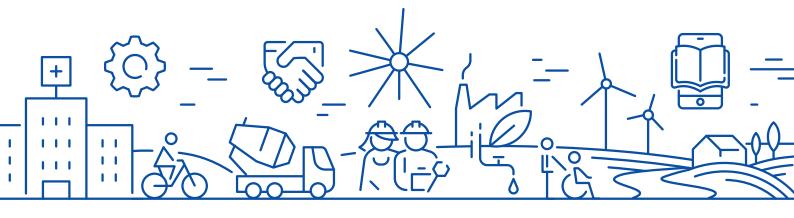






Enhanced approach to Serbia's territorial development More efficient, more effective, with more substantial sustainable impacts



Million Euros

National Action Programme IPA 2020

Regions

Šumadija and Western Serbia and Southern and Eastern Serbia

Years

Implementation 2021-2025

Objective Contribution to more balanced socio-economic development and social cohesion in 99 local self-governments



Enhance capacity development management

- Support the Ministry of European Integration (MEI) in defining Integrated and Sustainable Territorial Development (ISTD) model
- Strengthen capacity of MEI, Regional Development Agencies (RDAs), and Local Self-Governments (LSGs) for implementation of ISTD
- Assist local self-governments (LSGs) to prepare ISTD strategies/plans
- Support the implementation of ISTD plans



- Enhance quality of services that LSGs provide to investors and businesses
- Develop economic infrastructure
- Support start-ups and growth of micro and small enterprises
- Support youth and women self-employment
- Support in implementing vocational training



cohesion

- Improve social and communal infrastructure
- Enhance capacities of public institutions to provide continuity of work and service delivery during crises



Predecessor territorial development interventions

2010 EU PROGRES

2014

European PROGRES

2018

EU PRO

2021

16.6 million Euros 14.1 EU / 2.5 Switzerland **24.46 million Euros** 19.6 EU / 4.86 Switzerland **25 million Euros** Funded by the EU

Novelties

In consideration of relevant European Union (EU) mechanisms and practices, EU PRO Plus introduces **integrated and sustainable approach** to territorial development, which establishes framework for:

- enhanced national, regional and local level collaboration on development
- synergetic, **multi-sectoral development method** between projects/activities
- combined funding for development from national and local levels, donors, international financial institutions, loans and credits

Expected Results

- Raised national, regional, and local capacities for management of integrated sustainable territorial development (ISTD) and absorption of EU cohesion funds
- Increased regional Gross Domestic Product (GDP), facilitated investments and jobs
- **Enhanced competitiveness** of micro and small enterprises
- Improved quality of life for citizens and improved position of the most vulnerable

Cross Cutting Themes







Good Governance

development of governance mechanisms in support of ISTD system for Serbia is at the heart of this Programme

Environment and Climate Change

ensuring climate and environment related issues are integrated into activities

Digital Transformation

introduction of digital technologies and innovations that enhance competitiveness and reduce environmental footprint will be encouraged

Programme is implemented through provision of technical support and grants. Projects supported by grants are selected through public calls designed in collaboration with the partners, and managed by UNOPS. Grant schemes are designed to reflect the integrated approach to territorial development.

EU PRO Plus is financed by the European Union (EU), led by the Ministry of European Integration (MEI) and Delegation of European Union in cooperation with other ministries of the Government of Serbia and implemented by UNOPS.

The programme benefits the Ministry of European Integration, 99 local self-governments, regional development agencies, private sector, and civil society. The citizens of the Republic of Serbia are the final beneficiaries of all Programme activities.