

Project name: "Grow through Activating Local Potential - GALOP"

Project number: BGLD-1.002-0001

Project promoter: National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria

Project Partner: Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS)

Budget: 1 200 000 EUR (2 346 960 BGN)

Project duration: 36 months

Project description: The project aims to create and implement sustainable models leading to improved employment opportunities and poverty reduction in small and / or remote settlements.

The main objective of the project is to support the socio-economic development of disadvantaged municipalities by activating their local resources and potential.

The specific objectives are:

- Preparation and promotion of local development strategies based on existing territorial resources;
- supporting municipalities, the non-governmental sector and businesses in the planning and implementation of projects based on these strategies;
- transfer of successful development models to other municipalities;
- Proposals for regulatory changes in support of local and social innovations, contributing to the activation of municipal potential.

As a result of the project, a study of successful local economic development practices will be conducted and ten strategies for effective local economic development will be developed.