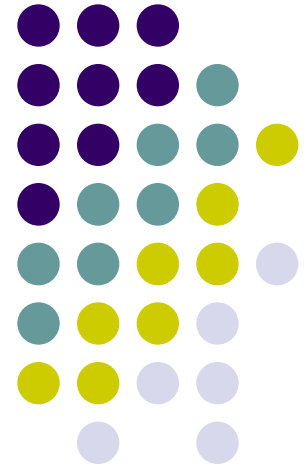




Preparatory Assistance to Sustainable Development in Dragash/Dragaš

Project Overview 2 November 2009



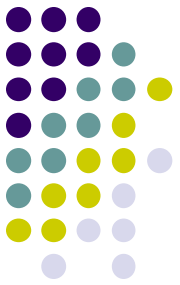
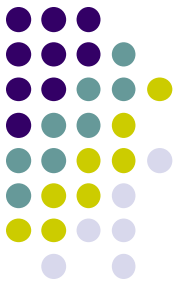


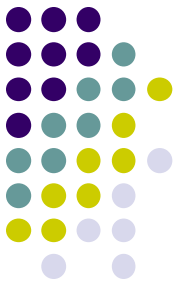
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1. Overview of Dragash/Dragaš municipality

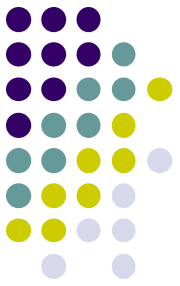


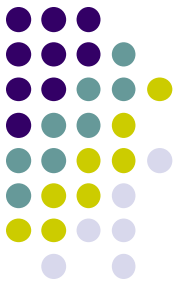
- **Minority (40%)**
- **Mountainous area**
- **Issue of Socially Owned Enterpris**
- **Population (40,000?)**



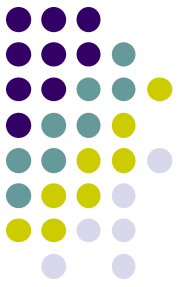
2. Development Challenges

- Economy stagnation
- Out-migration
- Environmental degradation & unsustainable use of natural resources
- Inadequate infrastructure (water, electricity, roads, etc.)

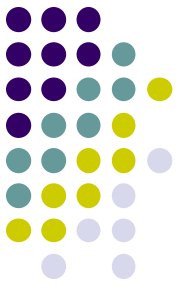






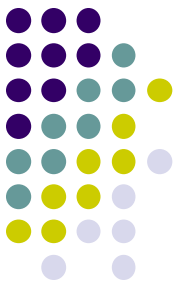






3. Existing Strengths/Potentials

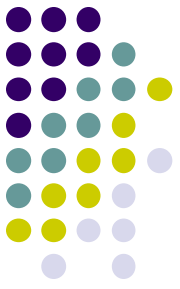
- Rich bio-diversity
- Tourism potential (environmental and cultural)
- Agricultural land and production skills
- Cultural heritage
- Renewable energy



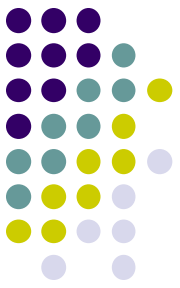
4. Project Objectives

- Environmental and cultural protection;
- Support communities in sustainable economic development and increase employment rates;
- Prevent migration and encourage returnees to bring skills and investments

5. Project Activities



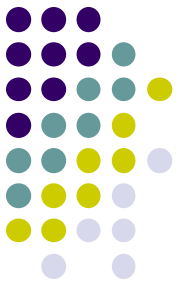
- Identify and declare selected parts of Dragash/Dragaš as a protected zones and National Park.
- Build capacity in the municipality for supporting the creation of a Municipal Development Plan
- The Municipal Development Plan will include focus on:
 - Potential areas of (eco-)tourism
 - Agriculture and agri-processing development
 - Cultural heritage
 - Renewable energy
 - Bio-diversity management
- Design and implementation of demo-projects in these respective areas of focus.



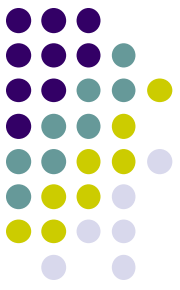
6. Demo- projects

1. Potential areas of eco-tourism
 - Assessment of potential providers of Bed & Breakfast services
 - Marking of tourist paths Shutman, Krstec – Koretnik
2. Agriculture and agri-processing development
 - Planting of *primula officinalis* for herbal oil production
 - Bee-keeping development and honey marketing
 - establishing milk collection point

6 Demo-project (continue...)



3. Renewable energy
 - Solar hot water heating in Dragash/Dragašh hospital
 - Thermo insulation in School
4. Bio-diversity management
 - Waste collection and clean-up
 - Establishment of a water sanitation system
5. Minority and women
 - Fostering sustainability of Women Initiative
 - Support to communities in education
 - Health Education of women



7. Future challenges

- Support government for clarify duplication of responsibility and development of secondary legislation for management of protected zone
- Bio-diversity field study for extension of National park
- Cross-border cooperation
- Support for finalising MDP and initial phase implementation

Thank you for your attention!

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