EU PROGRES in Žitorađa

8 Projects
Number of projects approved

1 Inter-municipal project
Number of projects approved

215,495 Euros
Total value of approved projects

“The experience that the local self government and all its factors gained through applying, implementation and evaluation of infrastructure projects is valuable so much that it pushes the extraordinary infrastructure projects constructed with the direct support of the EU PROGRES into the shadow. With this approach we brought Žitorađa and all its inhabitants closer to European values and I hope that this process will not stop.”

Goran Stojković
Mayor of Žitorađa

Interesting facts about Žitorađa

The old Roman city Ad Herculem and a Latin church dating from the 4th century are located on the Pasjača mountain, near Žitorađa. The founding year of Žitorađa is taken to be 1877, when the region was liberated from the Ottoman Empire. However, its first elementary school was opened in 1873.

BASIC INFO ABOUT MUNICIPALITY

Population: 16,272 people *
Geographic area: 214 km²
Average salary: 34,880 RSD
Unemployed: 3,129 people
Municipal Budget: 498,531,918 RSD

*Data as per the 2011 census

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Swiss Embassy in Serbia
Confederation of Slovenia
Conference of Serbia
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

European Partnership with Municipalities Programme
The First Dairy Market in Žitorađa

The dairy market building in Žitorađa was fully reconstructed with the financial support of the European Union and the Government of Switzerland through EU PROGRES worth 79,319 EUR. This created the sanitary and hygienic conditions for the organized sale of milk, cheese and clotted cream (kajmak).

The construction of the dairy market in Žitorađa started in 1997, but it was never finished due to the lack of funds. For decades, milk and dairy products have been sold at market stands without adequate conditions.

On the ground floor of the new market, new premises can accommodate 20 individual milk producers, which will increase the supply and the selection of products along with the customer safety. The Public Utility Company, local community office of Žitorađa and the sanitary inspection are also located in the building, which will enhance the control of the quality and adequacy of milk and dairy products, as well as the quality of the nearby green market operation.
### LIST OF EU PROGRES PROJECTS IN ŽITORAĐA

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<td><strong>Construction of stadium stands</strong></td>
<td>9,083 Euros</td>
<td>77,108 Euros</td>
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<td>The construction of stands and supporting facilities on the stadium improved conditions for recreational activities for children and youth. Number of events in 2013 increased by 50% compared to the previous year (72 vs. 110). Also, number of visitors was increased by 60%.</td>
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<td><strong>Reconstruction of dairy market</strong></td>
<td>36,712 Euros</td>
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<td>The farmers can sell their produce at the reconstructed dairy market, which has better sanitary-hygic conditions and provides appropriate storage. Žitorađa is coordinating introduction of good governance principles into the management of the market, by networking with a similar project implemented in nearby Bojnik.</td>
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**Total for all projects**

|                            | 52,347 Euros | 212,912 Euros |         |

| Inter-municipal projects   |          | 15,500 Euros | Completed |
| **Operational Grant for the South Serbia Fruit Cluster** |          | 15,500 Euros | Completed |
| South Serbia Fruit Cluster is a regional initiative that aims to support fruit producers in Toplica, Jablanica and Pčinja Districts for nine months to develop the cluster network. |

**Total for all inter-municipal projects**

|          |          | 15,500 Euros |         |

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