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Niš



Sumadija District



Centre for the Development of
Jablanica and Pcinja Districts



NGO World and Danube



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Kragujevac (Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion)

"Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion: Public Private Partnerships – Best Practices"

12 September 2011
Kragujevac

Geography matters

Type: Seminar

Organisers: City of Kragujevac

Chair :

Speakers: **Bror SALMELIN**, DG INFSO Directorate H: ICT addressing Societal Challenges, Adviser
Dobrica MILOVANOVIC, deputy mayor, City of Kragujevac
Antonio SORGI, Abruzzo Region
Gian Mario SPACCA, Marche Region
Enrico COCCHI, Emilia-Romagna Region
Nikola DOBROSLAVIC, Dubrovnik-Neretva Region
Zeljka CVIJANOVIC, Republika Srpska
Angelo Michele IORIO, Molise Region
Miloš SIMONOVIC, City of Niš
Sevkija OKERIC, Director, Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency (SERDA) ,
Sarajevo Canton and Hercegovačko-Neretvanska Canton tbc
Oriano OTOCAN, Region of Istria
Zarko PAVICEVIC, Montenegro
GREGOR KRAJC, Repubblica di Slovenia

Description

The seminar will be organized 12 September and it will follow the theme of the “meeting place” to be held in Brussels during the Open Days 2011. It will showcase policies and best practices in the area of PPP (Public Private Partnerships) among partners in the Adriatic -Ionian Macro Region.

The second part of the seminar will concentrate on a concrete local issue and potential solutions for the protection and usage of Gruza Lake (which provides drinking water for the city of Kragujevac and the surrounding area), based on the experience of Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion partners and other regional and EU institutional input in common challenges and opportunities linked to water management and protection, sustainable tourism development etc..

Target groups of participants:

Representatives from the regional and local authorities as well as different stakeholders from the public and companies as well as civil society.

More information:

<http://www.kragujevac.rs>

"Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion: a New Framework for Cross Border Co-operation"

27 October 2011

Niš

Geography matters

Type: Seminar

Organisers: City of Niš

Chair :

Speakers: **Miloš SIMONOVIC** – Mayor of the city of Niš
Gian Mario SPACCA, Marche Region president
Dobrica MILOVANOVIĆ, deputy mayor, City of Kragujevac
Antonio SORGI, Abruzzo Region
Enrico COCCHI, Emilia-Romagna Region
Nikola DOBROSLAVIĆ, Dubrovnik-Neretva Region
Zeljka CVIJANOVIĆ, Republika Srpska
Angelo Michele IORIO, Molise Region
Oriano OTOČAN, Region of Istria
GREGOR KRAJČIĆ, Republic of Slovenia Deputy Director General for European Affairs – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Sevkija OKERIĆ, Director, Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency (SERDA) , Sarajevo Canton and Hercegovinačko-Neretvanska Canton tbc
Zarko PAVICEVIĆ, Montenegro

Description

As a follow-up of the workshop held in Brussels during the Open Days 2011, the City of Niš will organize a round-table discussion on 'Synergy and cooperation of local authorities, educational institutions and private sector with the purpose of improving prosperity and better working environment for our youth.' The discussion will focus on challenges and suggestions on what can be done to facilitate this initiative as well as on presenting successful practises and examples of our partners in the Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion.

Synergy among these three sectors is extremely important because together, they can further improve the quality of life and conditions in which young people in the city of Niš study, work and live in. The prosperity of the entire city, region or a country depends on the prosperity of its youth, as it is the engine of every society. Hence, the city of Niš will highlight the importance of this topic at the local event in Niš dedicated to the Open Days and it will invite all partners of the Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion to join the discussion..

Target groups of participants:

The students, public and private sector of the city of Niš.

