

As a first step, a leaflet detailing all public transport facilities for Kolasin was printed and distributed to all hotels in late summer 2007. In the next step, a brochure of all public transport in the region of Bjelasica & Komovi in two languages, Montenegrin and English, has been developed, printed and disseminated. Furthermore, information boards with timetables could be installed.



Also a training module concerning the importance of hiking and biking in combination with public transport should be implemented for local tourism organizations and agencies.

The project is supported with 9.000 Euro from the Small Project Fund.

Renewing the road from Tresnjevik to the mountain hut Krivi do



The existing forest road should be renewed by utilising expert alpine knowledge in mountain road construction. This should happen in a partnership/know-how transfer between Austrian companies and local communal enterprises. Also issues of maintenance will be discussed in workshops and guidance will be provided. Road access should be limited to owners of pastures and the operators of the mountain hut.

The project is supported with 87.000 Euro from the Small Project Fund.



Agricultural development and domestic products

Development of domestic agricultural products

So far contracts with six producers (mainly associations) exist; there are dried herbs and fruits, honey, organic flour, and handicrafts. Some more products should be prepared such as bread and cookies, jam and brandy.

All products are certified, the respective producers are known, and site inspections have taken place.

The products are labelled with the logo of the region and the Austrian Development Agency.

A model of a product shelf has been designed and an information folder has been drafted and disseminated at local fairs.

As an initial start up there are now 13 selling points across the country.



The project is supported with 48.000 Euro from the Small Project Fund

Economic development of pastures



One pilot pastures - Goles - has been selected in terms of certain criteria concerning further tourism development (hiking & biking), regional development, and the specific location of the pasture. This pasture should serve as rest places where tourists could get some special dishes with domestic products, milk and yoghurt to drink - and maybe also offering a shelter for the night.



The project will be implemented until summer 2009 and is supported with 55.000 Euros from the Small Project Fund.



Mountain Tourism

Since the Austrian-Montenegrin partnership project started in 2004 a lot of activities have been carried out in order to develop mountain tourism in the region of Bjelasica & Komovi. Hiking trails on Bjelasica Mountain have been developed, marked and signposted and a 2nd edition of the hiking map of Bjelasica and Komovi Mountains has been published. Workshops for mountaineers have taken place and first needs assessment for cross-country skiing, mountain biking and kayaking have been made.

Activities in the Bjelasica & Komovi region should be continued, deepening the emphasis on hiking & biking and including new trend sports' activities. However the experience should also be transferred to other areas of the country such as the Sinjavina, Lovcen or Durmitor Mountains.

Mountaineering activities on Bjelasica Mountain

Support of mountain clubs' activities

In 2008 the first regional event for "Cleaning up Bjelasica" took place. In 2009 this event was again organised by a mountain club of B&K. Especially young members took part in this joint and cheerful event.

Municipalities supported this action with big plastic bags for the campaign "Neka bude cisto" and some vehicles for transport.

Development and re-construction of the transversal CT1

For the re-construction of the transversal CT1 (Komovi, Bjelasica, Sinjavina, Durmitor) the Mountaineering Association of Montenegro (MAM) produced the draft for a guidebook.

Entrance boards and rest places



Twenty more information/entrance boards, which mark the starting points of hiking routes outlined in the hiking guide of Bjelasica have been set up throughout the region in 2009. Due to the further development of the hiking trail network in the Bjelasica & Komovi region, some of the entrance boards have been replaced with updated maps.

New edition of the hiking map Bjelasica

The 2nd edition of the hiking map Bjelasica & Komovi was published in spring 2006. Two years later, this 2nd edition is out of date due to many further developments and improvements in Mountain tourism infrastructure (mountain huts, new trails for hiking and mountain biking, new roads...)

A new edition will show following improvements:

It will be in the scale of 1:50.000, available in a digital version, and the five municipalities will get ownership of author rights. The map is currently being revised by representatives of all 5 municipalities, regional hiking clubs, MAM, hiking experts and an Austrian cartographer.

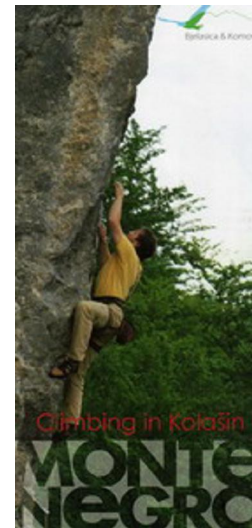
15,000 copies of the map will be published in 4 languages (local language, German, English and French) in spring 2009.



Development and adaptation of a climbing wall in Kolasin

The NGO Natura and the municipality of Kolasin developed together a sports climbing wall next to the road to the ski centre in Kolasin. On the basis of an assessment by Austrian experts around 20-25 routes have been fixed, in joint co-operation with the local representatives, a folder have been published too.

In October 2008, a licensed climbing trainer of the outdoor club Podgorica accomplished a 3-day-training for local people in Kolasin. In November 2008, we initiated a roundtable with all stakeholders in the field of sports climbing development. As a result, a joint promotion and development strategy for the development of sports climbing in Montenegro is envisaged.



