



CLLD Cooperation OFFER

Title of the proposed project (English)

PARKS PROTECTION III - Management, Protection and Economic Development in Protected Areas

Type of project (select as many as you want)

Cooperation within the MS	Transnational cooperation	Sea basin cooperation
<input type="checkbox"/> Across regions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cross-border cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean
<input type="checkbox"/> Within the same region	<input type="checkbox"/> With other MSs (no shared border)	<input type="checkbox"/> Baltic
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non EU countries	<input type="checkbox"/> North Sea
		<input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic

Brief summary of the project idea (max 800 characters)

The purpose of the project is the coexistence of human civilization and nature and linking of environmental education with the alternative tourism through the requirements of sustainable development. Tourism can serve as a bridge between economic development, protection and conservation of the environment. Tourism and environment (social, cultural and natural) are interrelated and together provide a sustainable economic base while creating "green" consciousness in the economy.

The project seeks, through the management and landscape conservation of protected areas and conservation of timeless cultural wealth (local dialect, traditions, local products, etc.), further environmental and cultural development of partner regions. The coexistence of these elements ensures the conditions characterizing a region as a Biosphere Reserve. Areas that are defined as biosphere reserves are those of harmonious coexistence of human with nature through the conservation of natural resources and civilization.

Cooperation partners of the project may be carriers of national and / or international dimension and action with experience in the management, protection, promotion and development of local resources. At the same time, they should be active in areas of protected environmental zones.

It is worth noting that the European Network for Rural Development evaluating all actions of Transnational Project «PARKS PROTECTION II», which took place in the previous programming period 2007-2013, presented the plan as an example of good practice in the official page of the Network. This is the best evidence for the importance of utilizing the experience and exchange of know-how gained from implementing environmental interesting activities through the continuation and upgrading of transnational plan in the next programming period 2014-2020.

Looking for partner located in the following types of areas *(select as many items as you want)*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National / Regional borders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Island <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lakes and rivers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountainous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Peri-Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Small town <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic centre <input type="checkbox"/> Densely populated residential area <input type="checkbox"/> Segregated/deprived neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/> Isolated / remote <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sea basin <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean <input type="checkbox"/> Baltic <input type="checkbox"/> North Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic
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Looking for partner located in areas with the following assets *(select as many items as you want)*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Nature Value <input type="checkbox"/> Cropland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pasture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Non-productive land <input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of relevant cultural sites <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral extraction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protected areas
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Topic of the project (select up to 10 items)

<input type="checkbox"/> Innovation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research & Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New technologies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge transfer / education / training activities <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband / Internet / ICT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Culture and Cultural heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Built environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Village, harbour renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Public / community spaces / green areas <input type="checkbox"/> Energy efficiency, retro fitting buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Reconversion brownfield areas <input type="checkbox"/> Rural infrastructures <input type="checkbox"/> Social inclusion / Public services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated service delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Social services <input type="checkbox"/> Transport & Mobility <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Anti discrimination <input type="checkbox"/> Social enterprises <input type="checkbox"/> Employment / job creation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Access to labour market <input type="checkbox"/> Work-private life reconciliation <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employment <input type="checkbox"/> Upskilling <p>Target groups:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Long term unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly <input type="checkbox"/> Migrants <input type="checkbox"/> Fishermen <input type="checkbox"/> Marginalised communities e.g. Roma <input type="checkbox"/> People with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Ex offenders <input type="checkbox"/> Others
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Farming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Small farms <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-subsistence farming <input type="checkbox"/> Organic farming <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock <input type="checkbox"/> Animal welfare <input type="checkbox"/> Young farmers <input type="checkbox"/> Urban farming <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries and aquaculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Drink <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing <input type="checkbox"/> Supply chains / Producer organisations & Cooperatives <input type="checkbox"/> Non-food products / Crafts <input type="checkbox"/> Business development <input type="checkbox"/> Economic diversification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourism / Territorial branding	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural environment & Resources / Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change mitigation / adaptation <input type="checkbox"/> Local energy production / renewable energies <input type="checkbox"/> Circular economy / bio, green economy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Community development <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Urban linkages	
<p>Additional keywords: (up to 3)</p>	

OBJECTIVE

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project (max 800 characters)

The starting situation or local context in which the projects is going to operate

The project «PARKS PROTECTION III» constitutes an evaluation of the transnational project «PARKS PROTECTION II», which was implemented during the previous program of LEADER (2007-2013).

The activities that were implemented in the previous program are following:

- Educational weeks – one per each region, including workshops on thematic categories as follows:
 - › Forest botany: habitat types, systematic botany, rare flora, protection of biodiversity.
 - › Landscape ecology: uses of land, Mediterranean landscape, desertification
 - › Wildlife: endangered species, preserve fauna and habitats.
 - › Management and eco-development of protected areas: protected areas, national parks, ecotourism, agro-tourism, sustainable management, ecological networks.
- Tool box: tools, guides, maps, educational paths along characteristic places of protected areas, material on implementing educational weeks.
- Promotion of the project: presentation events, contact with universities and research institutions, brochures, publications on websites.

Proposed objectives / target group and activities (max 800 characters)

The objectives of the project are the following:

- Awareness and training on issues concerning conservation and promotion of natural, cultural and productive reserve of partner regions.
- Information and awareness about the value of protected areas, by developing modern tools, such as creating multiple application (Apps) for smartphones and tablets, which would act as an information channel for visitors, management bodies, experts, tourists, students, etc.
- Strengthening of the perspective on tourism development for special interest and trekking-cultural tourism as well.
- Financial and human development based on the Primary sector (production, processing, marketing and final cultural footprint) and Tourism (Ecotourism, Alternative tourism).

The proposed activities of the project are the following:

- Design and preparation of educational programs
- Organization and implementation of educational programs in the partner's regions
- Tool Box (electronic applications, routes, eco-games, tools, maps, material from the realization of educational programs).
- Communication and diffusion of the project and its results.

Country and /or kind of partner you are looking for (ALL EU in case the interest is on any EU country)

ALL EU

Languages spoken by your LAG staff

Greek, English

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