CLLD approach to local development programming in the LAG Strossmayer territory

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8 local government units – 1 city and 7 municipalities

located in the central area of eastern Croatia and southwestern Osijek-Baranja County
Lag was founded on October 1, 2013

The area of the LAG Strossmayer in its name bears the name from Đakovo Archbishop Josip Juraj Strossmayer (Osijek, February 4, 1815 - Đakovo, April 8, 1905), which marked with his personality half of a century of national history.
Two basic strategic goals

1. Increasing the competitiveness of agriculture by encouraging the introduction of new technologies and the creation of value-added products based on the principles of sustainable development

2. Strengthening the visibility of the LAG area through the development of non-agricultural activities, the development of support infrastructure, cooperation and partnerships
1) The LAG has 3 municipalities ranked in the first (lowest) group according to the development index: **Drenje, Trnava, Levanjska Varoš**

2) These are municipalities that have peripheral characteristics because they are located outside major transport routes

3) Their specific common features are: **extremely low per capita, very high unemployment rate**
The biggest challenges of local governance
There are fewer settlements and inhabitants in them; there are settlements without inhabitants.

Difficult management conditions in the hilly parts, without adequate support → migration of the population (mainly younger and more educated population)
Continuous decrease in population is present in the eastern part of the LAG in the hilly regions of the municipalities of Trnava, Levanjska Varoš and Drenje.

- Total number of unemployed in 2015: 4.149
- Total of work active population: 14.16%

Lack of asphalt, inaccessibility of settlements
Higher costs of maintaining local family farms, agricultural machinery and outbuildings

Settlements with no water supply and sewerage system

No landscaped homes and other public infrastructure

Mostly elderly rural population and fewer and fewer young families with children
The solution of challenges
What we can do better?

- Development of supporting infrastructure along major corridors passing through the LAG area
- Protection of agricultural land by undertaking agricultural measures and construction of drainage and irrigation systems
- Utilize the potential of collaborating with nearby cities considering the LAG’s geo-traffic position
- Development of tourist and recreational facilities related to geomorphological features
Provide conditions for lifelong learning

Involve associations in promoting the area as an attractive area to live and work

Encouraging micro, small and medium-sized enterprises
What is really good?

In the LAG area of Strossmayer there are significant areas of natural habitats, rich plant and animal populations, and a significant part of the LAG area is covered by certain categories of NATURA 2000 site protection.

The forests on Dilj Mount
Londža, Glogovica i Breznica

The area around Lake Borovik
The development of cycling trails and thematic trails is planned in the territory of all LAG municipalities by integrating natural, cultural and tourist facilities into one complete destination offer.
In the LAG area, all local government units have developed waste management programs with the potential to expand and enhance the quality of the waste management system through **separate waste collection** and primary recycling, the installation of **recycling islands**, the construction of **mini recycling yards** and the installation of **refrigeration containers** for animal waste and production. Waste compost...
What we can do better?

- Further development of educational infrastructure *(pre-primary and primary education)*
- Additional investments in care for the elderly and infirm *(infrastructure and services)*
- Additional development of social infrastructure combined with tourist and recreational facilities
- Fully develop system of water supply and sewage
Renewable Energy Sources →
significant potential in forest waste utilization, biomass production from agriculture and biogas processing with electricity and heat production

Using the energy of the sun
Leading economic sectors by revenue, in LAG.
(Source: HGK)
What we can do better?

- Encouraging the development and diversification of high value added agricultural products
- Encourage the development of organic farming and the association of producers and processors of agricultural products
- Develop local sales and demand systems
- Further development and improvement of livestock production
- Encourage younger people to take over farms
- Invest in a lifelong farmer education
How to animate the population?
Type of operation 1.1.1. "Restructuring, modernizing and increasing the competitiveness of agricultural holdings” from LAG Local development strategy

Type of operation 1.1.4. "Support for the development of small farms” from LAG Local development strategy

Small-scale farms of economic size
2.000 – 7.999 €

19.2. – SC1 = 378.685,60 €
Type of operation 2.2.1. "Investing in the launching, improving or expanding of local basic services for the rural population" from LAG Local development strategy

Residents of rural areas from LAG „Strossmayer“

19.2. – SC2 = 325,314,40 €
Collaboration project - „Our Domestic“
Holder of project LAG „Karašica“, project partners LAG „Vuka-Danube“ , LAG „Baranja“ and LAG „Strossmayer“

Domestic food and beverage producers as well as domestic and beverage service providers

19.3. = 10.676,00 €
LAG Workshops for farmers

Farms
Rural event „Slavonian Mushrooming“ – Initiative LAG, launching of the first tourist event on the territory Levanjska Varoš Municipality

Local as well as wider area residents and tourists
Project "Social Corner 60+", LAG Project Leader "Strossmayer", partners in the project Municipality of Viskovci and Women's Association "Cicika" from Satnica Đakočka from LAG area.

40 people over 60 years of age

Project "Useful for the community", UP.02.1.1.05.0290, implemented by LAG "Strossmayer" Đakovo as part of the Women's Employment Program - Wish. Project partners: Municipality Satnica Đakočka, Municipality Viškovci, Municipality Semeljci, Municipality Trnava and Municipality Strizivojna

75 end-users from partner municipalities
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