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Partner Search Forum

Secretary for European Integrations of Montenegro and Ministry of Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management of Croatia have organized Partner Search Forum that was held on 17th February 2009 in town Igalo and is financed from EU funds. On this first Partner Search Forum within this programmed 140 participants from Croatia and Montenegro have taken part at this event.

Croatia and Montenegro as candidate and potential candidate country have access to EU funds within IPA component II – cross border cooperation. Throughout the year 2007, representatives from these countries have draw up programme of cross-border cooperation that covers period from 2007 until 2013. On basis of this programme EU has allocated funds for border areas of Montenegro and Croatia.

First Call for Proposal within IPA Cross – Border Programme Croatia – Montenegro will be lunched in first quarter of 2009. Therefore, potential and also eligible applicants from Montenegro and Croatia will have opportunity to apply projects suitable for this programme in order to win a grant. Projects that will be implemented on programme adjacent and eligible area will include at least one partner from bought border sides.

Representatives from ministries, municipalities, public institutions and public enterprises, organizations for regional development, cultural and educational institutions, NGOs and touristic organizations from Croatia and Montenegro have participated on this event.

Ratka Sekulović, Secretary assistant of Secretary for European Integrations of Montenegro and Ivo Žinić, Head of Direction for Integrated Regional Development within the Ministry of Regional Developments, Forestry and Water Management of Croatia have addressed to all participants with the introduction word in the name of Forum organizers. Also as representatives of neighbor municipalities in introduction part have participate Head of Herceg Novi, Dejan Mandić and Manager of direction for international relations and EU integrations of Dubrovnik Neretva County, Aida Cvjetković.

Along with the agenda after the introduction part a short presentation of IPA Cross-Border Programme Croatia – Montenegro has been presented as well as Joint Technical Secretariat and its duties and work.



Main focus of this Forum were 4 thematic workshops with following subjects: environment protection, tourism, culture and local initiatives- small cross border projects. During this workshops participants had opportunity for sharing their project ideas as well as establishing quality contacts with potential future partners.

As a conclusion of Partner Search Forum a short results of all workshops has been presented and event was closed with answering of a few queries of participants.



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