



“Area Based Development in the Western Balkans”

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TOPICS

➤ **SHG STRUCTURES**

➤ **PMU SETUP**

➤ **DONOR ACTIVITIES**

➤ **ADDITIONAL AREAS/METHODOLOGY**

➤ **PROJECT FICHE AND FUTURE PROGRAMMING**

SHG STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS

- **SHG as a recognized platform**
- **Two levels: political/technical**
- **Ad hoc technical groups as appropriate**

PMU structure and functions

- **One PMU in one country might prove difficult**
- **Virtual PMU/ with ‘lead office/secretariat’?**

Donor activities

- **Cooperation with other actors.**
- **SHG/PMU platform 'leading' activities**
- **Donor activities:**
 - **A regional workshop to present the ABD structures and approach**
 - **Local workshop with interested donors in each selected area**

METHODOLOGY

- **Approach to assessments in additional areas and updating current baseline analysis**
- **Territorial capital assessment versus basic assessment**
- **Recommendation:**
 - **Review and decide on the methodology under JRC leadership**
 - **Academic review group to monitor, support and review baseline analysis in additional areas and updates in existing areas**

Project fiche/future programming

Four main activities

- Continued capacity building
- Grants scheme
- Activities to access other instruments/donors
- Project management in SWG Headquarter

Project fiche/future programming

Continued capacity building

- **The established stakeholder structures should be consolidated and should intensify its level of activities and develop programming documents/projects on an ongoing basis.**
- **Running a functional PMU. The task of the PMU is**
 - **to serve as a Secretariat for the SHG,**
 - **to facilitate strategic planning discussions in the SHG,**
 - **to elaborate the programming documents and project outlines to be approved by the SHG, and**
 - **to serve as the interface with the SWG Headquarter.**
 - **to develop knowledge about existing support instruments potentially available to support projects in the region.**
- **Permanent staffing of PMUs /running costs in addition to national contributions.**
- **Promotion and publicity of the regional cross-border cooperation for raising awareness for importance of the mutual understanding, joint planning and implementation of actions for sustainable growth of the rural cross-border areas of SEE countries.**

Project fiche/future programming



Grants scheme

- Publicity activities, cultural and business related events and initiatives of regional relevance, training, technical workshops etc.;
- Seed funding to mobilize already existing funds on local and national level to support cross-border business relations and small scale investments such as small scale investments in rural tourism, in particular of a general nature (signs, information leaflet, trails etc);
- Small business incubation and support centres, workshops, local marketplaces;
- Small scale investment in processing and marketing of agricultural products with specific focus on developing local or traditional specialities in complementarity with other available EU support instruments;
- Village renewal and renovation and preservation of cultural heritage;
- Use of renewable energy resources;
- Local waste collection and management as supplement to larger regional waste management investment and structures.

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Activities to access other instruments/donors

- investment projects/ feasibility studies for larger scale investments in regional infrastructure and environmental protection, including protection of natural resources;
- assistance to potential beneficiaries to prepare and submit projects, within the framework of the Action Plans, for funding under other available financial instruments such as the other IPA instruments, national rural development schemes and other international and bilateral donors programmes.

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Project management in the SWG Headquarter

- Financial execution of the ABD grants scheme.
- Coordination of the PMU activities in the selected regions. The role of the central coordination structure is to ensure consistency in strategic planning and programming activities, exchange information and best practices between regional PMUs.
- Serve as an interface between selected regions and the participating Governments.