

ROMANIA

Local development

Location

Plenita

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Priority

P6 – Social inclusion and local development

Measure

M19 – LEADER/CLLD

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 111 389

RDP contribution 84 845

Private 26 544

Project duration

2017 – 2018

Project promoter

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<http://plenita.ro/>

A small community invested in creating a multifunctional sports field to stimulate growth and increase the attractiveness of the area.

Summary

Supported by the LEADER approach, the Plenita Commune, received support for the construction of a multisport field. The field occupies a surface of around 968 m². It is covered with synthetic grass and enclosed by 132 m fence.



This investment will contribute to Plenita's local authorities' efforts to stimulate growth and promote the socio-economic sustainability of the community while generating employment and new sources of income.

Results

The investment will provide new, high-quality social services and incentives for improving the general living conditions for the 6 000 local citizens of the commune.

The sports field will create new sources of income for the commune through the fees charged for events organised around the year.

Four full-time permanent jobs created to maintain the investment.

Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ It has been observed that infrastructure investments in small communities play a major role in improving the attractiveness of the area and can generate growth and local development.

Context

Plenița is a commune in Dolj County, Romania, with a population of 5 800 people. It is about a one hour drive (66 km) from Craiova, the capital of Dolj County and the historical Oltenia region.

The commune comprises an industrial college, a well-equipped medical unit and a rudimentary sports base that is affiliated with the sports club and schools in the commune (gymnasium and college). The main businesses in Plenita are in the agricultural sector (including technical machinery).

Plenita benefited over the last decade from an active local council and from several infrastructure investment projects supported by national and European funds. The local authorities have the ambition to entirely complete the modernisation process of the public infrastructure (roads, water, sewerage) during the 2014-2020 programming period.

Another ambition of the local community was to build a multifunctional sports field. The facility would have the capacity to host not only local sports and cultural event, but also county and inter-county events. The centre would also serve as the base for the local football team Victoria Plenita.

Objectives

The main objective of this project was to construct a multifunctional sports centre and thus increase the attractiveness of the area for the local population.

Activities

The project concerned the construction of a synthetic grass sports field with dimensions 44 x 22m.

The first activity carried out was a feasibility study, followed by a geotechnical study. Both studies were finalised in 2017.

The next step started in March 2018 with the actual construction of the field.

The final step is to enclose the field with a 132-metre fence and acquire the synthetic grass, the necessary lighting, the timing and display panels for announcements

and benches and seats for spectators.

The necessary staff for the management and maintenance of the sport field will be hired from the Plenita area and includes four full-time employees.

Main results

The project will contribute to the local development of Plenita by providing new and high-quality social services and incentives for improving the general living conditions for the 6 000 local citizens of the commune.

The sports field will create new sources of income for the commune from the fees charge for events organised around the year.

Four full-time permanent jobs are created to maintain the investment.

Key lessons

Currently agricultural activities make up around 85% of the local economy. The local entrepreneurship is also predominantly related to primary agriculture, fruit growing and fishing/aquaculture. However, it has been noticed that by increasing the attractiveness of the area – improving the local infrastructure and publicising local cultural events (e.g. the annual ceremony of the peony, some traditional and religious events) – Plenita is becoming more and more attractive for diversification, innovation and attracting businesses.

Additional sources of information

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