More information:

www.ni.rs

www.kep.ni.rs

www.kler.ni.rs

Sumadija District (Europe of Traditions)

"Bukovicka Banja Spa – 200 Years of Tradition in Spa Tourism - EU Funding Opportunities"

13 September 2011

Bukovicka Banja Spa

Geography matters

Type: Seminar & Exhibition

Organisers: Municipality of Arandjelovac

Chair : Representative of EU Integration Office in Belgrade

Speakers: **Mr Vlada Gajic**, Municipality of Arandjelovac
Mr Rafael Pupovac, National Corporation for Tourism Development,
Mr Goran Petkovic, Ministry of Economy and Regional Development
Representative of EU Integration Office in Belgrade
Mr Bror SALMELIN, European Commission, DG INFSO Directorate H: ICT addressing Societal Challenges, Adviser
Slavica Djordjevic, City of Kragujevac Deputy Mayor for Cultural Heritage Protection

Description

Arandjelovac local event will include the seminar with a focus on the impact of EU funding on the development strategy of Sumadija District, Arandjelovac and Bukovicka banja Spa.

The seminar be organized 13 September 2011 and it will serve as introduction to the Open Days event to be held in Brussels in October 2011. It will showcase the best practice projects of European countries with a focus on cultural heritage protection and sustainable tourism development..

Bukovicka banja Spa is one of the Royal Spas of Serbia, with the longest tradition in the region. All the hotels in the Spa Park of Bukovicka banja, were built in the period from 1864. – 1930. and they are under government protection, as historical monuments of great importance.

The exhibition will emphasises the 200 years long tradition of Bukovicka Banja in Spa tourism.

Target groups of participants:

Political representatives, representatives from local authorities, local NGOs, Local business delegates, government experts, local media.

More information:

www.arandjelovac.rs , www.bukovickabanja.rs , www.a-hotel-izvor.com , etc.

II. Independent partner - other organisation/association organising a local event

Centre for the Development of Jablanica and Pcinja Districts

"Europe in the South – Together we achieve more"

24 November 2011
Vladicin Han

Geography matters

Type: Exhibition and Panel Discussion

Organisers: Centre for the Development of Jablanica and Pcinja Districts, Leskovac, Serbia
Municipality of Vladicin Han, Serbia

Chair : Exhibition opening: Mr. Nenad Mitrovic, Mayor of Vladicin Han
Panel discussion: Ms. Biljana Stankovic, Director of the Centre for the Development of Jablanica and Pcinja Districts.

Speakers: TBC

Ms. Dragijana Radonjic Petrovic, State Secretary for Regional Development, Ministry of Economy and Regional development of Republic of Serbia

Mr. Ognjen Miric, Coordinator for the EU funds at the Serbian EU Integration Office

Ms. Kristina Askovic- Sector for Programming, Management of EU funds and Development Assistance of Republic of Serbia (Bulgaria-Serbia CBC Program)

Representative of Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce, Sofia

Representative of border municipality from FYR Macedonia

Mr. Klaus Kapper, Austrian Development Cooperation

Mr. Nenad Mitrovic, Mayor of Vladicin Han

Description

First South Serbia's Open Days event will consist of opening of the photo exhibition followed by the panel discussion in Municipality of Vladicin Han, that will focus on sharing ideas and thoughts about all the opportunities that exist for territorial cooperation in our part of the Balkan - not only across the borders between neighbourhood regions and countries, but also across the borders in our minds which are perhaps the most important barriers.

Panellists will reflect on successful regional projects and initiatives that are tackling one of the key priorities of European Neighbourhood Policy -Cross Border Cooperation (CBC) along external bodies of EU. This will be also a great opportunity for the audience to learn from partners from other European countries (Bulgaria, FYR Macedonia and Austria).

The exhibition will show the rich historical and cultural heritage of 3 border regions of Serbia, Bulgaria and Macedonia, clean and attractive environment and economy potential.

7-day long exhibition will be designed to engage the wide public from the region in order to raise their awareness of the available opportunities for common social, economical and cultural interactions.

Target groups of participants:

The event will be aimed at local politicians, employees of local authorities, public companies and institutions, CSOs, students, citizens and project partners from the region and wider.

More information:

Web site of the Centre for the Development of Jablanica and Pcinja Districts.

www.centarzarazvoj.org

Web site Municipality of Vladicin Han : <http://www.vladicinhan.org.rs/>

NGO World and Danube

'Danube Info House'

19-24 September 2011

Novi Sad

Geography matters

Type: Lecture, training and exhibition

Organisers: NGO World and Danube

Chair :

Speakers:

Description

The Balkankult Foundation has so far organized two big Ex-libris competitions. The first, for the Balkan region, on the topic of Bridges, as a symbol of cultural ties and the second, on the topic of Bread - cultural heritage.

