



## CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLANNING IN POGRADEC MUNICIPALITY

### Context

URI is assisting the Pogradec municipality to develop a 4 year capital planning that identifies the prior capital projects and is a product of a mixture of groups of interests such as: citizens, business groups and municipal staff.

### The Goal

This project is focused in improving local governance by improving local service delivery and increasing the social welfare for the citizens through better addressing the needs for capital investments in infrastructure that will facilitate the development of tourism in Pogradec municipality.

### This project components

**Component 1:** Assisting in identifying all the public, local assets that will be rehabilitated, upgraded or reconstructed, the year when the investment will start and the financing alternatives.

**Component 2:** Defining and analyzing the prior capital investments that reflect the needs of community for Pogradec municipality that will foster the tourism and increase the welfare of the citizens.

**Component 3:** Assisting in analyzing the capital projects in terms of engineering and financial expertise based on costs and respective fiscal capacities of the project to cover the investment costs and the possible



ways of financing the rest by assessing the creditworthiness of the projects in order to apply at the banks.

**Component 4:** URI is assisting Pogradec municipality in managing the whole process of Capital Investment Planning from macro point of view and creating a proper database of knowledge that can easily be transferred and adopted into similar situations in the future.

The considerable expertise of URI in field of citizens participation in decision making process, accompanies each component of the project. The most important element of CIP is citizens participation in defining the

prior projects and raising their awareness related to their obligations in paying the taxes and the tariffs which make an essential part of the municipal budget.

### MAIN FACTS

#### PARTNERS:

- ✓ ARD/USAID

#### DURATION:

March 2008 – June 2009

#### BENEFICIARIES:

- ✓ Pogradec Municipality

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