

dldp's Learning and Experience Sharing Initiative in Accessing Funds for LGUs: What It's About and How You Can Join In!

OBJECTIVES

The knowledge package aims at strengthening the capacities of LGUs on accessing different funds (governmental and non-governmental, European Union) through educating the local experts in the development and implementation of projects, partnership building, and information on financing opportunities. The general policy framework is based on national strategic documents and foreign aid ones, as well as successful local practices.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Through strengthening the capacities of partner LGU staff, we expect that:
- LGU staff benefitting from this knowledge package is enabled to identify, plan, and implement attractive projects in the implementation of strategic local, national objectives, and international assistance funds.
 - Administrative and public services are improved thanks to mobilized sources ensuring equal access to all citizens, including women, poor and marginalized groups.
 - Best LGU experiences and practices of LGU-s in accessing and managing funds are nationally and regionally shared, influencing the improvement of respective policies.
 - Community and stakeholders participation in fund management has increased.

METHODOLOGY

Implementation of a sequenced training and coaching approach will be used to strengthen capacities of LGU staff, not only to apply in the framework of funds addressed to local government. Coaching will focus on project development and implementation as well as development of project-proposals for other potential donors. Both, training and coaching are based on tools that have been tested and validated by dldp. The training package will also include site visits/study tours, online learning and policy discussion.



SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES

“As a result of the cross border project, the handmade fabrics produced by women in Zadrime Region already have a brand name: ZAHOTEX. In the Cultural Center of Guri i Zi commune, we established some space to promote all types of Zadrime handmade fabrics”. Thank to to our persistence to build capacities in the project management cycle and close coaching by dldp experts, we became the first commune to benefit from the cross-border EU funds.

Alfred Haxhari,
Specialist at Development Office
Guri Zi commune.



MAIN ACTIVITIES

LGU staff will have the opportunity to participate in a series of activities, provided by a group of experts with experience in training and consultancy, related to project management cycle, inter-LGU projects and structural EU funds, including:

- Sequenced Training on project management according to successful models and practices (including the EU and inter-LGU ones)
- Coaching on project proposal writing addressed to concrete funds and continuous information on application opportunities.
- Coaching on implementation, monitoring and report preparation of projects funded by dldp and other donors.
- Training on public procurement (including PRAG rules and electronic procurement).
- Sharing the best practices and recommendations on strategic fund management policies based on beneficiary LGU experience.
- Participating in study tours to learn about best practices in implementing (inter) LGU projects and projects financed by foreign assistance funds (IPA/CBC) etc.

INPUTS FROM PARTNER LGUS

- Capitalization of experiences and contribution to sharing them.
 - Participation in e-discussions on policy issues through the knowledge management platform.
 - Coverage of related costs of participation in trainings and workshops within Albania.
 - Regularly attend events organized by inter-LGU expert group.
 - Pilot suggested tools/models for use in fund access and management.
 - Support from political leadership (mayor and council).
- (Co) finance and raise/access funds for project development and implementation

EXAMPLES OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES

A wide range of manuals, know how-guides, training materials, best practices, samples and templates are available at www.dldp.al including:

Project Cycle Management

- Grant Fund Manual: guidelines and templates for writing project ideas and full projects (Al and Eng.)
- Manual for LGUs on Inter-LGU Project Management (Alb)
- Practical manual in implementation of IPA/CBC projects (Al. + Eng.)
- Training curricula for PCM (Alb+eng)
- Project Sample/Inter-LGU Local Waste Management (Alb)
- LGU project Sample /(Alb)

PCM monitoring and reporting

- Training curricula (alb+eng)
- Template for writing project proposals (alb)
- Template for writing project reports (alb)

How to organize a best project competition?

- Grant Fund Manual: guidelines for the selection of the best projects funded by dldp (eng+alb)
- Guidelines and templates for the selection of best practices funded by dldp and other programs (eng+alb)

Project procurement

- Training curricula (alb+eng)
- Albanian Procurement Law (alb)

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES

“The LGUs of Puke, Rrape and Qerret have initiated inter-LGU cooperation in waste management, supported by dldp. Around 12,000 inhabitants of these LGUs have thereby benefitted from improved service delivery as well as from a cleaner environment. In 2013, although the tariff for the service has increased, the collection rate increased from 30% (2012) to 70%. The number of families benefiting from the service has increased from 1000 to 1500 and the area covered by the service has increased from 49.041 m² to 87.000 m². Overall, the cost of providing the service has decreased by 10% through inter-LGU cooperation.”

Endrit Kraja,
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