EU PROGRES in Sjenica

Projects

Number of projects approved: 11

Projects funded per EU implementing partner: 2

Total value of approved projects: 384,523 Euros

Inter-municipal projects

Number of projects approved: 2

“Thanks to support which EU PROGRES gives to Sjenica, we are solving our capital issues, concerning not only the economic situation but also the health of our citizens. EU PROGRES has encouraged Sjenica to apply to other programmes and donors as well”.

Hazbo Mujović
Mayor of Sjenica

Interesting facts about Sjenica

The medieval caravans reposed and fed their horses in Sjenica, on their way from Dubrovnik to Constantinople.

Sjenica is situated in the centre of Pešter plateau, on 1,000 metres above the sea level. The first association to Pešter is the famous white cheese and lamb.

Sjenica is also known for its climate and extremely low temperatures in winter. In 1954, the temperature reached -38.3 degrees Celsius, the lowest ever since measuring begun in Serbia.
The replacement of water pumps in the booster station Suho Polje was completed with the financial support from the European Union and the Government of Switzerland through EU PROGRES worth 95,000 Euros.

The replacement of water pumps brought savings to the Public Utility Company (PUC) “Vrela” of up to 6,000 Euros per month. Expectations are that these savings will increase to 10,000 Euros.

The Municipality of Sjenica adopted a Decision to use 80% of saved funds for further improvement of the water supply network and 20% for subsidizing socially vulnerable population. Thanks to this, the Municipality covers the costs of water for more than 100 socially vulnerable households.

### Good Governance

**Digital System for Providing Support to the Citizens**
Municipal staff and institutions were networked through a basic platform, which should gradually lead to comprehensive e-government services. At the moment, the citizens can use e-mail, SMS or telephone to submit requests for services.

- **Municipal Co-funding**: 10,045 Euros
- **EU PROGRES funds**: 10,151 Euros
- **Status**: Completed

**Improvement of Digital System for Providing Support to the Citizens of Sjenica**
Developing and installation of free fixed telephony and video conferencing system improved service to the citizens, but also enabled introduction of electronic sessions of the Sjenica Council, which improved the work efficiency of this municipal body.

- **Municipal Co-funding**: 2,648 Euros
- **EU PROGRES funds**: 8,933 Euros
- **Status**: Completed

**Psycho-social and health consulting service for women**
Thirty-four counselling workshops and two lecturers about health care were organized for around 800 women. This was supported by educational workshops for 24 women on weaving. Ten of them now earn living from the craft.

- **Municipal Co-funding**: 420 Euros
- **EU PROGRES funds**: 8,617 Euros
- **Status**: Completed

**Economic Empowerment of Women**
Twelve women were qualified to work on the spinning machine and to make wool products, which resulted in bettering of their economic and social position. Additional 100 women, who are the members of the organization, also benefit from the project as they can process their wool free of charge.

- **Municipal Co-funding**: 737 Euros
- **EU PROGRES funds**: 6,813 Euros
- **Status**: Completed

**Gender Equality in the Service of Development**
Sjenica officials took part in trainings aimed at capacity building of municipal administration to promote women’s rights, gender equality, and greater participation of women in the decision making processes. As a result, Sjenica Assembly adopted the European Charter for Equality of Men and Women in Local Life.

- **Municipal Co-funding**: -
- **EU PROGRES funds**: 2,206 Euros
- **Status**: Completed

**Improvement of Women’s Health**
The project provided preventive medical examinations for at least 900 women and awareness rising among at least 500 young people about the importance of reproductive health.

- **Municipal Co-funding**: 477 Euros
- **EU PROGRES funds**: 3,076 Euros
- **Status**: Completed
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### Good Governance
- **Because I am Woman**
  This project supported local Gender Equality Mechanism and contributed to decrease of gender based stereotypes in media and politics.
  - Municipal Co-funding: 315 Euros
  - EU PROGRES funds: 1,534 Euros
  - Status: Completed

### Municipal Management and Development Planning
- **Support to Local Tax Administration**
  The number of taxpayers has been increased by 70%. The debit in 2013 is 5,038,059 RSD, compared to 2,795,698 RSD in 2012, so it is expected that the revenues should be doubled. Five people were employed over six months to update the taxpayer’s database.
  - Municipal Co-funding: 7,069 Euros
  - EU PROGRES funds: 7,290 Euros
  - Status: Completed

- **Detailed Regulation Plan for Grabovica**
  The Plan represents the base for solving the problem of Grabovica riverbed, which frequently caused flooding and material damages in its vicinity.
  - Municipal Co-funding: 960 Euros
  - EU PROGRES funds: 8,490 Euros
  - Status: Completed

### Infrastructure
- **Replacement of the water pumps in Suho Polje**
  There are savings of 6,000 Euros per month, following the replacement of the three water pumps, which deliver water to 16,500 citizens. 80% of the savings are allocated for maintenance of the new water system, while 20% cover the utility costs for the most vulnerable citizens. Sjenica additionally funded the replacement of the main electrical board and the works at the water source with 65,000 Euros.
  - Municipal Co-funding: 87,969 Euros
  - EU PROGRES funds: 95,000 Euros
  - Status: Completed

### Total for all projects
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  - Municipal Co-funding: 120,268 Euros
  - EU PROGRES funds: 251,110 Euros

### Inter-municipal projects
- **Regional Centre for Development of Agriculture**
  This regional project covers Novi Pazar, Tutin and Sjenica. The Centre with the chemical and microbiological laboratory, warehouse for agriculture machinery and premises for educational services, is based in Sjenica and employs 35 people. It should support over 200 agricultural households to increase production and profit.
  - Municipal Co-funding: 50,921 Euros
  - EU PROGRES funds: 255,690 Euros
  - Status: Completed

- **Re-designing of the Main Design for the Banjica Sanitary Landfill and provision of Geological, Geotechnical and Hydro-geological study**
  The project brought the existing technical documentation for the Banjica Landfill into compliance with the provisions of the 2009 Law on Environmental Protection, which enabled preparation of the public procurement for the construction of the regional Landfill. Currently, only 60% inhabitants of Prijepolje, Priboj, Nova Varoš and Sjenica are included into the waste collection, while the Banjica Landfill should cover the entire population of more than 109,351 people.
  - Municipal Co-funding: 192,732 Euros
  - EU PROGRES funds: 192,732 Euros
  - Status: Completed

### Total for all inter-municipal projects
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  - Municipal Co-funding: 50,921 Euros
  - EU PROGRES funds: 448,422 Euros

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