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2012.-2017.

LEADER Network Croatia

- **national non-governmental organization of the LAGs and other supporting organizations and institutions, from the civil and public sectors only**, dealing with the development of rural areas and acting on national level
- **founded on 12th April 2012** (officially registered on 27th August 2012) by 20 LAGs and 7 supporting organizations/institutions (*“bottom-up”* approach)
- In **39 LAG members**, out of which **37 are approved for implementation of Measure 202 IPARD 2007-2013** (70% of all approved LAGs), and **10 national RD organizations and scientific/educational institutions (public universities and institutes)**



LEADER Network Croatia

LAG members of LEADER Network Croatia **include aprox.:**

- ▣ **27,970 km² area of the Republic of Croatia (51% of total area)**
- ▣ **1,147,394 inhabitants (27% of the total Croatian population)**
- ▣ **289 local government units (52% of the total number of local government units in Croatia)**



Our objectives:

- **strengthening the capacity of LEADER organization and dissemination of LEADER/CLLD principles and methodology** for local development in Croatia
- **intersectoral connectivity,**
- **capacity building,**
- **exchange of experiences and advocacy** interests of Local Action Groups (LAG), development and research institutions and all organizations dealing with rural development in the Republic of Croatia, as well as
- **ensuring the participation of Croatian LAGs and other rural stakeholders in national, regional and European rural networks**

Main purpose of the actions:

- ❑ **improve the quality of life** in Croatian rural areas, empower and connect stakeholders who work in Croatian rural areas,
- ❑ **encourage the participation of women, the young and vulnerable groups in decision-making processes** at local and regional level,
- ❑ **Strengthen the decentralization process of central government**
- ❑ **encourage inter-sectoral collaboration** to gather and **connect all stakeholders** who aspire and work towards a sustainable and balanced development of Croatian rural areas and
- ❑ **improve conditions and the work of the members of the Association**
- ❑ **direct informational platforme and technical assistance in RDP implementation (unique system in Croatia)**

Member of organizations/bodies:

- ▣ organizations on EU level:
 - **ELARD** (European association of LAGs)
 - **ENRD** (European Network for Rural Development)
 - thematic clusters within the ENRD's
- ▣ National level:
 - **Croatian National Rural Network** (Managing board)
 - Preparation **Commission for LEADER / CLLD measure of RDP 2014-2020** (Measure 19)
 - **Monitoring Commision for RDP Croatia 2014-2020**
 - Throught our membership network – we are member of all relevant boddies for Operational programme preparation and monitoring implementation

Key achievements 2012. – 2017.

- **Everyday advisory assistance (TA)** to our members and **cooperation with organizations** responsible for the development of rural areas (**Ministry of Agriculture and Paying Agency**) from period 2012. – ongoing (**by phone, e-mail and internal social platforme „Spotbe”**)
- Participation in the **development of the Ordinance and tender launch for Measure 202 (LEADER), IPARD 2007-2013 and Measure 19 (LEADER-CLLD; submeasures 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4), RDP 2014-2020**
- **Encouraging formation and advocating structure and transparency of national Network for Rural Development** in Ministry of Agriculture, Croatia
- **Exemption from VAT for beneficiaries of Measure 202 (LAGs) and Measure 301 (local government units) IPARD 2007-2013**
- organization and implementation of **capacity building workshops** for LAGs and their members (**more than 30 specialized workshops** so far)

Key achievements 2012. – 2017.

- **Scientific research and impact assesment** of LEDAER-CLLD programe and rural development support measures
- Creation and implementation of **unique software for LAGs project management, monitoring and evaluation of LDS IPARD and RDP 2014-2020 – ProgressLAG**
- Establishing the **unique 2 pre-financing systems for approved LAGs through cooperation with Cooperative for Ethical Financing in Croatia and National Foundation for Civil Society Development**
- Initiator and one of the founders of the **first Cooperative for Ethical Financing in Croatia** as an **originator of the first ethical bank in the Republic of Croatia**
- Creation of an **unique fund to finance social entrepreneurship development (EU SEF)** – cooperation with European Commission / EC funding activities / financial instruments
- **Creation of Urban CLLD guidelines** for next programming period.....

CLLD in Croatia - two examples

EAFRD

European Agricultural Fund for
Rural Development



LOKALNA AKCIJSKA GRUPA
TERRA LIBURNA

EMFF

European Maritime and Fisheries
Fund



Local Action Group TERRA LIBURNA



- ▣ founded in 2013
- ▣ 62 members
- ▣ 528 km² area
- ▣ 60.745 inhabitants
- ▣ 8 local government units
- ▣ 1,19 mil Euro for the implementation of the LDS
- ▣ 64.000 Euro in preparatory support measure

Local Action Group TERRA LIBURNA

OUR VISION



Further development of the LAG "Terra liburna" rural area is based on:

- ▣ respecting the conditions of management in the authentic space,
- ▣ the promotion of innovative agricultural activities and processes based on traditional cultures,
- ▣ strengthening of non-agricultural activities for sustainable tourism,
- ▣ valorisation and activation of cultural-traditional, historical and natural heritage,
- ▣ national and transnational networking and cooperation.

