



The Norwegian Cooperation programme with (RO/BU)
Individual Project

A window to the world – introduce ICT for the sustainable development of nine villages in the Devetaki Plateau	
Bulgaria	
Project Promoter:	Partner (main):
Devetaki Plateau Association	The Association of Intermunicipal Outdoor Recreation Boards (FL)
Type of Applicant:	Type of partner:
NGO	NGO
	Other partners: Municipalities of Letnitsa, Lovech and Sevlievo
Grant amount awarded:	Total eligible project cost:
EUR 121 000	EUR 137 019
Grant rate:	Case no:
88%	2008/115266
Planned project duration: 5/2009 – 8/2010 – the project duration is 22 months: April 2009 – January 2011	Project web-site: http://www.devetakiplateau.org http://www.friluftsrad.no

Short project description:

The project aims through the establishment of information and service centres and organising a relevant training on ICT issues in the villages from Devetaki Plateau region to improve access to public services and build up a local capacity. The project envisages also training on sustainable tourism development that will contribute to the increased knowledge of local people on environment protection and outdoor recreation as well as will lead to ideas and practical cases to be implemented in the frame of the project.

The 3 municipalities, with a total population of 108 600 citizen will work together in the project to promote these activities and to work out a common tourist product.

Expected results:

- The project will contribute to the joint efforts of the municipalities from Devetaki Plateau, to work out a common tourist product for the region. Nine information and service centres established and equipped giving opportunity of people from the 9 villages to have access to Internet, public services and information.
- One training on ICT issues (basic computers skills, using Internet, basic communication skills) organised. 90 people trained.
- One training on sustainable tourism development organised, 40 people trained on innovative approaches in the respective field.
- Nine practical activities/showcases developed, related to the promotion of "eco-tourism". Through Norwegian partner access to long-time experience and modern practise in promoting small scale tourism.
- One summer school "Tent and Bike in the Plateau" will be held for 15 students using the Norwegian partner's experience in outdoor training.