



# MUNICIPALITY OF BABUŠNICA

PIROTSKI DISTRICT  
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN SERBIA

LAST UPDATED ON **SEPTEMBER 2024**

LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT

**Group IV**

ACTIVE ENTERPRISES

**62**

ACTIVE ENTREPRENEURS

**277**



Source: Statistical Office of the  
Republic of Serbia



9,177

CITIZENS



65,098

AVERAGE INCOME



529

AREA



28

TOTAL NUMBER OF  
PROJECTS  
FROM 2010

3

EUPRO PLUS

4

EUPRO

21

EUROPEAN  
PROGRES

-

EU PROGRES

761,410 €

TOTAL VALUE

650,097 €

DONORS 85%

111,313 €

CO-FUNDING 15%



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**265,513 Euros**  
 Programme funds: 209,193 Euros  
 Co-funding: 56,320 Euros

### IMPROVED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND INTRODUCTION OF THE INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL INVESTMENT (1 PROJECT)

#### INTEGRATED: IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL ECOSYSTEM IN URBAN AREA OF THE CITY OF PIROT AND MUNICIPALITIES OF DIMITROVGRAD, BABUŠNICA AND BELA PALANKA

Integrated project

**Partner on the project:** Regional Development Agency South; Grammar School Piroć; Secondary school, "Niketa Remežijanski" Bela Palanka; Primary school "Ljupče Španac", Bela Palanka; Primary school "Despot Stefan Lazarević" Babušnica

ON-GOING

Upgrading educational facilities and developing a digital platform for schools in the Piroćki district to address demographic challenges. The project includes restoring and improving energy efficiency at Piroć Grammar School, making ergonomic improvements at high and primary schools in Bela Palanka, procuring specialised preschool furniture and learning tools for Dimitrovgrad school, and establishing open learning and recreational areas at Babušnica primary school. The initiative aims to enrich the learning environment and educational accessibility for over 2,000 students and teachers, benefiting nearly 3,000 community members and contributing to a sustainable response to depopulation and ageing. Total project value: €1,290,327, EU funds: €1,003,189, Co-funding: €287,139.

**Project value:** -  
**Programme funds:** -  
**Co-funding:** -

### IMPROVED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE TARGETED LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS (0 PROJECTS)

### IMPROVED SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL COHESION IN THE TARGETED LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS (2 PROJECTS)

**265,513 EUROS**

#### RECONSTRUCTION OF KINDERGARTEN "DEČJA RADOST" IN BABUŠNICA

Local Infrastructure

COMPLETED

Reconstruction of the kindergarten "Dečja radost" in Babušnica, built in 1977, to improve the preschool's quality of service for children as well as the social inclusion and cohesion of the vulnerable (Roma and children with disabilities), while also contributing to better working conditions for the employees.

**Project value:** **232,265 Euros**  
**Programme funds:** 179,355 Euros  
**Co-funding:** 52,910 Euros

#### SUPPORT TO MUNICIPALITY OF BABUŠNICA: TOGETHER AGAINST COVID-19

Social cohesion

COMPLETED

Increasing the quality and sustainability of social services provided to citizens of Babušnica through improved home help service for 30 elderly people, including counseling and basic medical care for remote villages along with the establishment of an info centre for service users at the self-government.

**Project value:** **33,248 Euros**  
**Programme funds:** 29,838 Euros  
**Co-funding:** 3,410 Euros



**209,074 Euros**  
 Programme funds: 178,854 Euros  
 Co-funding: 30,220 Euros

### IMPROVING BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS (0 PROJECTS)

### IMPROVING THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT (1 PROJECT)

**2,141 EUROS**

**PROVISION OF A BACK-UP SERVER FOR THE E-PERMITTING SYSTEM**

E-permitting

COMPLETED

Improvement of the electronic system for the issuance of building permits through the provision of a back-up server, which will enhance its stability and availability for over 6,500 users that benefit from it every day. Server and network equipment were procured through the project, as well as necessary licences. The aim of this activity was to contribute to the creation of a more favourable business environment by improving the efficiency and transparency of the e-government and, ultimately, to new investments. At the same time, citizens' trust in institutions, as well as the quality of services that are being offered through the e-government will also be enhanced.

**Project value:****2,141 Euros**

Programme funds:

2,141 Euros

Co-funding:

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**STRENGTHENING SOCIAL INCLUSION AND SOCIAL COHESION (3 PROJECTS)****206,933 EUROS****RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CULTURAL CENTRE**

Local Infrastructure

COMPLETED

The reconstruction of a boiler room to improve the heating system and renovation of the main hall will enable the Cultural Centre to be fully operational and consequently increase the number of cultural activities. Additionally, it will contribute to the reduction of maintenance costs and pollution in the municipality, while through good governance activities, the Rulebook on management and creation of cultural offers will both be developed.