One hundred and ninety five artists from 19 countries applied in the first competition with 431 works. The members of the selection jury and the award jury of the first Triennial Balkan Ex-libris - TRIBEL I, were: Dimitrije Vujadinović, president of Balkankult Foundation; Benoit Junod, collector and author of various publications and bookplates on Ex-libris, Geneva, Switzerland; president of the jury, Dr Vassilis Zevgolis, collector and researcher of Ex-libris, Athens, Greece; Mr. Onnik Karanfilian, a graphic artist and deputy chairman of the International Ex-libris Center, Sofia, Bulgaria; professor Dr Časlav Očić, collector and researcher of Ex-libris and president of the Belgrade Ex-libris Circle, and Ms Corina Raceanu, from the Board of Culture, Religion and Heritage of the Tamis County, Timisoara.

Four hundred and thirteen artists from 48 countries have sent 822 works for the second international competition Bread - cultural heritage. The international awards jury consisted of: Dr Andrea Fadani, director of the Bread Museum in Ulm, Germany; professor Dr Andreas Wiesand, general secretary of the EricArts Institute, Bonn, Germany; professor Hasip Pektaš, a graphic artist, president of the Turkish Ex-libris society, Ankara, Turkey; professor Dr Časlav Očić, president of the Belgrade Ex-libris Circle, Belgrade; Arpad Shalomon, a graphic artist Slovenske Konjice, Slovenia; and Dimitrije Vujadinović, president of the Balkankult Foundation, Belgrade.

Target groups of participants:

The event is designed for a broad spectrum of the public in the region of Vojvodina, with universities and research institutions, members of local administrations, and especially representatives of educational institutions. In addition, representatives of the municipal sector and civil society are welcome.

More information:

"Regional Development Strategies – support to sustainable and inclusive growth - Serbian case"

20 September 2011
Zajecar

Europe 2020

Type: Round Table

Organisers: Regional Development Agency Eastern Serbia – RARIS

Chair : *Morning Session:* **Mr Vladan Jeremić**, Director of Regional Development Agency Eastern Serbia
Afternoon session: **Mrs Dragijana Radonjić-Petrović**, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Regional Development

Speakers: **Mrs Dragijana Radonjić-Petrović**, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Regional Development
Mr Ivica Eždenci, Director, National Agency for Regional Development
Mr Sjaak Boeckhout, Team Leader/Regional Development Advisor Assistance to Regional Policy Development at National Level
Mr Alexander Grunauer, Team Leader, Project “Local Economic Development in the Danube region” GIZ – KWD
Mr Borislav Stojkov, Director, Republic Agency for Spatial Planning
Serbian RDA representative, Director of one of Serbian RDAs
Representative of National/Regional Development Council

Description

The new Law on Regional Development has defined types of Development planning documents for regional development. Among others there is Regional Development Strategy (hereinafter: Regional Strategy) as one out of four documents.

Further on, the Law says:

- The Regional Strategy shall, in accordance with the National Plan, define the key priorities for development of regions and the plan for their achievement.
- The Regional Strategy shall be adopted for the period of five years.
- The Regional Strategy shall be adopted by the Government upon the proposal from the Ministry, unless otherwise specified by this Act.
- The Proposal of Regional Strategy shall be prepared by the Ministry, in cooperation with one or more regional development agencies established for the specific region and local government units which constitute the region for which the regional strategy shall be adopted.
- The Ministry shall provide the opinion for the proposed regional strategy from the responsible Regional Development Council and the National Council for Regional Development..

The objective of the Roundtable is to facilitate dialogue between the participants on how regional strategies can best support sustainable and inclusive development. The participants should share their experiences and information related to the preparation and implementation of the Regional Strategy in Serbia..

Target groups of participants:

The roundtable will bring together representatives from: State authorities dealing with issues of regional development, EU Delegation in Serbia, National Agency for Spatial Planning, Development Fund of the Republic of Serbia, National Employment Service, National Council for Regional Development, Regional Development Councils, Regional Development Agencies, Local authorities, business and civil society, International projects dealing with local and regional development..

More information:

RARIS intends to prepare and upload separate webpage about the Roundtable “Regional Development Strategies – support to sustainable and inclusive growth - Serbian case” on the RARIS website (<http://www.raris.org>) in Serbian and in English language.