

EU CAP Network workshop on LEADER and Multi-funded CLLD

Travelling workshops

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Travelling workshop 1 - LAG Barje with hinterland

1. About LAG Barje with hinterland

The LAG area includes six municipalities south and south-west of Ljubljana, namely Borovnica, Brezovica pri Ljubljani, Dobrova-Polhov Gradec, Horjul, Log-Dragomer and Vrhnika.

Programming period 2014-2020

In formulating the LDS, the Local Partnership has drawn on four thematic areas for action: (1) job creation, (2) development of basic services, (3) environmental protection and nature conservation, and (4) greater involvement of young people and other vulnerable groups. The SWOT analysis was based on the material from 5 workshops and a consultation covering the following areas: nature, culture, agriculture and entrepreneurship, tourism and infrastructure.

Programming period 2021-2027

The analysis of the situation of the LAG Barje with hinterland area, needs and potentials were identified during five workshops for the preparation of the LDS.

The following needs were identified from the situation analysis, on the basis of which the following actions were formulated:

- The need for common public spaces as connecting points between generations, entrepreneurs, associations and young people, more networking between residents and local communities and closer cooperation between municipalities. These needs will be addressed through the "Inclusive and Connected Communities" action.
- The need to bring together providers and improve sectoral and cross-sectoral cooperation, such as tourism providers, farms and adventure providers. These needs will be addressed through the "Entrepreneurial Innovation" measure and the "Network of Green Sustainable Natural and Cultural Heritage Sites" measure.
- The need for more involvement in the circular economy, as the lack of interest of the local population in reducing food waste and the lack of understanding of the circular economy has been demonstrated. These needs will be addressed through the "Environmental resilience" measure.
- The need for youth facilities and improved conditions for young people to meet and network. It has been shown that there is no youth or intergenerational centre in the LAS area, and there is a need to promote youth participation in operations. These needs will be addressed through the "Visible Youth" measure.
- The need for new forms of institutional care for the elderly, as it has been shown that they need encouragement in social inclusion and participation in



the local community. These needs will be addressed through the "Active Older People" measure.

Multi-funded CLLD strategy

| | 2014 - 2020 | | | 2021 - 2027 | | |
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| | EAFRD | ERDF | Together | EAFRD | ERDF | Together |
| LAG Barje with hinterland | 1.198.154 | 955.910 | 2.154.065 | 1.147.173 | 962.733 | 2.109.907 |

LAG's website: <https://www.lasbarje.si/>

2. About the field visits

Polhov Gradec Castle - Local products of the Blagajeva region (EAFRD)

Project promoter: Municipality of Dobrova-Polhov Gradec

Partners in the project: the Technical Museum of Slovenia, the Polhov Gradec Castle Public Institute

Total project value: 31.102,02 EUR

Co-financing amount (80% EU funding and 20% National funding): 20.386,54 EUR

Project duration: from 4.6.2018 to 30.9.2019

Project summary:

The project will promote the development of tourism in the Dobrova-Polhov Gradec municipality and involve the local population in order to enable them to earn additional income (accommodation, catering services, sale of local products, sale of services for workshops and other activities).

Objectives:

- to promote entrepreneurial ideas involving internal resources for job creation
- improving the quality of living,
- preserving nature and the cultural landscape,
- to strengthen the social capital of the area and social integration among the inhabitants.

Activities:

- workshops (better presentation of the experience, destination branding),
- production of a promotional film with the creation of a pioneer room in the manor house,
- preparation of a presentation leaflet.



Results:

- at least two working models of cooperation and networking,
- renovated building and small infrastructure with new content,
- at least one natural resource preserved,
- at least two different vulnerable groups newly involved.

Website: <https://www.lasbarje.si/lokalni-produkti-blagajeve-dezele>

Dormouse lookout point (EAFRD)**Project summary:**

The creation of a thematic walking path in the centre of Polhov Gradec, linking the bus station with the old village centre. The path rises serpentine along a grassy slope and has viewpoints at the bends, extensions with urban amenities (playgrounds, rest areas, exhibition panels). The path is designed in accordance with the urban layout of Polhov Gradec.

Objectives:

- To improve unmaintained grassy areas with amenities that will build social contacts, intergenerational links and a sense of local belonging.

Activities:

- Improvement of the bank above the car park at the Cultural Centre in Polhov Gradec.
- improvement of the public herb garden
- preparation of a thematic exhibition along the trail
- printing and erection of billboards

Project promoter: the Municipality of Dobrova-Polhov Gradec

Partners in the project: Land of Herbs, Margita Vehar s.p., The Polhov Gradec Castle Public Institute

Total project value: 221.388,63

Co-financing amount: 145.375,41

Project duration: 30.6.2020 - 31.1.2023

Website: <https://www.lasbarje.si/polhkovo-razqledi%C5%A1%C4%8De>

Dormouse experience park (ERDF)

Dormouse experience park is a family adventure trail that motivates children to get outdoors and introduces them to the world of hiking. It has a didactic pedagogical value, as children develop their imagination and learn interesting facts about the local environment by solving tasks. The journey through the fairytale land of adventure starts in Polhov Gradec castle and the children have a very important task on the way: to help the Dormouse find a new home. At the beginning of the journey, children receive a Dormouse booklet as a didactic and pedagogical aid and a pencil. Along the way, the children stick stickers in the booklet, collect stamps and solve various tasks. Along



the way, they will find 10 large wooden sculptures of forest animals, wooden houses, a children's beehive, animal post, a badger, didactic elements and ...

