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# INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Spread over an area of 308.8 square kilometres with a population of around 40,000 inhabitants across 54 settlements, Klinë/Klina is known for its natural resources: forests, fertile land, rivers and landscapes. Five rivers pass through the municipal territory, which characterise the landscape and offer opportunities to better understand the environment and treat it responsibly in the development process of the region.

Following the recommendations of the Heritage Plan West, the Programme on Landscape and Environment was introduced as an initiative of the EU /CoE joint project Support to the Promotion of Cultural Diversity in Kosovo\* (PCDK). PCDK has been working towards the progressive transformation of societies through participatory democracy, utilising heritage as a common value and improving the quality of life and living environment as a fundamental human right. Emphasising the importance of an integrated approach to heritage, while valuing its diversity and potential, the programme encourages interested institutions and communities to build their collective capacity to value and manage their heritage while creating opportunities primarily for local communities and others across the territory.

Through expert reviews, ongoing programmes in the area, outcomes of the community consultation process as well as the Municipal Development Plan and strategies of the Ministry for Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP), the programme intends to work toward a long term vision, establishing pilot actions in Klinë/Klina Municipality to increase awareness and appreciation of the environment, to gain knowledge, to ensure enjoyment and sustainable use of heritage resources developed and managed by the local communities.

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# VISION

Klinë/Klina as a “hub for environmental issues and recreational / artistic activities” - an attractive destination of Heritage Tourism Itineraries in 20 years’ time, based on community strategy and management; offering a natural environment, hosting recreational and artistic outdoor activities and a centre for environmental education and biodiversity.

# OBJECTIVES

- **ESTABLISH** a landscape observatory to raise awareness and monitor landscape treatment
- **BECOME** a hub for outdoor recreational and artistic activities
- **OFFER** well-rounded environmental education programmes in a clean and well-preserved natural environment

# PARTICIPANTS WILL

- have the opportunity to study the landscape and discover the value of landscape in the framework of sustainable development
- become familiar with the need for better protection, management and planning of landscape
- develop proposals for an integrated approach to heritage and landscape
- learn about techniques and practices to preserve the environment and biodiversity
- be able to combine leisure time, arts and education in a natural environment
- discover fascinating landscapes, people and their stories
- turn local heritage resources and practices into an economic development opportunity



# PROGRAMMES

## 1 EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPE

Awareness-raising among students in elementary and secondary school on the environment, biodiversity and landscape for their appropriate protection and development

## 2 PROGRAMME FOR DUSHI CAVE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

Rehabilitation of the designated area with an integrated approach and active participation of local citizens

## 3 LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORY

Establishment of an advisory board for carrying out assessments on the changes in the landscape that are important for strategic considerations of its sustainable development.

## 4 PERFORMING ARTS & RECREATION PROGRAMME

Organisation and coordination of cultural events and recreational activities at attractive locations in the natural environment

# CONTRIBUTION

The approximate initial budget to be allocated is €100,000.00. It is primarily intended to support initiatives and actions related to providing a safe, healthy and clean environment at attractive locations designated for carrying out educational, cultural and recreational activities and events. Your contribution will encourage local residents to take innovative actions toward the shared vision and further mobilise local resources.

You may contribute to the programme in general or choose to earmark a specific project. A regular reporting on the general programme will be provided to the contributors and general public while specific reporting will be delivered to the earmarked projects donors at their request.

## HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

- Finance one or more small projects according to your priorities and interest in the field.
- While there are four main categories, a number of small projects could emerge to contribute over the entirety of the programme. Your contribution (either cash or in-kind) would indirectly assist other categories through the integrated approach applied in this initiative.
- Your potential contribution to capital investment will also help professional development, economic development, and / or educational activities.
- While this specific initiative focuses on Klinë/Klina, the methodology used and the impact goes beyond this municipality, setting an example for other regions as a development model based on our common heritage.









## TYPES OF CONTRIBUTIONS

- Activities / events ■
- Human resources ■
- Equipment ■
- Materials ■
- Capacity development activities and research ■
- Expert involvement ■
- Promotional activities ■

## MANAGEMENT

A trust fund under the auspices of the Klinë/Klina Municipality, Inter-Ministerial Working Group (IMWG) and Community Consultation Group (CCG) will be established and managed by the local organisation with close supervision by the CCG.

Activities will be implemented by a civil society organisation in close cooperation with the Municipality of Klinë/Klina, the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP) and the Regional Centre for Cultural Heritage. Monitoring will be carried out by MESP. Regular reporting both on the programme's progress as well as for financial management will be provided to the general public and stakeholders.

# BUDGET SUMMARY

## 1. EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPE

**€10,000.00**

- Educational model for studying and testing the environment's changes in the area of the Educational Centre of Klinë/Klina - near the confluence of the rivers
- Equipment for carrying out games and performances for studying the environment

## 2. PROGRAMME FOR DUSHI CAVE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

**€45,000.00**

- Cleaning of designated area
- Installation of signage
- Setting up safeguarding structures in the designated area
- Arrangement of paths for safe access to the designated area (caves)
- Project for removal of the sewage network that runs near the Dushi cave

## 3. LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORY

**€20,000.00**

- Establishment of an advisory board of experts from the appointed institutions at the local and central level
- Equipment for cabinet and field work of the advisory board

## 4. PERFORMING ARTS & RECREATION PROGRAMME

**€25,000.00**

- Cultural and entertainment events in the designated area near Dushi Cave
- Fishing competition near the confluence of the rivers
- Local citizens' promotion of traditional products and practices in the designated area near Dushi Cave





Within the framework of European Union and Council of Europe Joint Programme "Support to the Promotion of Cultural Diversity" the programme "Rivers that Shapes" promotes Klinë/Klina Municipality as an attractive destination of Heritage Tourism Itineraries based on community strategy and management, offering a natural environment and beautiful landscapes, hosting recreational and artistic outdoor activities and a centre for environmental education and biodiversity.

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