**Project value:****177,170 Euros**

Programme funds:

146,950 Euros

Co-funding:

30,220 Euros

**ORGANIC ZONE**

Fostering Social Cohesion in Multi-Ethnic Municipalities

**Implemented by:** Citizens' Association "Handicrafts of Lužnica - Women's Ethno Centre**Partner on the project:** Association "Caribrod", the Municipality of Dimitrovgrad, the Municipality of Babušnica

COMPLETED

Economic empowerment of unemployed people (mostly women) from rural areas in Babušnica and Dimitrovgrad municipalities through training and equipping them to commence organic farming. Additionally, the placement of their products will be secured through development and promotion of corporate gifts.

**Project value:****14,928 Euros**

Programme funds:

14,928 Euros

Co-funding:

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**FOR BETTER TOMORROW**

Fostering Social Cohesion in Multi-Ethnic Municipalities

**Implemented by:** Association of Roma "Zora" Babušnica

COMPLETED

Economic empowerment of Roma women through provision of incentives for starting greenhouse production and creation of comprehensive database on the specific needs of Roma community in the area of social protection, employment, housing, health and education in order to plan future measures for addressing identified issues.

**Project value:****14,835 Euros**

Programme funds:

14,835 Euros

Co-funding:

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EUROPEAN  
PROGRES

**286,824 Euros**

Programme funds: 262,050 Euros

Co-funding: 24,773 Euros

**SOCIAL INCLUSION (6 PROJECTS)****65,159 EUROS****SAVE OUR ELDERLY FROM OBLIVION**

Citizens Involvement Fund (CIF 1)

COMPLETED

Engagement of caregivers to improve the quality of life of 30 elderly single citizens registered with Centre for Social Welfare and living in the six remote rural areas of the Babušnica Municipality.

**Project value:****24,343 Euros**

Programme funds:

20,066 Euros

Co-funding:

4,277 Euros

**GREEN HOTBED**

Citizens Involvement Fund (CIF 2)

COMPLETED

Increase employability of women from rural area, by conducting certified training in organic farming. Eight women will be supported to start production of organic vegetables while at least three local organisations will increase competences about employability of women and organic production.

**Project value:****14,747 Euros**

Programme funds:

13,230 Euros

Co-funding:

1,517 Euros



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SOCIAL INCLUSION (6 PROJECTS)		65,159 EUROS	
<b>PROSPERITY OF ROMA IN AGRICULTURE</b> Social Inclusion activities COMPLETED	Employment: Contribute to the economic empowerment of at least 20 Roma families through education on the cultivation of blackberries, procurement of seedlings and support in product placement.	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>9,790 Euros</b> 9,790 Euros -
<b>ARAK TUT - BE CAREFUL</b> Social Inclusion activities COMPLETED	Human Security: Improve the security and fire protection in Roma settlements through trainings, provision of fire extinguishers and establishment of volunteer firefighting associations in five municipalities covered by the project.	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>1,108 Euros</b> 1,108 Euros -
<b>SUPPORT TO SOCIAL INCLUSION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL</b> Social Inclusion activities COMPLETED	Support preparation and implementation of local strategies/action plans for employment and social inclusion; Promote active inclusion and improved integration of social and employment services;	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>5,171 Euros</b> 5,171 Euros -
<b>PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE</b> Vocational trainings COMPLETED	Highly educated persons up to 30 years of age will be trained in municipal administration, in order to fulfil conditions for taking the public administration state exam	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>10,000 Euros</b> 10,000 Euros -

COMPETITIVENESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE (10 PROJECTS)		185,942 EUROS	
<b>SUPPORT TO AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES ON USAGE OF NEW TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGIES IN THE PRODUCTION</b> Agricultural Producer Groups COMPLETED	The assistance will include, trainings for APG management and Study tour to one of the European Union countries	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>4,211 Euros</b> 4,211 Euros -
<b>DEVELOPMENT OF THE MAIN DESIGN FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF THE MARKET PLACE WITH ACCESS ROADS</b> Main Design Development COMPLETED	The development of the main design for the reconstruction and adaptation of the marketplace and the necessary access roads. The technical documentation will create conditions to improve the economic potentials of the local population predominantly engaged in agriculture and dairy farming.	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>10,272 Euros</b> 9,194 Euros 1,078 Euros
<b>BAKERY PRODUCTS AND PASTRY</b> Women Entrepreneurship COMPLETED	Bakery products and pastry	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>9,800 Euros</b> 9,800 Euros -
<b>DETAILED REGULATION PLAN</b> Detailed Regulation Plan COMPLETED	Project development of detailed regulation plan of the Babušnica Municipality/Business - production complex	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>15,300 Euros</b> 12,750 Euros 2,550 Euros
<b>DETAILED REGULATION PLAN</b> Detailed Regulation Plan COMPLETED	Project development of detailed regulation plan of the Babušnica Municipality/ Plant for wastewater treatment	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>2,700 Euros</b> 2,250 Euros 450 Euros
<b>VERTICAL DIMENSION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE</b> Good Governance COMPLETED	Developing policies and / or administrative regulations addressing vertical coordination and communication between the LSGs and government institutions	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>6,176 Euros</b> 6,176 Euros -

COMPETITIVENESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE (10 PROJECTS)			185,942 EUROS
<b>SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC BUILDING PERMITS SYSTEM</b> Support LSGs in implementation of electronic building permits system COMPLETED	The project is to be implemented in partnership with NALED and the Ministry of Construction, Transportation and Infrastructure, and implies trainings and mentorship support for LSGs and PUCs, recommendations for internal improvements, support for upload of planning documents and obtaining inputs that can facilitate policy improvements.	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>2,088 Euros</b> 2,088 Euros -
<b>PREPARATION OF DETAILED DESIGNS FOR ANTI-EROSION PROTECTION OF VLASINA RIVER WATERSHED</b> Detailed Regulation Plan COMPLETED	Development of technical documentation that will enable tendering for works on anti-erosion protection of river basins for Vlasina River watershed	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>10,000 Euros</b> 10,000 Euros -
<b>ENHANCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY</b> Local 21 Project COMPLETED	Replacement of joinery and facade works on the Cultural Centre will reduce energy consumption and expenses, improve overall conditions in the Cultural Centre and contribute towards an improved energy management system at municipal level. The building hosts several organisations as well: Public library, Tourism Organization of Babušnica Municipality, Local Community Office and Citizens' Association "Green Earth".	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>111,630 Euros</b> 100,000 Euros 11,630 Euros
<b>SUPPORT TO AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES ON USAGE OF NEW TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGIES IN THE PRODUCTION BEEKEEPING</b> Agricultural Producer Groups COMPLETED	Procurement of equipment for bee hive line production, honey branding and packaging, which will benefit the production capacities of an association of 93 beekeepers.	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>13,765 Euros</b> 12,375 Euros 1,390 Euros

STRENGTHENED LOCAL GOVERNANCE (5 PROJECTS)			35,722 EUROS
<b>IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE LOCAL TAX ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IN BABUŠNICA</b> Local Tax Administration COMPLETED	Engagement of external employees to update the municipal / city tax payers registry database with the aim to Increased revenue source for municipality and reach sustainable level of budgetary resources	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>11,390 Euros</b> 9,904 Euros 1,485 Euros
<b>SUPPORT TO LOCAL GOVERNANCE REFORMS AND MUNICIPAL GOOD GOVERNANCE COMPETENCE CENTRES</b> Good Governance COMPLETED	Developing reform packages for improvement of the local governance; Support to municipal GG capacities and establishment of the Municipal GG Competence Centres	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>10,441 Euros</b> 10,441 Euros -
<b>PROVISION OF FIDIC CONDITIONS OF WORKS CONTRACTS TRAINING</b> FIDIC contracts management trainings COMPLETED	Provision of trainings for use of FIDIC contracts for Works to all Programme LSGs and on job trainings for LSGs that will receive CFCU Grants	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>9,091 Euros</b> 9,091 Euros -
<b>LOCAL GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT</b> Good Governance COMPLETED	The assessment will provide insight into the governance levels of the participating LSGs.	<b>Project value:</b> Programme funds: Co-funding:	<b>1,475 Euros</b> 1,475 Euros -

## STRENGTHENED LOCAL GOVERNANCE (5 PROJECTS)

35,722 EUROS

**EQUAL ACCESS FOR EVERYONE**

## Local Gender Equality Mechanism projects

COMPLETED

Improving the position of women and girls in Babušnica through economic empowerment and public health-awareness raising. This will be achieved by contributing to the certification process for organic products and awareness raising about reproductive health in the community.

**Project value:****3,326 Euros**

Programme funds:

2,930 Euros

Co-funding:

396 Euros

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Programme funds: -  
Co-funding: -

## GOOD GOVERNANCE (0 PROJECTS)

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## MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (0 PROJECTS)

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## INFRASTRUCTURE (0 PROJECTS)

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## BRANDING OF AREAS (0 PROJECTS)

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## ALL SECTORS (0 PROJECTS)

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