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Training of Trainers on "Good Governance"

In the frame of the project "European Partnership for Local Green Agendas" Environmental movement "Ozon" organized and hosted Training of Trainers on Good Governance. The training was held in Podgorica, from 11th to 13th of March for trainers' teams and project staff from: Albania, Macedonia, and Montenegro. During the training participants:

- ⇒ were acquainted with main aspects and definitions of good governance as one of the essential preconditions for sustainable development;
- ⇒ identified good practice for effective local governance;
- ⇒ had an opportunity to share and review the experiences of good governance in the participating countries focusing on different aspects of local governance;
- ⇒ analyzed critically different international standards and models of good governance with special reference to E-governance;
- ⇒ drafted action plans for future activities in the respective countries.

Facilitator of the ToT was Milica Kovacevic, from Centre for Democratic Transition.

This training was considered very useful by the participants. More and more local self governments are eager to implement principles of good governance even though they barely know about them. Adapting and delivering this training in each of the selected Municipalities of the project will be an important start for them. "As for the Albanian Municipalities it will come at the right moment. There will be the local elections in May and this topic will be very useful for the municipality administrate to improve



Supporting Dajci commune after flooding...A nature catastrophe

The consequences of the flooding that hit Shkodra, a city in the northern Albania, are catastrophic. No one living in this area remembers such a frightening flooding as the one this year.

More than ten thousands of hectares are under water, approximately 2500 houses were damaged to the extent that can't be used as homes anymore and 5 thousand people have left all their belongings under water in order to save their life.

One of the communes, we work with in the frame work of our project, the Dajci Commune is situated next to Buna river, in the north-west part of Shkodra. The commune is the most touched in the area and has suffered huge damages.

EDEN center is trying to support and help the commune and its inhabitants in these difficult days. After flooding, EDEN project assistant together with project trainer visited the area for an assessment of the situation and their needs at the moment. It was impressing hearing the great will and determination of the inhabitants for not leaving their land and houses but will work hard to revitalize the commune. They still want Dajci the home for their children and still take care for what we, people from the distance, call details in cases of emergencies.

It is difficult to fully recover what water damaged and the needs are so wide, but those wonderful people need a help.

If you are an individual / institution/organization or a business and would like to contribute smoothening flooding effects, please contact Dajci commune staff at :

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Every single action makes a difference!

Your support counts!



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<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

<http://www.bosch-stiftung.de/content/language2/html/1542.asp>

<http://www.seeyoungleaders.org/index.html>

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/14551/dfid-esrc-growth-programme.aspx>

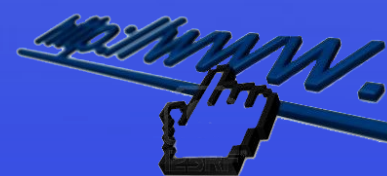
http://www.ramsar.org/cda/ramsar/display/main/main.jsp?zn=ramsar&cp=1-63-68-159_4000_0__

<http://www.club300.se/Birdprot/Birdprotection.aspx>

<http://www.tourismcares.org/grants/worldwide-grants>

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

http://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/?page_id=6



Milieucontact International is an organization of committed professionals with a huge network of individuals, organizations and institutions working for a better environment, through: building capacities, involving citizens & solving environmental problems. Milieucontact International provides training, coaching, support and advice for organization working for sustainability, seeking to stimulate and support the involvement and empowerment of citizens and develop processes of participative strategy development and decision making, and connecting these activities to solutions for environmental problems.

EDEN (Environmental Center for Development, Education, and Training) is a trainers' organization whose vision is development of sustainable and healthy environment through capacity building, promoting a participatory approach, offering expertise and services to civil society and governmental structures, and lobbying at national level. EDEN manages a group of eight trainers, well trained in a wide range of participatory training techniques.

KOCKA is a network of independent trainers, aiming at providing training and consultancy services for CSOs and local government units, especially in the field of environment protection. The network consists of a group of trainers that have become widely recognized by the civil society sector for combining their skills and training methods and using specific participatory facilitation techniques, developed through various ToT courses.

OZON is an citizens' association established with the aim to raise awareness, educate, initiate, carry out, and assist in activities focused on environment protection and enhancement. Ozon's vision is that Montenegro is sustainably developed as a democratic, ecological society with citizens who relate to nature and care for their place on the planet.

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