Supports sustainable development of 34 local governments in the South East and South West Serbia

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Multi-sector approach that will result in more favourable environment for businesses growth.

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STRENGTHENED LOCAL GOVERNANCE

- Support to local governments to improve planning and management of resources will lead to higher efficiency, transparency and accountability.
- Enhancing local capacities for management of infrastructure projects.
- Development of urban-planning documentation and digitalisation of geospatial data.
- Introduction of capital investment planning and budget programming.
- Improvement of tax collection.
- Enhancement of gender mechanisms and gender mainstreaming at local level.

COMPETITIVENESS OF LOCAL ECONOMY

- Improvement of the business-enabling environment.
- Establishment of public-private partnerships.
- Better cooperation and introduction of new standards and technologies in agriculture production and organisation of small and medium enterprises.
- Support women entrepreneurship.
- Technical support to the Ministry of Finance’s Central Contract and Finance Unit (CFCU) to implement local and regional infrastructure projects.
- Work with municipalities to prepare planning and technical documentation, necessary for strategic infrastructure development.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

- Assistance to the citizens from marginalised and vulnerable groups to realize their rights and improve lives which should result in reduced migration.
- Creating new jobs and equal opportunities for men and women to find employment.
- Improved integration of social and employment services.
- Supports partnership projects between local CSOs and LSGs.
- Supporting projects that enhance inter-ethnic cooperation and improve bi-lingual skills of schoolchildren.

COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Communication of socio-economic benefits and effects of the European integration.
- Enhance understanding of the European integration process.
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24.46 million Euros

- European Union provides 19.6 million Euros
- The Government of Switzerland provides 4.86 million Euros
- Seven million Euros from the overall budget provided by the European Union is devoted for the priority infrastructure projects which will be implemented directly through CFCU
- Government of Serbia, through line ministries and municipalities will provide the co-funding in accordance with the IPA rules

34 towns and municipalities