



Preparatory phase of the “Settlement and Integrated Local Development” Regional Programme in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Serbia (SILD)

Context

The Government of Italy has provided assistance for the Settlement and Integrated Local Development Regional Programme (SILD) that will build on concepts developed through the Serbian SIRP project on the social housing and local development planning sectors. SILD will be implemented simultaneously in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH) and Serbia to support the development of institutions and capacities in the housing and local planning sectors in the specific context of each country but with common concepts mainly related to pre-integration to the European Union.

Objectives

The objective of this initiative is to disseminate and upscale methodological approaches and operational instruments that were successfully tested under SIRP Phase I in the areas of social housing and integrated local development planning.

The main outputs

- The establishment/development of National/Local housing agencies with appropriate capacities to:
 - a) formulate and coordinate national and local housing policies and strategies, including for non-profit social rental stock and theregularization/upgrading of sub standard informal settlements and Roma Settlements,
 - b) develop public social housing projects and manage public stock.



- The support the selected municipalites of Elbasan and Korce municipalities and the establishment and development of local capacities to formulate integrated local development strategies, including Territorial Information Systems;
- The preparation and implementation of eligible social housing projects to be presented to loan facilities from national, international / local financing institutions.
- The identification and formulation of local development and infrastructure projects to be submitted by local governments to Italian credit lines (following relative local development strategies) and EU pre-adhesion funds (IPA).

Contribution

- Preparatory phase to assess national contexts, select participating cities/municipalities, consult all local, national and international partners, Formulation/improvement of local integrated development strategies, including fhousing.
- Capacity-building activities for two selected cmunicipalities with training

sessions;

- Coach municipalities with appropriate technical assistance in identification and formulation of projects related to social housing and local development.

MAIN FACTS

PARTNERS:

- ✓ UN-HABITAT
- ✓ Government of Italy

DURATION:

1 January 2009 – 30 June 2009

BENEFICIARIES:

- ✓ Korca Municipality
- ✓ Elbasan Municipality

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