



Project Title

Cleaning of Fierza lake and the area around it

Project Type

Environmental/Touristic

Project Location

Kukës Functional Area

Total Pre-Estimated Budget

150,000 Euro

Project Background and Analysis

Fierza lake is 72 km long and it has an area of 8,169 acres. Fierza lake was created with the overflowing of rivers White Drin, Black Drin, etc. Fierza Lake is rich in habitats and 13 fish species, suitable for tourist trips, fishing, etc. With DCM. No. 88, dated 01.03.1993, Fierza coast was declared a priority area for tourism development.

The biggest problem that exists is that the lake is very much polluted with urban waste. The biggest part of waste comes from the flow of the White Drin and the Black Drin rivers. They adversely affect fauna and water quality, the surrounding environment and use of the area for medical tourism and aquatic activities.

Years ago, small grants funded by different donors were used for cleaning the lake. However, this did not bring the solution of the problem, as Fierza Lake has a large area and cleaning by contemporary means is very costly.

Currently, there is a growing demand to visit this natural potential untapped by residents, there is also an added interest by the local government to transform it into a tourist destination.

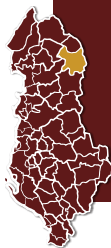
Tourism and environment are the main priorities in the Regional Development Strategy for Kukës Qark for 2012-2016.

Specific Objectives of the Project

SO1: To develop the action plan for cleaning and maintenance of Fierza Lake.

SO2: To improve current conditions of Fierza Lake, to develop and protect the fauna, by setting suitable parameters for the development of a tourist attraction.

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Expected Results and Project Indicators

- R1: Clean water and clean lake shore
- R2: The community has the possibility to enjoy a clean shore free of urban waste
- R3: Setting optimal conditions for a developed fauna, as well for tourism development
- R4: Healthy fish
- R5: More frequent visits at the lake
- R6: Clean environment

Project Activities

1. Evaluation of current situation
 2. Recruitment and setting up a working group
 3. Training and capacity building of the working group
 4. Cleaning of the lake and the area around it
 5. Preparation of leaflets and launching of the awareness campaign in the media
 6. Closer cooperation with the neighboring border countries from where the rivers flow
- The project is thought to be implemented for a 2-year period.
The beneficiaries of this project are the area inhabitants, a considerable number of fishers, vacationers, stakeholders dealing with aquatic activities.

Project Maturity

N/A

Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

Project funders:
- DLDP
The project will be implemented by:
- Regional Development Agency of Kukës
- Council of Kukës Qark
- Kukës Municipality

Project Cost

Evaluation of current situation 10,000€;
Recruitment and setting up a working group 20,000€;
Training and capacity building of the working group 10,000€;
Cleaning of the lake and the area around it 105,000€;
Preparation of leaflets and launching of the awareness campaign in the media 5,000€.