

Project: Pearl.EU – Platform Enhancing Adriatic Region Links in Europe

Subject: The project aims to realize a real integration and a decisive strengthening of the process of trans-border cooperation. The project focuses particularly on institutional strengthening, harmonization of systems, increase of juridical and administrative cooperation, encouragement and valorisation of human and institutional resources.

The project will realise its aim according the following main activities:

- Constitution of a permanent working group among Italian and Balkan local authorities and Local Democracy Agencies in order to implement concrete actions of European territorial cooperation.
- Exchange of best practices, study visits, exchange of civil servants, activities of awareness raising, and involvement of active citizenship, identification and solving of study cases.
- Creation and development of cross-border networks between Italian and Balkan local authorities and Local Democracy Agencies.
- Development of local good governance with the active participation of civil society.

Objectives and the actions proposed aim at reaching the four fundamental objectives, identified by the European Commission, that are: a) promote economic and social development in border areas; b) collaborate to finding solutions to the common issues in the areas of environment, public health and fight against organized crime; c) guarantee efficient and secure borders; d) promoting local actions of the type “people-to people”.

Submission: 2006

DG: Regional Policy

Programme: Adriatic new neighbourhood programme INTERREG/CARDS-PHARE

Leader: Municipality of Lecce

Partners: Italy : Municipalities of: Bari, Gorizia, Monfalcone, Ravenna, Tavagnacco, Trieste, Udine, Venezia,
Province of: Bari, Brindisi;
Region: Puglia

Bosnia – Erzegovina : Municipalities of: Prijedor, Mostar, Zavidovici;
LDA: Prijedor, Mostar, Zavidovici

Croazia: Municipalities of: Sisak, Verteneglio; County of di Baranja Osijek ;
LDA of: Sisak, Verteneglio, Osijek.

Involved Partners: Municipality of Skutari Albania;
LDA of: Middle and South Serbia, Montenegro

Duration of the project: 1st May 2007– 30th June 2008

Total budget: 764.908 Euro