

## Project Newsletter #7

# Socio-Project Organizes Training and Distributes Grants for Agriculture Associations

In order to support and strengthen the capacities of Agricultural Support Organizations, the Socio-Project has organized a four-day training for the representatives of these entities. Throughout the training, participants were able to learn more about "Project Cycle Management", with specific emphasis on the development of Project Proposals. The training was held in Struga, Republic of Macedonia, between May 10 and May 13, 2018. Participants in this training were 16 representatives of the associations that support agriculture and agricultural entrepreneurship.



Development of project proposals was identified as one of the most sought skills, in the initial phase of project. In order to help the participants build their capacities, trainers ensured that sufficient theoretical and practical knowledge is transferred.

The main topics covered during the training were: programming and identification of project ideas, planning, setting performance indicators, proper risk management, project implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and other relevant themes.



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During the four-day training sessions, participants worked in mixed groups, where they could socialize and share their ideas, experiences and attitudes regarding Kosovo's socio economic development. At the same time, this event provided them the opportunity to create future partnerships and potential cooperation in implementation of development initiatives.

To further support and strengthen organizations in the agricultural sector, Socio-Project launched the Call for Proposals for the Grant Scheme "Increasing Operational Capacities of Agriculture Associations".

Upon evaluation process, the Project has decided to grant funds to 9 organizations. Grants that were distributed were in the form of equipment and furniture which will help these organizations to increase the number and the quality of services, provided to their members.

During the hand-over ceremonies, the Project Team was accompanied by municipal officials which, as a partners in this process, have provided free office space for majority of these organizations.



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