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Project

***“Capacity Building for Croatia’s National Contact
Point for the LIFE programme”***

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LIFE programme



REPUBLIC of CROATIA
Ministry of Economy and
Sustainable Development

**Capacity Building for Croatia's National Contact
Point For the LIFE programme – Ministry of
Economy and Sustainable Development**

Role of National Contact Point

- National Contact Point (NCP) for LIFE programme – Public servants
 - Provides information about LIFE programme
 - Support for potential applicants **in preparing project proposals**
 - Support for applicants **in the phase of revision**
 - Support for applicants **in connecting with public bodies** competent for individual policies related to **correct implementation of project activities**
 - Support for projects in implementation including **promotion and dissemination of information, replication and transmission of results**
 - Support for EC in **organization of LIFE conferences and workshops** and in exchange of experience, knowledge and best practices

Project “Capacity Building for NCP”



Project goals

- Better **absorption of EU funds** from LIFE programme
- To enable efficient participation in LIFE programme through promotion of Programme in the Republic of Croatia
- To increase awareness of **LIFE projects value** for environment and nature protection, mitigation of climate change and adaptation
- To increase the level of knowledge of potential applicants about LIFE programme and the possibilities of application



Capacity Building for National Contact Point for LIFE programme



Project duration: November 1, 2015 – March 31, 2019

Complete project budget: 1 101 636,00 EUR

EU co-financing: 999 849,00 EUR



Main Project Activities

- Establishing helpdesk services for **three thematic areas**:
 - ENV
 - NAT
 - CLIMA
- **Informing and education** of potential applicants about the possibilities of application for LIFE programme
 - **Over 4 500 people**



Consultation

- Consultation of users in application and implementation of LIFE projects
 - **individual consultations**
- After LIFE Call Announcement **regional workshops** are organized for assistance and preparation of potential beneficiaries
 - **“Writers” Workshops**
- **Phone consultation**

Savjetovanje

Help Desk Office



* Savjetovanja s potencijalnim prijaviteljima održavala su se do kraja projekta

Informing and Educations on the subject of LIFE programme



Informative Events and Educations

Introduction of potential applicants to possibilities of project financing

- 6 Info Days
- 10 thematic Info Days
- 36 regional workshops
- 7 „Train the Trainers” workshops
- 2 international conferences
- LIFE projects fairs



Cooperation with Institutions and Target Groups

- **Better cooperation** with competent institutions for other sources of financing / synergies (H2020; Interreg; COSME; EEN – European Enterprise Network; ESIF, Hamag BICRO, HAVOR,...)



- 15 meetings with representatives of other EU programmes and funds
- Round table
 - „Financing in the area of environment protection and climate activities – possibilities and synergies”
- Presentation of LIFE programme
 - 36 informative events about EU programmes and funds

Cooperation with other Member States

- 3 workshops „Networking and the Exchange of Experiences of LIFE National Contact Points“:
 - Over 100 representatives from other member states have discussed the implementation of LIFE projects in other states
- 4 visits to NCP-s of successful member states
 - Spain, Poland, Italy and Slovenia

National Co-financing of LIFE Projects

- **Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund (EPEEF)**

Themes from competence of MESD (Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development) and EPEEF

- **Croatian Waters**

– Themes from area of water politics from competence of MESD and CW

Increasing visibility of LIFE programme

- Along with official materials, promotional and informative materials were also made, together with the project logotype (all including recycle materials and green procurement)

3 informative brochures

- LIFE programme
- LIFE programme and the Circular Economy
- LIFE projects in Croatia



Increasing visibility of LIFE programme

4 informative flyers

- LIFE programme in the period 2014. – 2017.
- LIFE programme in the period 2018. – 2020.
- LIFE programme and Encouragement of Market-oriented Projects
- LIFE programme – Integrated projects

Promotional Materials

- More than 15 000 materials
- In public procurement procedures green criteria were used – sustainable materials



Project Activities



LIFE projects in Republic of Croatia

from 1995 to 2005

- financed **15 projects / 9 million €** (EU contribution 6 million €)

from 2013 (EU accession) – 2017

- approved **21 projects / 14,4 million €** (EU contribution 9,2 mil €)
- **5 projects HR coordinating beneficiaries**
- **16 HR associated beneficiaries** (partners)

UPDATE: from 2013 – 2020

- approved **37 projects / 27,78 million €** for Croatian beneficiaries (EU contribution **16,45 mil €**)
- **10 projects HR coordinating beneficiaries** (Croatian Natural History Museum, Faculty of Agriculture – University of Zagreb, Croatian Waters, Association BIOM, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, A1 Hrvatska)
- **27 HR associated beneficiaries** (partners)



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Thank you for your attention!

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