

# South East Europe Transnational Programme

## Project Idea Form

**Project idea's title**

**Transnational cooperation in sustainable activities of regional authorities in waste and waste water projects and regional development**

**Priority**

(choose priority and indicate the relative area of intervention)

☐ Priority  
Axis 1

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☒ Priority  
Axis 2

**Protection and improvement of environment**

- improvement of public infrastructure and conditions
- efficient management
- exchange of views and experiences
- technical assistance supporting capacity building

☐ Priority  
Axis 3

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☐ Priority  
Axis 4

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**Project Idea Promoter**

(name of the institution)

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Is the applicant the project's potential Lead Partner?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, is the potential Lead Partner already being chosen?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Background** (main problems or challenges to be addressed)

Within the framework of the improvement of the public infrastructure, Croatia and other countries in this territory (e.g. Bosnia-Herzegovina or Montenegro) have to prepare, realise and operate in the next years well structured projects.

Especially the conversion of the national master plans and national management strategy in tangible waste projects and waste water projects is an assignment of the regional authorities (e.g. municipalities or counties). For the handling of this future assignments the local authorities need:

- a well structured regional administration and organisation
- an excellent knowledge of project methodology
- knowledge in project financing, calculation (e.g. tariffs) and project supervision
- a sense of politically discussions and decisions regarding:
  - locations of the facilities
  - inter municipal- or inter regional cooperation

- social aspects
- tariff collection
- public relations

#### Objectives (main and specific objectives to be achieved)

The proposed project aims to realise a long termed, transnational cooperation between local authorities in Germany and Croatia and other regions in this territory to improve knowledge and project methodologies in project preparation, project management, project supervision and operation of waste and waste water projects and to increase knowledge in regional development and ways of inter-municipal cooperation.

These objectives should be ensured by a transnational, result orientated partnership between public, local authorities together with a professional transnational project management during the project.

EVS Entsorgungsverband Saar (Germany) together with mep Projekte GmbH (Germany) as a company for international project management and the county administration of Dubrovnik-Neretva (Croatia) have agreed for a cooperation to achieve those objectives.

With the experience of the leading partner (EVS Entsorgungsverband Saar, Germany) and its experts a professional support and assistance will be ensured.

#### **EVS Entsorgungsverband Saar:**

The EVS is a company governed by public law (shareholders are German municipalities) in the south of Germany with approx. 500 employees. The EVS is responsible for the federal state of „Saarland“ and responsible for waste- and wastewater management for approx. 1.000.000 inhabitants. The EVS is specialized in investments of:

#### **I. Waste Water:**

Operation and maintenance of

- more than 130 sewage treatment plants with different technologies
- sewage main collectors (1.000 km)
- approx. 160 sewage water pumping stations
- approx. 450 rainwater collecting systems

#### **II. Waste:**

- Management of waste systems (collecting etc.)
- Operating of 2 waste incineration plants
- Operating of a biologic centre for waste disposal
- Operating and maintenance of several waste disposal landfills
- Recultivation and monitoring of older waste disposal sites

#### **III. Laboratory**

- laboratory (waste, waste water, drinking water laboratory), efficient and officially approved

#### **County Dubrovnik-Neretva:**

The County of Dubrovnik-Neretva is the southernmost county in the Republic of Croatia with the total area of 9.272 km<sup>2</sup>, the land area covering 1.782 km<sup>2</sup>. The County territory consists of two basic functional and physical entities: relatively narrow costal area with a number of deep-sea and coastal islands (the most significant are Korcula, Mljet, Lastovo and the Elaphite Islands), and the lower Neretva delta with the coastal part gravitating to the Neretva river. The territory of the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva is divided by state borders with Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia-Montenegro

The population of the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva is nearly 123.000 inhabitants or 2.8% of Croatian population. Comparison to the 1991 Census shows a 3% decrease in population figures. Average population density in the County is 80 inh/km<sup>2</sup>. The most densely populated area is the Town of Dubrovnik coastal area with average density of 305 inh/km<sup>2</sup> and the least populated area includes the islands with average density of 28 inh./ km<sup>2</sup>.

