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**Project title**

Bike Lanes for Citizens and Visitors to Kyustendil and Kriva Palanka

**Axis**

**Priority axis 2: Improvement the quality of life**

**Area of intervention**

**2.1 Utilization of eco resources**

**Lead Partner**

Municipality of Kyustendil

**Partner 2**

Municipality of Kriva Palanka

**Duration**

18 months

**Total budget**

495 357, 68 EUR



**Project description**

This project is the second step in the process of city cycle network building after the first bike lane constructed in Kyustendil back in 2007. It is of essential importance to build up effective cross border approach and cooperation for solving common eco related problems in the neighbouring municipalities. The project aims to the physical environment and quality of life of the residents and guests of the cross border area Kyustendil - Kriva Palanka through expansion of mutual cooperation and effective use of existing natural eco resources. The main results are construction of bike lanes in the two towns, elaboration of a joint research study on the protection of specific natural resources, conducting of joint workshop and establishing network of work links.

**Results**

- Constructed bicycle lanes in Kyustendil and Kriva Palanka with installation traffic signs in favour of citizens and visitors to the two cities;
- Easy access and created conditions for active involvement of citizens (including those with disabilities) and visitors to the two municipalities for protection and joint sustainable use of the natural resources;
- Created conditions for active involvement of the economic agents from the cross-border region Kyustendil - Kriva Palanka in the processes of integration and economic development of the two municipalities;
- Public transparency provided, public awareness raised for project implementation and increased confidence among the citizens, NGOs and the business sector;
- Two press conferences conducted;
- 4 publications in local/ national mass media;
- 10 press releases for the project progress published on the web-sites of the two municipalities;
- 1000 project promotional brochures designed, printed and widely disseminated;
- Elaborated Assessment Report on the prospective impact of the bike lanes construction and use on the environment in the two cities;



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- Elaborated Report with proposals for policy changes and measures related to the environment preservation;
- 6 informational boards installed.

The project has been successfully accomplished in January 2014.





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