Project purpose:

The aim of the project is to give children an experience of nature through following and identifying with a dormouse. The children get to know the different habitats of the animals and their basic characteristics. As there are experiential elements at the waypoints, the children can experience their experience by solving tasks.

Project promoter: the Municipality of Dobrova-Polhov Gradec

Partners in the project: the Technical Museum of Slovenia, the Emil Adamič Music School, the Dobrova Cultural and Artistic Association

Total project value: 90.679,14 EUR

Co-financing amount: 54.653,42 EUR

Project duration: from 1. 1. 2018 to 31. 3. 2019

Website: <https://www.lasbarje.si/polhov-doživljajski-park>

Beekeeping Božnar (EAFRD) – project Honey Treasures

Božnar čebelarstvo d.o.o. is a private company founded in 1990. They have many years of experience in the production and processing of bee products. They obtain raw materials also from external beekeepers. Thus, they produce all the types of honey in Slovenia. They also keep in mind the packaging. Their products can be bought in well-stocked shops around Slovenia or at our shop in Polhov Gradec.

Project Summary:

Improvement of the park and event space at Pograjski dom for events, recreation, cultural programmes, etc. The operation involves replanting trees and shrubs that were destroyed by frost and weevils in 2014-2016. Purchase of a prefabricated scaffolding for events and events organised by associations in the event space. The stage will also be used for other events in the municipality. The project will encourage the target groups (municipal associations, local population, families with children, children, pensioners, hikers) to spend their leisure time in an active and social way.

Objectives:

- Improving the quality of life
- preserving nature and the cultural landscape
- to strengthen the social capital of the area and social integration among the inhabitants

Activities:

- Preparation of a planting plan for the Pograj House and replanting of trees and shrubs.



- purchase of a prefabricated stage for events and events organised by the associations in the event space

Results:

- Landscaped outdoor area
- at least one natural resource preserved
- at least two different vulnerable groups newly integrated

Project promoter: the Municipality of Dobrova-Polhov Gradec

Partners in the project: the Polhov Gradec Tourist Board, the Polhov Gradec Voluntary Fire Brigade, Božnar Beekeeping d.o.o., the Blagajana Mountaineering Association

Total project value: EUR 35 478,44

Amount of co-financing: EUR 21 812,41

Project duration: from 4.6.2018 to 28.2.2019

Website of the project: [Beekeeping Božnar](#)

Website about the project: <https://www.lasbarje.si/medeni-zakladi>



Travelling workshop 2 - LAG The Capitanland countryside – hand in hand

1. About LAG The Capitanland countryside – hand in hand

LAG The Capitanland countryside – hand in hand is a local action group of four municipalities in the Ljubljana Urban Region: the municipalities of Grosuplje, Ig, Ljubljana and Škofljica.

Programming period 2014-2020

The Local Development Strategy specifically highlights the difference between the development needs of the rural and urban settlements in the area in the light of the challenges facing the area and defines specific objectives and actions accordingly. In this way, we will first and foremost strive to create the best possible conditions for living together, enabling residents to live in a safe, healthy, and attractive environment for an active and creative life, based on the principles of equal opportunities.

The strategic objectives of the area are sustainable and cover a longer time horizon.

Website: <http://las-smp.si/index.php/home>

Programming period 2021-2027

For the preparation of the LDS, we analysed the situation of the area, based on publicly available data and information gathered from the local population during the workshops for the preparation of the LAG Local Development Strategy. On the basis of the material gathered, we identified three main sets of needs for the area: creating an attractive living environment, environmental protection and sustainable rural development. These will also be the three basic areas of LAS activities in the coming programming period.

In the programming period from 2021 to 2027, we will work through six actions: (1) improving the quality of life, (2) revitalising the countryside, (3) sustainable mobility, (4) improving biodiversity and mitigating climate change, (5) raising skills and acquiring new skills, (6) developing a distinctive local offer and contributing to the objectives of the Local Development Strategy through projects, addressing local development needs, mobilising local potential to address rural challenges, bringing together different partners and communities, involving different partners on an equal footing, innovation, digitalisation, environmental sustainability, social inclusion and overall higher added value of the LAG area. The SLR will fully follow the Smart Villages concept.

