



MUNICIPALITY OF KATO NEVROKOPI

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PRESS RELEASE

The Municipality of Kato Nevrokopi, as Project Partner, organized the Initial Press Conference within the approved project "Certified Environmental Actors - CEA", supported by Cooperation Programme "INTERREG V-A Greece-Bulgaria" 2014 - 2020. The project has been approved within priority axis 2: "A Sustainable and Climate adaptable Cross-Border area" and more specifically in investment priority 6d: "Protecting and restoring biodiversity, soil protection and restoration and promoting ecosystem services including NATURA 2000 and green infrastructures". The Initial Press Conference was hosted in the Municipal Administration Hall, Sokratous7, Kato Nevrokopi, Greece on Tuesday 05/06/2018. The Press Conference started at 10:30 and ended at 17:00.

The project involves the following project partners:

Lead Beneficiary: Hunting Federation of Macedonia & Thrace

Project Beneficiary 2: Association of Hunters in K. Nevrokopi "ARTEMIS"

Project Beneficiary 3: Municipality of Kato Nevrokopi

Project Beneficiary 4: Association "EURORADAR" (Bulgaria)

Project Beneficiary 5: Association of Hunters and Fishermen "Sokol" (Bulgaria)



The Project is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund and by national funds of the countries participating in the Interreg V-A "Greece-Bulgaria 2014-2020" Cooperation Programme.

Starting the presentations, Mr Papadopoulos Konstantinos, Project Manager of the Hunting Federation of Macedonia & Thrace, presented project's scope, objectives, common deliverables, actions, expected results and training seminars' content and specialized trainers. The main objective of the project is to protect and conserve biodiversity and ecosystem by training, motivating and activating environmental actors, which will allow the active participation of them in environmental and biodiversity protection and ecosystem promotion. He also referred to the critical route of the project and its necessary actions which should be implemented in time as well as the milestones that have to be achieved in certain periods. The project will deliver the necessary educational tools (e.g. augmented reality software and hardware) which will be piloted among the cross border population.

Mr Kyriakos Skordas, Support Manager of Hunting Federation of Macedonia & Thrace, pointed out the multiplying effects of CEA's implementation to biodiversity protection. Moreover, he analyzed the positive multiplying effects for environmental and ecosystem protection in cross-border area as well as the actions that should be followed. The new infrastructure should continue their operation after the project's completion in order to host future activities and attract possible partners.

Mr Theofanis Karampatzakis, Scientific Colleague of Hunting Federation of Macedonia & Thrace, mentioned that the project will deliver a permanent structure capable to educate environmental actors. In addition, he analyzed in detail all the necessary equipment which will be used in Educational and Certification Centers (theoretical training) and in the common cross-border Environmental Actors Training Field (practical training).

Mr Todor Todorov, Chairman of Association "EURORADAR", presented its organization and its role in the project. He also pointed out the significance of cooperation between project partners for the implementation of common deliverables.



Mr Valeri Sarandev, Chairman of Association of Hunters and fishermen "Sokol", presented the Bulgarian legislation in the field of hunting and the hunting license issue process. Moreover, he referred to the changes of the legislation during the years as well as the special characteristics of Bulgarian legislation around hunting.

Finally, all participants expressed their questions to the presenters. All participants discussed with each other and had the opportunity to solve their questions which arose during the presentations.