

## South East Europe Transnational Programme

### Project Idea Form

**Project idea's title**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT IN MOUNTAIN AREAS**

**Priority**

(choose priority and indicate the relative area of intervention)

<input type="checkbox"/> Priority Axis 1	AoI _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Priority Axis 2	AoI _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Priority Axis 3	AoI _____
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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)

Mountain and rural areas often face the turbulent solid waste arena with the added burdens of geographic isolation, climatic conditions, limited local government staff resources, financial limitations, limited space for landfills and other constraints. A range of skills are required in order to meet the demands of the rapidly-evolving solid waste arena:

- A better understanding of **Integrated Waste Management**, with a particular emphasis on the top levels of the IWM hierarchy and the product cycles.
- **Strategic thinking and planning;**
- **Public involvement** strategies;
- Improved **group problem-solving** at all levels;
- A **business development** mindset; and Openness to **regional approaches**

In SEE countries proper treatment of waste remains a problem, especially for municipal and hazardous wastes. Furthermore, given the current construction boom in some countries, quantities of construction and demolition waste will increase. End of life (obsolete) vehicles, waste electronics, household appliances and packaging waste are also set to increase. Some of the challenges that SEE countries face include improving waste management systems, introducing proper waste treatment and disposal techniques,

making use of more waste resources, and reducing and preventing waste at source.

The South-Eastern countries are forced to rethink the way they manage waste, and concentrate on solutions to solve today's problem as well as install the foundations for good waste management in the future. This can be seen as a good opportunity to decrease reliance on terminal disposal methods, such as landfill, and move towards a more environmentally friendly way of managing waste, such as recycling. This change will also reap the rewards of saving the natural resources used to manufacture products.

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

The project intends to promote waste prevention and minimisation through source reduction, producer responsibility and public awareness providing local stakeholders with applicable insights, knowledge, methods and technology for environmentally sound solid waste management within an environmentally sustainable society.

The main objectives are:

- Develop a more efficient waste management system;
- Improve the capacity building of local entrepreneurs;
- Transfer of know-how and best practices;
- Improve the local economies through the creation of new jobs and innovative solutions;
- Enhance the quality of the environment in order to attract more tourism;
- Enhance security and life quality for inhabitants and tourists;
- Increase citizens' awareness on recycling process and impacts on climate change;
- Improve the prevention, reusing, recycling and disposal of waste through the involvement of stakeholders;

#### **Main foreseen activities**

- Collection of waste related data;
- Elaboration/updating of IMSWM
- Training for waste management operators and stakeholders who deal with waste issues;
- Waste awareness campaign;
- Creation of intermunicipal waste management networks;
- Organisation of thematic workshops;
- Elaboration of a "SEE mountain waste management methodology" in cooperation with International Organisations (UNDP-UNESCO) active in the SEE regions.

#### **Expected outputs and results**

**Outputs:** 1 Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management per partner; Guidelines on how to manage waste in mountain areas; common web site; Quarterly e-newsletters; Brochure and leaflet in English and national language; National Conferences; thematic workshops; Consumer's handbook for reducing and recycling solid waste; info-meetings, intermunicipal waste management network

#### **Results:**

Enhancement of stakeholders awareness and know-how;

Establishment of intermunicipal cooperation on waste management topic  
 Creation of job opportunities and new business initiatives  
 Creation of a “Waste Management Regional Model” adapted to mountain/rural areas in SEE

**Innovative character of the project idea**

The transfer of know-how to New Member States and IPA countries coupled with a participation process and the creation of a SEE regional model can be seen as an “innovative approach” for the area. Furthermore the specificity of the mountain environment in the context of waste management has not been well investigated.

## Partnership

**Partners involved at this stage**

ERDF Partners	Italy, Greece, Slovenia
IPA Partners	
ENPI Partners*	

**Partners requested**

ERDF Partners	Waste management organisations or research institutes expert in the topic; mountain communities/municipalities
IPA Partners	Waste management organisations or research institutes expert in the topic; mountain communities/municipalities
ENPI Partners	

**Estimated Total Budget**

**2.000.000 Euros**

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

☐ Yes. Please, explain in detail what will it be used for and the relevance for the project

☐ No

**Estimated duration**

(in months)

**36**

☒ 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.

\* 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.