

Balkan Rural Development Network (BRDN)

Regional Meeting on “Establishment of Balkan Rural Development Network”

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BALKAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (BRDN)

- A civil society organization registered according the national laws of civil society organizations in the SEE countries which in its Statute and programmed goals is associated with rural development ;
- The BRDN is consisted of Members from SEE dealing in rural development on national/regional levels. The Members are Civil Society Organizations which are/have:
 - i. established in a state/territory in the SEE;
 - ii. expressed their interest to join BRDN;
 - iii. accepted the Statute of the BRDN.



BALKAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (BRDN)

- The BRDN, is an international independent, non party, non-profitable civil society initiative, working according to its` own principles, which are not binding for the Member's policies on national and regional level.
- The BRDN is open to any civil society network from State/territory from SEE, which expresses an explicit interest to become a Member and is deemed to be able and willing to fulfill the principles and the objectives as set forth in to the Statute.



MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE BRDN

- Rural Development Network of the Republic of Serbia
- Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia
- Rural Development Network of the Republic of Montenegro

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Acting in a spirit of friendship and good neighborliness and enhance mutual respect and confidence, dialogue and cooperation among the Members;
- Improving environment for development and promotion of individual and collective initiatives of stakeholders on all levels;
- Sustainable rural development based on preserving and development of the resources of the environment, human, social, and creative/production potential;
- Support of diversity of the rural regions, which are all similar and yet so different.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Bottom up approach and involvement of the local communities, especially the public in the development processes
- Local partnership development and cooperation culture
- Networking and cooperation promotion, synergy in the development processes and exchange of experience and knowledge;
- Tradition support and promotion of innovations for utilization of traditional values;
- Support and promotion of integral actions and sector linking of the local and national institutions in the process;
- Promotion and support of ownership of the local projects through their local management and administering;
- Transparency in working ;



AIMS, OBJECTIVES, AREAS OF COOPERATION AND TASKS OF THE BRDN

AIMS

- To connect and align different profile organizations for exchange of opinions, information and experiences as well as promotion organization and assisting in activities from the sphere of the rural development.
- To promote rural communities development and to connect different sectors in those communities;
- To work on promotion of the conditions for consistent development of the rural areas and improvement of the quality of life.



GENERAL OBJECTIV OF THE BRDN

- To facilitate the identification of mutual needs and interests,
- To support joint planning of cross-border rural development projects,
- To support different institutions in fulfilling needs of the countries/ territories.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE BRDN

- Providing a platform for exchange of information on rural development topics;
- Joint planning of cross-border projects;
- Organizing support for solving problems and satisfying needs related to rural development issues in the SEE



AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Rural development;
- Trade and economic development;
- Agriculture and agro-industry;
- Environmental protection
- Protection and promotion of cultural heritage;
- Tourism and rural tourism;
- Exchange of statistical data;
- Knowledge, experience and information; and
- Collaboration between authorities or in any other related area.



SPECIFIC TASKS

- to provide a platform for exchange of experiences and assisting each other in:
 - Direct support for conducting studies, assessments and research in rural development;
 - Facilitate communication between all stakeholders of rural development in the region;
 - Rise awareness for rural development within local communities and rural development stakeholders;
 - Assist strategic planning and programming for rural development

THROUGH

- exchange of information;
- initiation, preparation and implementation of joint projects,
- lobbying and fund raising;
- exchange of personnel;
- building up rural development expert pool;
- actively supporting capacity building on all levels.

BRDN BODIES

- The BRDN Assembly
 - i. The BRDN Assembly is consisted of delegates, nominated by the BRDN members.
 - ii. The Assembly is the principal decision making body of the BRDN.
- The President of the BRDN Assembly
 - i. The President of the BRDN Assembly is an honorary position with a mandate to represent the BRDN within the time frame of his/her mandate.



FINANCING OF THE BRDN

- The membership fee will be determined, based on the decision of the BRDN Assembly.
- Financial support to BRDN activities could be provided from:
 - Membership and sponsoring
 - Earmarked funds from organizations
 - Donations from citizens and legal entities
 - Presents and benefactions
 - Organizing humanitarian events;
 - Organizing other events
 - Projects
 - Other sources
- Contributions on voluntary basis from the international organizations, institutions, observers, third parties-donors shall be welcomed

SUPPORTERS OF THE BRDN

- Supporters are national authorities, national or international organizations or institutions and others willing to support the BRDN by providing technical assistance, logistic and financial support.

PARTNERS

- BRDN partners are not members, but can be registered in the list of providers or co-operators of the BRDN.

OBSERVERS

- The BRDN may as per the proposal of the Member, grant observer status to an organization, institution or individual, expressing interest for BRDN activities.



Thank you!

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