



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

This Memorandum of Cooperation establishes the foundations for the successful implementation of the project "Green Schools; Cleaner Environment; Healthier life" and further cooperation among its signatories.

This Memorandum is made between

1. **Project "Green Schools; Cleaner Environment; Healthier life"** represented by Entela Pinguli project manager from the Biologist of Albania, Street "Ismail Qemali", building 2K, No. 25/C, Tirana, Albania, website: www.biooget-al.com

and

2. **Regional Education Office in Pogradec** represented by Ilir Torra in Pogradec (with project coordinator assigned by the office: Avdulla Cano) with the participation and involvement of 4 primary schools in Pogradec region listed below:
 1. **"Kolë Koci" School in Pogradec town**
 - Teacher of Biology and Chemistry Subjects: Eva Bardhi
 - School's director and Teacher of Biology and Chemistry Subjects: Ibrahim Baçi
 2. **"M & Esat Minarolli " school in Pogradec town**
 - Teacher of Biology and Chemistry Subjects: Mariglëna Isallari
 - Teacher of History and Geography subjects: Lindita Ziko
 3. **" Sheme Mahmutllari " School in Remenj village**
 - School's director and Teacher of History and Geography subjects: Kleonard Krasta ,
 - Teacher of Biology and Chemistry Subjects: Violeta Velillari
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 - Teacher of Biology and Chemistry Subjects: Elona Hoxha
 - Teacher of Biology and Chemistry Subjects: Ornela Liçkollari

to bring together all the above mentioned local actors in establishing the 4 ECO schools in Pogradec, through the methodology designed in the cross border project "Green Schools; Cleaner Environment; Healthier life".





The role and responsibilities of the partners is explained below:

I. Introduction

The project "Green Schools cleaner environment, healthier life" is executed from September 2013 (18 months) in 16 primary schools of Macedonia and Albania (eight primary schools in the Republic of Macedonia and eight primary schools in the Republic of Albania) and is part of cross-border cooperation between Macedonia and Albania. The project involves education to improve the situation in primary schools of Macedonia and Albania, through teacher training and development of small environmental projects in order to increase their knowledge and practical skills for dealing with problems of ecological character. The project focuses on three environmental issues: water, waste and energy savings. The project is funded by the European Union, Republic of Macedonia office and the European Union's office in Albania. Implementer of the project in Albania is the Biologists of Albania. The successful implementation of this project provides concrete and measurable results for primary schools as well as for local and cross-border region.

II . Purpose of the cooperation

The establishment and development of cooperation between the Regional Education office in Pogradec, 4 primary schools in Pogradec Region and the Biologist of Albania in the project "Green schools, a cleaner environment, healthier live" as described in the project proposal which gives the broader framework of this cooperation work.

III. Role of each partner in cooperation

The selection of schools was conducted together with the Regional Education Office in Pogradec based on the following criteria:

- 1) demonstrated commitment of the school leadership,
- 2) demonstrated commitment of the teaching staff for environmental education initiatives,
- 3) demonstrated portfolio of successfully implemented environmental actions,
- 4) demonstrated commitment of teachers to actively involve students in school management issues,
- 5) established linkages with parents, local authorities and media, as well as other local stakeholders.

The Biologists of Albania will be responsible for:

- Implement the project in Pogradec according the cross border Project Proposal
- Facilitate the partners collaboration in Pogradec Region for the project implementation
- Organize the Training for the teachers and the grants award scheme in Pogradec
- Assist the 4 schools with the professional environmental expertise in establishing the ECO Schools
- Organize the students educational activities





The Regional Education Office in Pogradec will carry out the following activities:

- Will approve and support the implementation of projects in selected primary schools.
- Will select one employ as members of eco-board in selected primary schools.
- Will assist the conduction of the Training for the teachers.
- Will take part in the school's contest for awarding selection process that will be established by the Biologist of Albania.
- Will provide support to the selected primary schools in the municipality, when applying for small grants, participation in national and international projects, competitions and events.
- Will provide support to the selected primary schools to adopt environmental protection and environmental education as one of the core values in its development and management.
- Will help in realization of the eco-activities and implementation of the methodology from the project.
- Will link and help in cooperation between the selected primary schools in the municipality with representatives from the local business sector to deliver specific environmental projects and actions.
- Will carry out promotion of selected primary schools in the region, on local media and the wider community for the implementation of specific environmental projects, actions and outcomes of the project.
- Will strive to extend the cooperation with other institutions of the Pogradec Region for the successful realization of the project.

The selected primary schools in Pogradec, as implementers of the project will implement the following activities:

- Will nominate a person (teacher) from the school who will be the coordinator of this project. The Coordinator will be the contact person between the school and Biologist of Albania.
- Teacher- Project Coordinator at the school will participate in training that will be delivered by Biologist of Albania.
- The school will successfully establish and implement the methodology and steps of this project, following the project proposal.
- Teacher coordinator will continuously organize meetings of the eco-board and send report of meetings to Biologist of Albania.
- Teacher coordinator will regularly send reports for the ongoing school's activities on the frame of this projects .
- The teachers trained will encourage students, teachers and school employees to adopt environmental protection and environmental education as one of the core values in its development and management.
- The teachers trained along with the school principal, will perform promoting selected primary schools in the municipality before the local media and the wider community for the implementation of specific environmental projects and actions, and outcomes of the project.
- The school will take part in the contest for awarding, that will be established by the Biologists of Albania.
- The school will carry out a campaign of one of the three environmental topics that will work on the project. For the activities and results of the campaign will send a report (in accordance with the deadline given by Biologists of Albania).





- The School will implement the approved project (according to the award conditions proposed by the Biologists of Albania).
- The School (according to the date proposed by Biologists of Albania) will send a final report on the implementation of the approved project.
- The teacher coordinator, principal and others school responsible will strive to expand cooperation with other institutions of the municipality for the successful realization of the project.

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Signatories:

Regional Education Office in Pogradec

Director: Ilir Torra _____

Date: _____

"Kolë Koci" school in Pogradec

Director: Ibrahim Baçi _____ Date _____

"M & Esat Minarolli" school in Pogradec

Director: Albana Prifti _____ Date _____

" Sheme Mahmutllari " school in Remenj village

Director: Kleonard Krasta , _____ Date _____

"Shefki Mucllari" school in Verdove village

Director: Albert Ibrahimllari, _____ Date _____

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Project manager: Entela Pinguli _____ Date: _____

