Supporting Forestry Sector in Croatia by Using EU Funds

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Forest and forest land in the Republic of Croatia

Total forest area: 2,688,688 ha

- State-owned forests: 2,106,917 ha (78%)
- Private forests: 581,771 ha (22%)
HRVATSKE ŠUME d.o.o.
CROATIAN FORESTS Ltd

• **State enterprise** established by the Forest Act in 1991

• **MAIN TASK:** to manage state-owned forests in Croatia (2,018,987 ha or 96%)

• Forest management is based on the **250-year-long tradition** of professional forest management arranged on the principles of sustainability

• **MISSION:** To ensure sustainable integrated state forest management on the whole Croatian territory, by an environmentally sensitive, economically efficient and socially responsible way towards the society in general
EU projects / Pre-accession Programmes

total value: 1.691.658 EUR

- IPA CBC HUN-CRO
  *Nature No. 1* (552.028 EUR)
  (implemented)

- IPA CBC SI-HR
  *BioHeatLocal* (235.779 EUR)
  *DRVARNICA* (231.189 EUR)
  (approved)

- IPA CBC CRO-BIH
  *ForestEye* (672.662 EUR)
  (evaluation phase)
(Draft) Operational Programme Competitiveness and Cohesion (2014-2020)

• Priority axis 6:
  
  Environmental Protection and Sustainability of Resources

• Specific objective (ERDF):
  
  Restoration and protection of forests and forest land in protected and Natura 2000 areas, including mine clearance, forest fire protection and preservation of water resources, maintaining and enhancing ecosystem services
PROJECT: „Revitalization of Protected Forest Areas in the Danube-Drava Region”

• OVERALL OBJECTIVE:
Restoration and protection of forest and forest land, including mine clearance, forest fire protection, preservation of water resources, promotion of ecosystem services and deployment of the green infrastructure in the protected and Natura 2000 areas in the river basins of the Danube and Drava in the Osijek-Baranja County.
PROJECT PARTNERS

• Hrvatske šume (Croatian Forests)

• Office for Mine Action, Government of the Republic of Croatia

• Croatian Mine Action Centre

• Hrvatske vode (Croatian Waters)

• Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia

ESTIMATED PROJECT VALUE: 35 mil EUR
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

1) To create safe access and preconditions for the sustainable management of natural resources in the protected and Natura 2000 areas in the Nature Park “Kopački rit” and the Regional Park Mura-Drava

2) To restore and protect wetland and floodplain forests in the protected and Natura 2000 areas and promote their ecosystem services in the Nature Park “Kopački rit” and the Regional Park Mura-Drava
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

3) To improve forest fire protection and diminish the risk of wild fires in the protected and Natura 2000 areas in the Nature Park “Kopački rit” and the Regional Park Mura-Drava

4) To increase public awareness of nature protection and assets of ecosystem services

5) To contribute to preservation of aquatic ecosystems of wetland and floodplain areas in the project area and in the wider region that has an influence on the project area
(Draft) Rural Development Programme of the Republic of Croatia 2014-2020 (EAFRD)

- M01 - Knowledge transfer and information actions
- M02 - Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services
- M04 - Investments in physical assets
- M08 - Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests
M04 - Investments in physical assets

- **SUBMEASURE 4.3**
  „Support for investments in infrastructure related to development, modernisation or adaptation of agriculture and forestry”

- **OPERATION 4.3.3**
  „*Improvement of forest infrastructure*”
  - construction of forest roads and skid trails
  - reconstruction of forest roads and skid trails
M08 - Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests

• SUBMEASURE 8.5
  „Support for investments improving the resilience and environmental value of forest ecosystems”

➢ OPERATION 8.5.1
  „Conversion of degraded forest stands (coppice forests, shrubs, shrubbery) and forest cultures into high forest stands”

➢ OPERATION 8.5.2
  „Establishment and improvement of walking trails, look-out points and other small-scale investments”
M08 - Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests

**SUBMEASURE 8.6**

„Investments in forest technologies and in processing, mobilising and marketing of forest products”

**OPERATION 8.6.1**

„Modernisation of technologies, machines, tools and equipment for wood production and silvicultural works”

**OPERATION 8.6.2**

„Modernisation of technologies, machines, tools and equipment for pre-industrial wood processing”

**OPERATION 8.6.3**

„Marketing of timber and non-timber forest products”
OPERATION 8.6.1

„Modernisation of technologies, machines, tools and equipment for wood production and silvicultural works

• ELIGIBLE INVESTMENTS:

- wood felling (harvesters, etc.)
- skidding, extraction and cable yarding of wood (forwarders, skidders, cableways, tractor assemblies, etc.)
- wood biomass production (chippers, log splitters, etc.)
- silvicultural works for preparation of forest land for sowing or planting (mulchers, etc.)
- facilities and equipment for storage, protection and drying of timber products (silos, woodchip storage, loaders, atomizers, etc.)
OPERATION 8.6.2
„Modernisation of technologies, machines, tools and equipment for pre-industrial wood processing”

• ELIGIBLE INVESTMENTS:
  ➢ pre-industrial wood processing (planers, saws, etc.)
  ➢ pellet and briquette production (briquette compactor, pellet compactor, etc.)
  ➢ information and communication technology (ICT) in wood production and pre-industrial wood processing (software for the optimization of timber assortment utilization, etc.)
  ➢ facilities and equipment for drying, steaming, storage and protection of timber products (drying facilities, steaming facilities, silos, woodchip storage, loaders, atomizers, etc.)
Rural Development Programme of the Republic of Croatia 2014-2020

• KEY ACTIONS FOR FORESTRY:
  ➢ Construction and reconstruction of forest infrastructure (forest roads and skid trails)
  ➢ Conversion of degraded forests into high forests
  ➢ Investments in forest mechanization
  ➢ Investments in wood-processing industry

• OTHER ACTIONS FOR FORESTRY:
  ➢ Establishment of walking trails, look-out points, etc.
  ➢ Marketing of timber and non-timber forest products
  ➢ Knowledge transfer and information actions
  ➢ Advisory services
Thank you for your attention!

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