The Small Project Fund supports all these activities with 74.000 Euro.

Capacity building training and workshops for mountain clubs



Ongoing training activities and coaching for the mountain clubs focus on the installation of signposts and entrance boards, cleaning up and maintaining the existing and marked hiking paths, development of attractive circular routes, and identification of further hiking facilities.

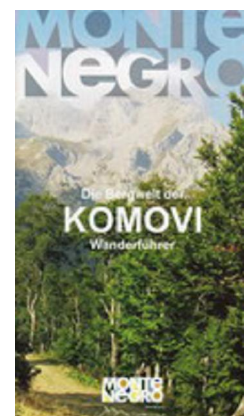
A part of the capacity building program is also a know-how transfer in Austria concerning maintenance of hiking trails and re-forestation with the Austrian mountain club "Alpenverein". In 2007 members of Montenegrin mountain clubs took part in the project "Bergwaldprojekt" organized and implemented by "Alpenverein". In 2008 a similar project will be organized for Austrian participants together with Montenegrin mountain clubs in Montenegro.

The Small project Fund supports the workshops with 10.000 Euro.

Hiking development in the mountains of Komovi and Sinjavina

In 2006 and 2007 two Austrian experts explored various hiking trails in the Sinjavina and Komovi Mountains. Comprehensive reports exist, and, as a next step, trails should be now marked and sign-posted; also a hiking guide booklet including a hiking map for both mountains will be published.

The Small Project Fund supports this project with 40.000 Euro





Tour Operator Program 2007

The aim of the program was to introduce Montenegro, its' mountains and culture, to tour operators specializing in worldwide trekking tours. The participants visited Cetinje, Lovcen, Kotor, Kolasin, Bjelasica, Sinjavina, Komovi, Tara and Virpazar/Skadar Lake. At the end of the tour the participating tour operators took part in a workshop to evaluate the programme and to help optimise possible future tourist programmes to Montenegro.

The tour took place from 5 to 12 June 2007. Seven tour operators from Austria and Germany participated in the programme conducted by experts from Friends of Nature International and supported by the National Tourism Organization and the Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Montenegro.

As a result of this familiarization visit two tour operators introduced special hiking programmes for 2008 and four others are preparing programmes for 2009!

The programme included an assessment in autumn 2006 and the familiarization tour in 2007.

The programme has been supported with 23.000 Euro from the Small Project Fund.

Training for qualification of hiking and national park guides

In 2007 and February 2008 a training course for hiking guides was conducted through four seminars by trainers from the Austrian Association of Alpine Clubs.



Ten participants passed the course and received the Austrian certificate at the end of the training. This certificate will provide the basis for licences once the appropriate Montenegrin legislation is in force. Four of the participants could also work as trainers on upcoming courses.

A next course will take place during 2008 and 2009.

The qualification program is supported with 41.500 Euro from the Small Project Fund

Hiking map Durmitor

For the area of the National Park Durmitor, a hiking map will be developed together with the National Park Durmitor. The map will be published in three languages, in spring 2009.

The costs are covered with 12.000 Euro from the Small project Fund.

Construction of two mountain huts as low energy spending houses

Both mountain huts - in Andrijevica and in Bijelo Polje - are pilot projects for low energy buildings in wooden construction and were started in 2006. The two buildings do serve as examples of best practice in future. The total construction cost including electricity, water and heating installation is between 103.000 and 106.000 Euro for each hut. Most of the construction costs are covered by the Small Project Fund 2004 - 2006. We also received donations from the company Porr, and the insulation material as a donation from the company Isover. As a result there is still around 50.000 Euro left for further construction work. Additional costs are created by damages at both water tanks. Also, both mountain huts are equipped with tables, chairs and beds.



These needs are supported with 150.000 Euro through the Small Project Fund.

Capacity building

Exchange of experiences, know how transfer and capacity building are very important pillars in strengthening institution building in regional and tourism development.

English language courses

There is a remarkable lack of English language skills in the tourism business in the Bjelasica and Komovi region. We therefore started language courses for beginners in four municipalities in the winter of 2005. As these courses were highly appreciated by the participants, we continued with further courses in all five municipalities during the winter of 2006.

Participants on the courses expressed a strong desire to continue the learning process. As a result we have continued the courses since 2007 to enable them to improve their English.

The language courses are supported with 17.000 Euro from the Small Project Fund.

Know how transfer activities and study trips

Various activities focusing on capacity building in tourism and sustainable economic development are implemented as ongoing programmes complimentary to other projects supported by the Small Project Fund, for example:

- Coaching and capacity building for stakeholders
- Meetings of Local Agenda Groups
- Workshops in wood processing
- Study trip on maintenance of hiking paths to Austria
- Study trip on Nordic skiing to Austria
- Round Table on protected areas in Montenegro

These activities are very important contributions to a successful know how transfer and implementation of projects in Montenegro.

This know how transfer is supported with 19.000 Euro from the Small Project Fund.