

CLLD Assessment Report Bulgaria

In 2016, Integro raised awareness and built capacity on a local level in order to participate in the formation of LAGs and the LDS planning processes: Integro provided information, consultation and trainings to representatives of stakeholders/the local authority, various institutions and the local community/ from the following territories:

- Beloslav
- Sredets
- Aytos
- Tundzha
- Isperih
- Zavet – Kubrat
- Peshtera
- Tvarditca
- Novi Pazar
- Shabla – Kavarna
- Kotel – Sungulare – Varbitsa
- Byala Slatina
- Maglizh
- Knezha
- Tutrakan – Slivo Pole

Representatives of the communities or local NGOs were consulted regarding the opportunities to participate in the planning and development processes of the Local Development Strategies, as well as regarding the need for participation as members of the LAG.

The strategy planning process was realized in two stages – the first stage came to an end during May 2016, with 66 strategies being submitted for funding, but only 40 being approved, whilst the second started during August 2016 and is currently waiting for the strategy development procedure to end in May 2017. Activity on the local level was achieved through individual and group consultations with local individuals, as well as meetings with representatives of LAGs/municipalities, training reporters and applying the quality audit.

The following territories were approved for funding from all LAG territories:

Sredets, Aytos, Beloslav, Isperih, Zavet-Kubrat, Novi Pazar, Kotel-Sungulare-Varbitsa and Maglizh.

The ones that include measures focused on the Roma community are:

Sredets, Isperih, Novi Pazar, Kotel-Sungulare-Varbitsa and Maglizh.

The other strategies still have opportunities for the inclusion of Roma, but they are mostly mainstream measures. The rest of the territories – Peshtera, Tundzha, Shabla-Kavarna, Byala Slatina, Knezha and Tutrakan-Slivo Pole – are currently developing strategies and will apply for funding by the end of May 2017.

1. CLLD Quality Audit

The audit was applied in ten municipalities through specially-trained pollsters. A summary of the results of the audits may be found at: <http://integrobg.org/?p=1425>

Conclusions:

1. Regarding the CLLD approach, the process of Roma inclusion in the planning phase of the LDS is more successful compared to the last year in some of the municipalities. One of the reasons for this is also one of the new strategy evaluation criteria, according to which six additional points are given for including measures in the strategy that are directed at groups in disadvantaged conditions. The LIG included such measures, but they were made with a limited circle of representatives and did not accomplish the effect of massive inclusion for the local communities.
2. In some of the municipalities, the process once again took part "in the dark", as the attempts of the local activists to participate were unsuccessful since they weren't provided access to the process at all.
3. Adequate animator activities for Roma inclusion from the LIG were missing as a whole. Although some LIGs were very open and accepting, the amount of participants in the Roma planning process was too small. Not enough activities were planned and conducted to motivate and attract representatives of the Roma community to the Local Strategy Development process.

Results of the CLLD Mapping in Bulgaria

LAG's name	Roma community on the territory	Multifund strategy	special measures for Roma
LAG "Panagurishte - Strelcha-Lesichovo"	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAG "Belovo - Septemvri - Velingrad"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Borino - Dospat - Sarnitca"	No	No	No
LAG "Ardino - Djebel"	No	No	No
LAG "Slivnitca - Dragoman"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Gotce Delchev - Hadji Dimovo - Gurmen"	Yes	no inf.	no inf.
LAG "Tervel - Krushari"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Lyaskovetc - Strajitca"	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAG "Elhovo - Bolyarovo"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Trojan - Apriltci - Ugarchin"	No	No	No
LAG "Chirpan"	Yes	No	no inf.
LAG "Novi Pazar - Kaspichan"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Perushtitca - Rodopi"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Teteven"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Kotel-Sungulare-Varbitca"	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAG "Razlog"	Yes	No	Yes
LAG "Sandanski"	Yes	No	No
LAG "isperih"	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAG "Rakovski"	Yes	Yes	No
LAG "Galabovo - Opan"	No	No	No
LAG "Devnya - Aksakovo"	Yes	Yes	No
LAG "Berkovitca - Godech"	Yes	No	No

LAG "Zavet - Kubrat"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Kostenetc"	No	Yes	No
LAG "Maglij - Gurkovo - Kazanluk"	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAG "Elena - Zlataritca"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Maritca"	No	Yes	No
LAG "Momchilgrad - Krumovgrad"	No	Yes	Yes
LAG "Bani - Luki - Chepelare"	No	No	No
LAG "Popovo"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Brezovo - Bratya Daskalovi"	No	No	No
LAG "Harmanli"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Sredetc"	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAG "Nova Zagora"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Pomorie"	No	no inf.	no inf.
LAG "Avren - Beloslav"	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAG "Aytos"	Yes	No	No
LAG "Mineralni bani - Chernoochene"	No	No	No
LAG "Belene - Nikopol"	No	no inf.	no inf.
LAG "Lubimetc - Ivaylovgrad"	No	No	No

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