

PROJECT 1

Project Title

Reconstruction of 9-year school

Project Type

Social Cohesion/Economic Development

Project Location

Katund i Ri

Total Pre-Estimated Budget

250.000 Euro

Project Background and Analysis The agricultural area and activities in Katund i Ri and in the Municipality of Durres are suffering from the lack of qualified technical agricultural experts. Teaching in the existing school in Katund i Ri, is organised for students of the 9 year cycle (450 students) and for the high school (400 students). A big part of the students live in the neighboring local units. The idea of adding a vocational training centre specialized in agriculture for this school would be welcome. The existing high school, initially, had a vocational training cycle that provided training in agriculture and zootechnics. But for many years now, this training is

not being provided any more. Taking into account the agricultural profile of the

area, one can notice that professionals in agriculture are lacking.

Specific Objectives of the Project The reconstruction goal for the 9 year school is the improvement of teaching organization and training agricultural experts, who will serve the economic development of the area.

The vocational re-establishment of the High School in Katund i Ri, furnished with laboratories and experimental agricultural parcels, will create an agricultural development pole in Katund i Ri, which will serve the Municipality of Durres and other neighboring municipalities.

Expected Results and Project Indicators The benefits of this project include:

(a) improvement of organisation and quality teaching;

(b) creating qualified agricultural experts who will serve the area

Not only the inhabitants of Katund i Ri will benefit from the reconstruction of the 9 year school, but also those of the functional area. The number of the administrative units that will benefit from this intervention is 6 (six). The school can be completed with laboratories and special parcels, which will increase the added value of local products through identification of suitable products for this area.

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Project Activities

The approximate duration of the project for the physical reconstruction of the building can vary from 6-12 months. The foreseen activities include doing internal and external works of reconstruction. It is foreseen that the project will be implemented during summer vacation between academic years related to works that affect teaching. This is done to not affect the continuation of the education cycle and because of favourite weather conditions at this period. As regards the new curriculum on agriculture, negotiations with the Ministry of

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Project Maturity

It is foreseen to have an evaluation of the building conditions of the 9-year school. Based on this evaluation, a specific calculation on intervention needs will be done.

A feasibility study should also be carried out on all the area, on the cost and profit of opening a curriculum in vocational education in agriculture.

Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

The potential funding partner is the Regional Development Fund, GIZ, etc. Partners in the implementation of this project can be:

- Regional Directorate of Education,
- Ministry of Education,
- Ministry of Agriculture,
- Durrës Municipality (administrative unit of Katund i Ri), etc.

Project Cost

The cost is estimated to be between 250,000 and 500,000 EUR, depending on the intervention scale.