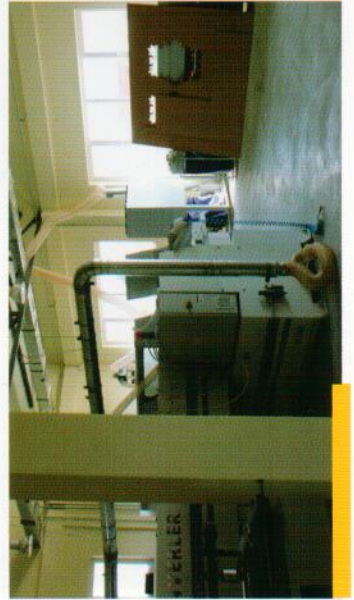




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ABOUT PROJECT

The aim of the project is to increase competitiveness, product quality and sales of wood processors in Ferizaj, Kacanik and Shterpece. This project is financed by European Union Office in Kosovo and it is implemented by Business Support Centre Kosovo(BSCK), Community Development Found (CDF) and Municipality of Ferizaj. Ferizaj, being the centre of wood processing and wood crafting in Kosovo, has a long tradition in this sector. It is estimated that approximately 40% of the wood processing and wood crafting businesses are located in the region of Ferizaj, which also encompasses the municipalities of Kacanik, Shterpece and Shtime. As wood manufacturing has a long tradition in this region, as well as a base of labour resource that allows for further growth and development.



Wood processing cluster Lesarski Grozd in Ljubljana, Slovenia



Visit of wood processing fair in Virovitica, Croatia



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OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

- Regional socio-economic development;
- Promoting innovative thinking and innovation;
- Establishment of Cooperative of Wood Processors;
- Increasing skills perceived essential for running an SME through a set of training modules;
- Supporting SMEs on their effort to increase their production;
- Construction and establishment of Wood Processing Cluster;



PROJECT PARTNERS

Business Support Centre Kosovo (BSCK), Community Development Fund (CDF), Municipality of Ferizaj, Municipality of Kacanik, Municipality of Shterpece.



Cluster of wood processing Holzcluster in Zeltweg, Austria.

RESULTS OF THE PROJECT

- **Established Cooperation and Consolidated Resources - Cooperative Production**
This activity has increased opportunities for innovative product models, which are a result of the consolidation of resources established through a network (Cooperative of Wood Processors), between 46 companies (which represent 3 municipalities) and in the long run in the whole regional and national value chain.
- **Introduced Quality Certification in 13 Wood Processing Companies**
Improvement of market performance of wood companies through introduction of quality certificates, notably ISO 9001:2000 and FSC. This activity was completed in accordance with formal requirements, and implemented by accredited bodies and in a standardized procedure, preceded by company selection process. In total 13 companies were certified with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.
- **Construction of VEET School - Professional in Wood Craftsmanship**
This activity has increased specific skills that are required on the market: notably veneer work and CNC operations. This was achieved through the establishment of 1 workshop for veneer work and modernization of existing wood processing equipment with CNC machine.
- **Construction and Establishment of Wood Processing Cluster**
Establishment of a commercial center/venue in which members of the cooperative will sell their wood processed products, such as furniture, traditional wood kitchens, tables, desks, outdoor furniture and so forth.
- **Study visit to Wood Clusters an Association of Wood Processors**
In the framework of implementation of the project 3 (three) study visits were made in Croatia (Virovitica), Slovenia (Ljubljana) and Austria (Zeltweg). Participants in these visits were representatives of the companies which are part of the Cooperative of Wood Processors and BSC staff. During these visits participants from Kosovo had the opportunity to establish contacts for future collaboration for placing the goods in the common market and share experiences in order to be more efficient at work. In addition the project team has gained new insights in establishing Wood Processing Cluster in Ferizaj.
- **Enhanced Business/Management Skills towards Innovative Business Improvements**
This activity has tackled problems that are mostly specific to micro companies through a set of training modules addressing set of skills perceived essential for running an SME: Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Project Proposal Writing for IPA funds, Management and Operation, Marketing Plan and Sales and Accounting and Finance and ISO certifications. There were 49 participants in this training, from which 34 participants are certified in the set of modules addressed during the training.



TRAINING

"The training has been in a very good standard, where we were also trained in the use of CNC machine. This training is of great importance since it facilitates our work and allows us to increase production and efficiency. We are very grateful that you have enabled us to attend these trainings since they are very important for the Association of Wood Processors in Ferizaj"

Flamur Aliu

"I am very satisfied with the training, there I have met new people, with whom we shared different experiences, which for me have been very important in terms of management, finance and business. This training has helped me for my work and I am very grateful to BSCK, trainers and everyone involved in the project"

Pranvera Grainca



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