Website: <https://www.las-sozitie.si/>



Multi-funded CLLD strategy

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| LAG The Capitanland countryside | 1.132.227 | 631.071 | 1.763.298 | 1.129.664 | 993.708 | 2.123.373 |

2. About the field visits

Project Branches are moving forward (Janče) EAFRD

RDP 2014-2020 measures M19 - Support for local development under LEADER
(Community-led local development)

In the 2007-2013 programming period, Sostro Primary School and its branches launched the project Branch School - A Driver for Development, which provided children with a wide range of additional enrichment activities. The schools have brought together not only the children, but also parents and other local residents.

The branch schools of Sostro Primary School: Besnica, Janče, Lipoglav and Prežganje have become a motor of development in the countryside, in fact intergenerational centres of life and development of the place, and they have decided to continue with activities that will be accessible to all and will contribute to an active and healthy way of spending children's leisure time and socialising with the elderly through various workshops and meetings. This is why they have decided to continue with activities that will be accessible to all and will contribute to an active and healthy leisure time for children and to socialising with the elderly through various workshops and meetings. In this context, they have established a cross-sectoral partnership with local associations (ŠD Janče, TD Besnica - Janče) and the Red Cross Slovenia, Ljubljana regional unit.

The direct target groups are the children of the kindergarten of the Janče unit and the pupils attending the branch schools of the Sostro Primary School: Besnica, Janče, Lipoglav and Prežganje. At the same time, the operation is also aimed at their parents, brothers and sisters, as they also have the opportunity to participate in the activities. The target group as providers and transmitters of knowledge are the elderly, grandparents or older local residents, who are given the opportunity to spend a part of their time actively in the company of children.

Project promoter: Sostro primary school

Partners in the project: Pedenjped Kindergarten, Besnica - Janče tourist board, Janče sports association

Total project value: 46.398,22 EUR



Amount of co-financing: 34.749,03

Website: <https://skp.si/primeri-projektov/podruznicarji-gremo-naprej>

Project Marketplace for all (Grosuplje) ERDF

The project will also improve the sales facilities and the surrounding area, and will purchase new covered market stalls. These will enable local food producers, local artisans, associations and other interested groups to carry out promotional and marketing activities. We will create a better quality working environment. And, crucially, the market will become a more pleasant place for all of us visitors.

In addition to the market itself, the project will also include three workshops on the design and production of eco-tourist souvenirs based on local landmarks, resources and traditions, with a special focus on the inclusion of children and people with disabilities. The workshops will bring together all age groups, groups with special needs, as well as craftspeople and individuals with an artistic flair. We are confident that beautiful, interesting and innovative creations will emerge. And we will continue the workshops after the project is over.

Project promoter: municipality of Grosuplje

Partners in the project: the Institute for Tourism and Promotion "Turizem Grosuplje"

Total project value: 164.553,51 EUR

Amount of co-financing: 107.903,94 EUR

Website: <https://www.grosuplje.si/objava/631682>

Natural history trail - In the footsteps of the kingfisher (Cerovo) EAFRD

About natural history trail:

The Kingfisher Nature Trail is a 5.2 km trail that leads nature lovers and hiking enthusiasts from the village of Cerovo to Log, through the edge of the forest, past wet meadows, to the hamlet of Podlom and the source of the Podlomščica stream. From here it rises up gently through karstified woodland to the Mayor's Cave (Županova jama), one of the most beautiful show caves in Slovenia, and Cerovo Tabor – a rare surviving example of a medieval tabor or defensive compound built to protect the local population against raiding Ottoman Turks. The trail then returns back down towards the starting point.

About LEADER project:

Based on several years of experience with the nature trail 'Along the paths of the water vole', the association will enrich the content and experience of the trail by extending the trail.



The trail will be connected from the existing Log under Cerovo area to a forest nature trail, which will take the visitor through a forest edge rich in various species of conifers, which provide shelter for many nesting birds. In this area, 70 nest boxes will be set up for the Lapwing, the Kestrel, the Great and Tufted Titmice and other forest birds. The trail will continue past wet meadows through the forest to the hamlet of Podlom and the source of the Podlomščice River. There, visitors will be introduced to the warm-hearted Podlomar, the forest people, fairy-tale heroes who otherwise live hidden in and with nature. Along the trail, 22 boards with interesting and informative content are placed to further animate the visitor. Two interactive boards are planned in the village of Cerovo, where it will be possible to listen to the birds' calls.

The next part of the trail ascends slowly through karst terrain to the Župan's Cave and past the Cerovo Camp. Below the Tabor Church, the content of the route will be enriched with cultural and historical aspects. At Župan's Cave, the visitor is introduced to the splendour of the underground world created by water over millennia. The cave's permanent inhabitants are a protected species of bat (the lesser horseshoe bat). The operation will also include the construction of an innovative trestle, the design and printing of promotional materials and the launch of a new website.

Project promoter: CER Cerovo equestrian sports and tourist association

Partners in the project: Hunting family Taborska jama, Tourist board Županova jama St. Jurij, The Slovenian Forest Service, Županova jama - tourist and environmental association Grosuplje

Total project value: 49.688,21 EUR

Amount of co-financing: 27.786,47 EUR

Website: <http://www.cer.si/sofinanciranje-projekta-po-sledeh-vodomca/>

