

ELBA 2 – Developing Social Economy in South East Europe

Narrative report - SUMMARY

MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

PROJECT INDICATOR	ELBA 2 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS
8 countries in South East Europe involved in the project Elba	8 countries involved: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia.
4 Steering Group Meetings have been organized	5 Steering Groups have been organized: Sofia (December 2016), Athens (May 2017), Madrid (October 2017), Belgrade (June 2018), Paris (October 2018).
Minutes and materials of the 4 Steering Group Meetings has been shared	Minutes and materials of the 5 Steering Groups meetings have been shared via email and through the common Dropbox folder.
8 MoU has been signed with the Caritas from South East Europe	8 MoU has been signed between Caritas BiH (regional office) and the Caritas involved.
4 MoU has been signed with the donor Caritas	4 MoU has been signed between Caritas BiH (regional office) and the donors: Spain, France, CRS, Italy.
1 Interim Financial and Narrative Report has been produced	1 st interim report (6 months activities) produced in June 2017. 2 nd interim report (year 1 of activities) produced.
1 Final Financial and Narrative Report has been produced	1 Final Narrative and Financial reports produced at the end of the project implementation.

ACTIVITIES

1.a) Educational Program for Local Coordinators

PROJECT ACTIVITIES	ELBA 2 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS
Regional Trainings and Study visits have been organized	2 Regional trainings organized - in Greece (May 2017) and in Serbia (June 2018). 2 Study visits held in Spain (October 2017) and in France (October 2018).
Local Coordinators have attended the regional Educational Program	8 Local Coordinators + 1 Regional administrator + 1 Communication officer + 4 other Caritas coordinators attended the Educational program events.
Level of knowledge of the Local Coordinators about Social Economy have been increased	Evaluation done after the educational experiences confirmed the increase of knowledge on Social Economy among the Local Coordinators.

1.b) Educational Program for Social Entrepreneurs

PROJECT ACTIVITIES	ELBA 2 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS
Trainings for Social Entrepreneurs in the region + Study visit have been organized	1 Study visit for Social Entrepreneurs organized (in BiH, April 2017). 12 Trainings for Social Entrepreneurs organized in Albania, Serbia, Greece. In BiH, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia: not needed to organize Elba trainings, as different types of training for CSO and social enterprises capacity building were already organized within other projects (Societies, Power).
Social Entrepreneurs all over the region visited the best practices in BiH	30 participants from 6 countries visited the best practices in BiH (April 2017).

Social Entrepreneurs all over the region has attended the trainings for them	86 participants to the trainings for Social Entrepreneurs
Skills of Social Entrepreneurs all over the region has been increased	Evaluation done after the educational experiences confirmed the increase of the skills of Social Entrepreneurs involved.

1.c) Educational Program for Local Churches

PROJECT ACTIVITIES	ELBA 2 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS
Info meetings for the Churches all over the region has been organized	Total number of 37 meetings for the Churches all over the region
Church leaders and representatives informed about Social Economy	73 Church leaders and representatives have been informed
Churches in South East Europe have increased their level of commitment in Social Economy	Evaluation done after the educational experiences confirmed the increase of the commitment of local Churches in social economy. Anyway, the level of commitment varies from country to country.

2.a) Accompaniment and support to existing Social Enterprises

PROJECT ACTIVITIES	ELBA 2 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS
Permanent monitoring of existing Social Enterprises has been put in force	Permanent monitoring system put in place. 33 Social Enterprises actually under monitoring system. 77 field visits organized for monitoring purposes.

2.b) Technical support and counseling to existing Social Enterprises

PROJECT ACTIVITIES	ELBA 2 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS
counseling services organized for the Social Enterprises	21 counseling services provided for Social Enterprises
Social Enterprises has been properly advised by external experts	18 social enterprises received support from advisors.

2.c) Economical support (grants) for Social Enterprises

PROJECT ACTIVITIES	ELBA 2 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS
Launch of Tenders for Social Enterprises in South East Europe	2 Tenders has been launched in autumn 2017: - Tender for social enterprises (Serbia, Kosovo, Greece, Albania, Bulgaria) - Ecosystem plan (BiH, Montenegro) 191 applications received and evaluated.
Social Enterprises granted in South East Europe	18 Social enterprises granted.
People employed in the granted Social Enterprises	27 people employed by the granted Social enterprises

3.a) Regional animation and awareness raising

PROJECT ACTIVITIES	ELBA 2 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS
Regional Conference on Social Economy has been organized	Final Conference of the Elba project held in Rome (27-28 Feb 2019)

Participants to the Regional Conference	60 participants to the Final Conference
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3.b) National animation, lobby and awareness raising

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Meetings/animation initiatives at local level on Social Economy has been organized in South East Europe	All the countries are proposed different initiatives at local level, to promote social economy and the Elba project. Estimated number of meetings/animation is around 55.
Lobbying initiatives at local level on Social Economy has been organized in South East Europe	Different lobbying initiatives have been taken during the implementation in 6 countries. The estimated number of lobbying initiatives is around 25.

4.a) Communication for Elba 2

PROJECT ACTIVITIES	ELBA 2 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS
Communication Plan has been produced	Working Group Communication created and met 11 times. Communication Plan defined and approved by the Steering Group.
Communication Tools for Elba 2 has been put into force	Elba Website: https://elbaproject17.wixsite.com/elba-social-economy Elba YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRCYWP97AXsv-hdSY8YhrxA Elba Google Map: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1kgNLHxxG-isjFZERSp5vpDzOx9U&usp=sharing
Activities of local Churches in South East Europe about Social Economy are better known	The Local coordinators evaluated as quite positive, but still weak, the visibility of the local Church when is about the Social Economy initiatives. Anyway, the level of visibility varies from country to country.

4.b) Monitoring and Evaluation for Elba 2

PROJECT ACTIVITIES	ELBA 2 PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS
Monitoring and Evaluation of Elba project has been produced	1 Final external evaluation produced: https://learningfromelba.wordpress.com/ 1 Final audit produced. Contributed to Caritas Europa Handbook on Social economy.