Local Action Group TERRA LIBURNA

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

1. Strengthening the local value chain by delivering information

LAG TERRA LIBURNA INFO CENTER



2. Promoting the cultivation of local varieties and boosting local economy

OUR FAIRS AND LOCAL MARKETS



Local Action Group TERRA LIBURNA

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

3. Promoting networking
and innovation transferring

REGIONAL LAGs COORDINATING BOARDS



4. Securing synergies among local projects

COMMITMENT TO NETWORKING
WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS



Local Action Group TERRA LIBURNA

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

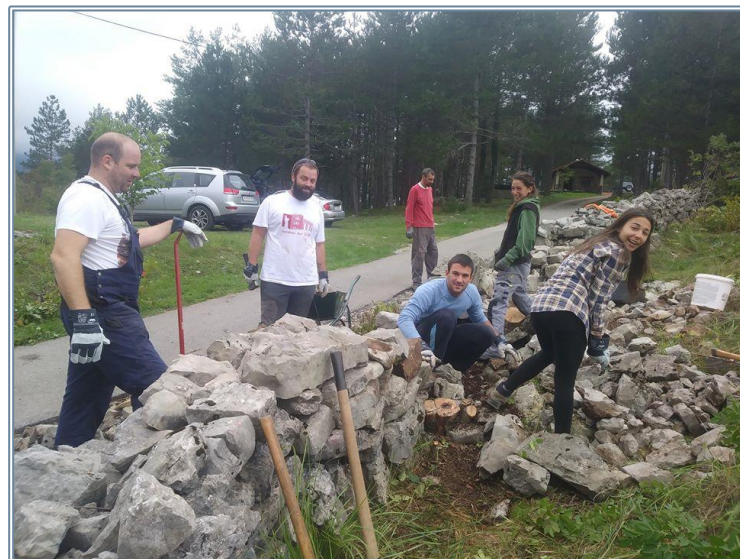
5. Boosting year-round culture-based sustainable tourism in rural areas

OUR EU PROJECTS



6. Raising awareness on landscaping architecture and natural resources

OUR WORKSHOPS AND STUDY TOURS



Local Action Group TERRA LIBURNA

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

7. National and transnational co-operation
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPING
COOPERATIVE FOR ETHICAL FINANCING
SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP INFO-POINT
TRANSNATIONAL LAGs COORDINATING BOARD...



Fisheries Local Action Group VELA VRATA



- ❑ founded in 2016
- ❑ 20 members
- ❑ 649 km² area
- ❑ 28.290 inhabitants
- ❑ 5 local government units
- ❑ 2,2 mil Euro for the implementation of the LDS
- ❑ 75.000 Euro in preparatory support measure
- ❑ 20.000 Euro for the implementation of a pilot-project

Fisheries Local Action Group VELA VRATA

OUR VISION



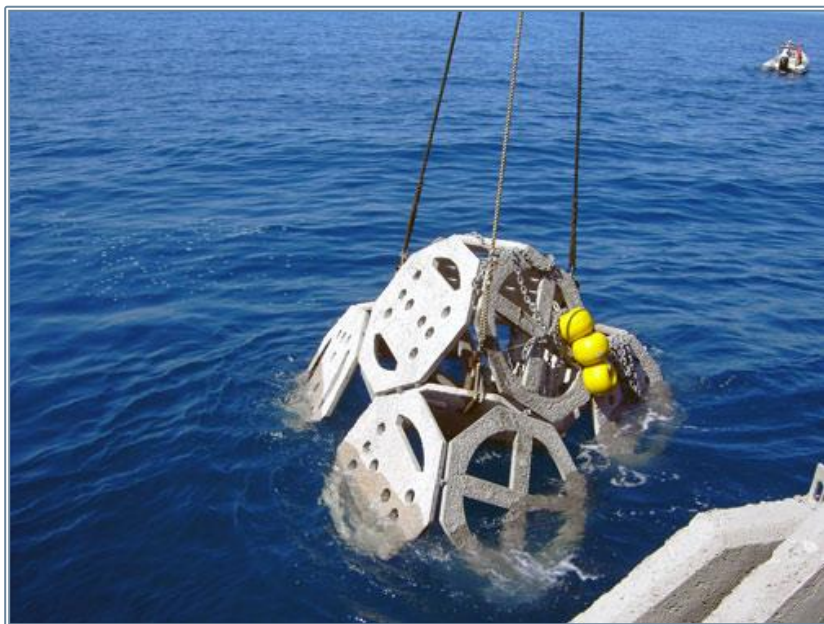
An area that links the tradition and heritage of fishing with environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative and competitive activities for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture and cross-sector cooperation



Fisheries Local Action Group VELA VRATA

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

1. Promoting networking
and innovation transferring
ARTIFICIAL REEFs



2. Valorization of maritime
heritage
SHIP-BUILDING, MUSEUMS...



Fisheries Local Action Group VELA VRATA

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

3. Protection of autochthonous species THE KVARNER SHRIMP



4. Protection of the fishermem's way of life SUSTAINABLE FISHERY



Fisheries Local Action Group VELA VRATA


MAIN ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

5. Encouraging cross-sector cooperation

LINKING FISHERY, AQUACULTURE AND MARITIME HERITAGE TO TOURISM

LINKING SCIENCE AND FISHERY



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zaklada za
razvoj
civilnoga
društva



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Thank you for your attention!

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