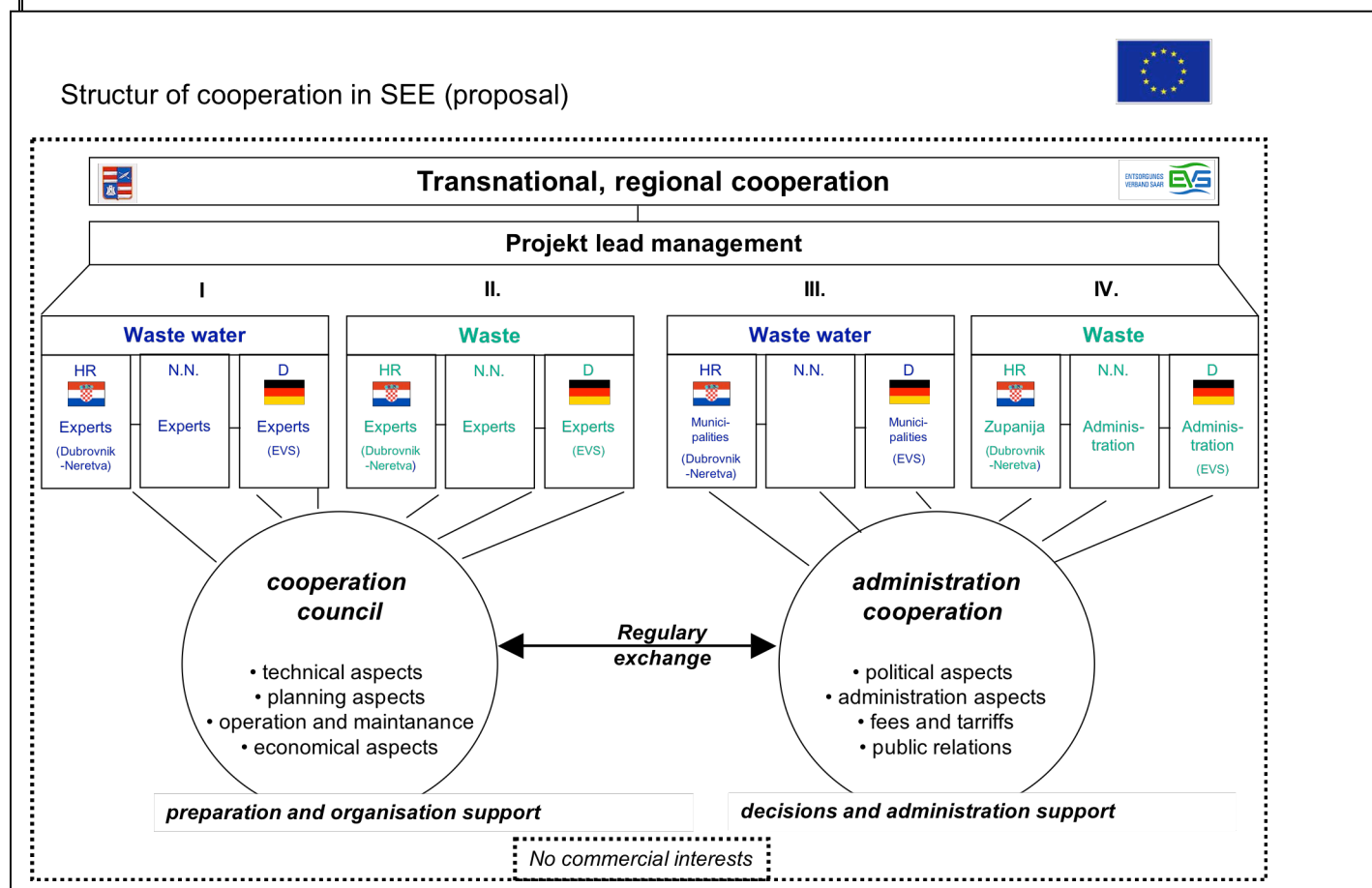
The County of Dubrovnik-Neretva is divided into 22 units of local self-government with 5 towns and 17 municipalities. The administrative centre of the County is the Town of Dubrovnik.

The county is responsible for waste projects, the municipalities of the county for waste water projects.

## Main foreseen activities

- Structuring of a result orientated transnational cooperation, focus on regional infrastructure development, waste- and waste water projects
- Establish and improvement of a transnational cooperation between regional public authorities, long term orientated and with no commercial interest
- Promotion of sustainable regional development
- Establish of a transnational project management
- Establish of
  - a) a task force to cooperate with experts for preparation, technical and economical aspects and
  - b) a task force in administration cooperation
- Periodical exchange of views and information, knowledge transfer with experience of the leading partner
- Project cooperation and support of the leading partner in waste- and waste water projects, esp. planning aspects, technical aspects, economical aspects, political aspects and supervision
- Develop networks in waste- and waste water technology
- Develop networks to support project management methodology, esp. in waste and waste water
- Develop networks to support well balanced calculations of tariffs and fees (social aspects)
- Develop networks to support administration, promote resource efficiency, esp. in waste and waste water
- Improve an integrated waste and waste water management (operation and maintenance)
- Promote training- and education program, adjusted to requirements

Summary in fig.1



## Expected outputs and results

- Knowledge transfer, esp. in waste and waste water management and project management methodology
- Contribution to increase economic and social integration, well balanced
- Strengthening of regional development in Croatia and another country in this territory, esp. in environmental and infrastructure projects
- Formation of regional cooperation or inter municipal cooperation
- Strengthening of administration efficiency

### Innovative character of the project idea

Transnational cooperation between local authorities on regional level to improve knowledge and project methodologies

## Partnership

### Partners involved at this stage

ERDF Partners	Germany (Saarland, EVS Entsorgungsverband Saar)
IPA Partners	Croatia (County and municipalities of Dubrovnik Neretva)
ENPI Partners*	

### Partners requested

ERDF Partners	
IPA Partners	Bosnia-Herzegovina
ENPI Partners	

### Estimated Total Budget

870.000 EUR

### Does your project idea foresee the application for the 10% rule\*

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### Estimated duration (in months)

36 month

- ☐ I would like my project's idea to be published on the Southeast Europe Transnational Programme's website and presented during the SEE kick off event.

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\* ENPI Funds won't be available for the 1<sup>st</sup> Call. Partners from Ukraine and Republic of Moldova can be involved by applying for the 10% rule.

\* The 20% rule is not applicable for the 1<sup>st</sup> Call.