



Project Title

Forestation of Gryka e Vanave

Project Type

Environmental/ Tourist

Project Location

Functional Area of Kukës (Shishtavec)

Total Pre-Estimated Budget

150,000 EUR

Project Background and Analysis

Kukës Region has a population of 117,000 inhabitants, of whom 61.4 % live in rural areas. The road segment Kukës-Shishtavec, 41 km long, links 19 villages of three communes. The entire segment was a one-way road, damaged and impassable by the small vehicles. The construction of the new road will liberate the inhabitants from the several-month confinement due to the heavy snowfalls, but also the land slides. 14 thousand inhabitants of the communes of Zapod, Shishtavec and Topojan can now reach the city of Kukës in a short period of time. When the construction of road is over, the work for its lateral greenness will start, as the road is currently bare along its entire length. It is foreseen that once the construction of the road is over, there will be a greater number of cars moving in this axis, because of the fact that the Shishtavec area itself is very rich in natural beauties and one of the areas whose top priority is tourism development. Thus, the forestation of this part of the road would make Gryka e Vanave and the surrounding area look very attractive. At the same time, Tourism and Environment are among the priorities of the Regional Development Strategy 2012-2016. Therefore there arises the need to improve the region's natural environment, as a key aspect if its identity and attractiveness, avoiding in this way the environmental negative effects caused by human activities.

Main Objectives of the Project

To contribute to the protection of the environment and ecosystem in the Functional Area, as well as to contribute to the protection of the life of the inhabitants from landslides resulting from erosion effects.

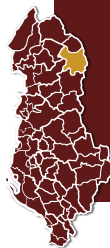
Specific Objectives of the Project

The specific objectives are as follows:

OS1: To contribute to the improvement of forest crown along the first 10 km of Kukës–Shishtavec road

OS2: To contribute to the awareness raising of area inhabitants of the importance of forestation and forest protection

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Expected Results and Project Indicators

The results expected from this project are:

- R1: the first 10 km of the road will be forested
- R2: at least 15,000 planted saplings
- R3: 15 trained inhabitants (5 inhabitants per commune)
- R4: 300 produced leaflets
- R5: 150 produced brochures

Project Activities

1. Setting-up a working group with forestry experts
2. Definition of training topics
3. Appointment of training participants
4. Organization of trainings
5. Development of leaflets, brochures
6. Designation of the area to be forested
7. Designation of the type of trees to be planted
8. Preparation of the land for planting
9. Purchase of saplings
10. Planting saplings

The project is thought to be implemented for a period of 2 years.

Project Maturity

Such a project has never been implemented in this area before. A proposal has been defined as well as the conducting of a preliminary study on the intervention area, for the purpose of foresting this area and to preserve the status of a natural monument.

Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

No funds have been provided yet for the Project.

Project will be implemented by:

- Regional Development Agency of Kukës
- Regional Council of Kukës
- Municipality of Kukës

Project Cost

Setting-up a commission with forestry experts 300€;
Designation of intervention areas 1,500€;
Definition of training topics 300€;
Appointment of training participants 300€;
Organization of training courses 1,800€;
Development of leaflets, brochures 5,000€;
Designation of the area to be forested, definition of type of trees to be planted 1,600€;
Preparation of land to be planted 50,000€;
Purchase of saplings 70,000€;
Planting saplings 20,700€.