

We are the Gugulan Country Task Force authorized by AM MADR Romania in accordance with the Approved Note no. 233557, 01.11.2017, located in the commune of Glimboca, at no. 405, Caraş-Severin county.

L.A.G. (local action group) Gugulan Country covers a homogeneous territory of 2,291.46 km² with a population of 51,827 inhabitants and operates in the western part of Romania in the mountain area, on the administrative territories of 16 communes and a town (Oţelu Roşu) in the county of Caraş- Severin and a commune in Timiş county located on the roads E70, DN58 and DN68.

The main objectives foreseen to be achieved as a result of the implementation of LEADER in accordance with the E.U. regulation 1305/ 2013 are as follows:

- Stimulating innovation;
- Strengthening local identity and local profile;
- Improving the quality of life and attractiveness of the local area;
- Solving demographic problems;
- Creating and retaining jobs in the LEADER areas;
- Improving equal opportunities for young people, women, elderly people, people with disabilities and members of minorities;
- Increasing competitiveness on the local level;
- Conservation of resources and protection of the natural environment, by applying an integrated and multispectral approach.

There are 3 reservations on the territory of the micro-region: in the Păltiniş commune - the natural reserve Delineşti fountain (4ha), the Armeniş commune - the bison reservation on the Plopu Valley and the Criciova commune - the private reserve of deer and wild boars (in Jdioara). Of the 18 administrative units, 16 municipalities are located in areas with high natural value (HNV), and 15 NATURA 2000 are located on the territory of 15 communes.

From the economic point of view, the main branch developed in the micro-region is agriculture (about 65,000 ha of agricultural land). The following types of activities in the economic sector are woodworking, marble processing, vegetable growing, fruit growing, services and tourism. The area has an elevated touristic potential (natural and adventure, historical, cultural):

- Natural and adventure: carriage rides, horse riding, cycling, mountaineering, skiing, parachuting, mountain trails, extreme sports, Tunnel of Love (the railway between Obreja and Glimboca), Poiana narciselor- Daffodils' meadow (Turnu Ruieni) Piatra Caprei Sphynx (Băuţar commune);

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- History: archaeological monuments, roman fortress (castra in latin), constructions and Roman settlements (in the commune of Băuțar, Buchin, Bucovnița, Constantin Daicoviciu, Păltiniș, Zăvoi), medieval church (Constantin Daicoviciu commune), Juhasz manor (Constantin Daicoviciu), water mills (Păltiniș commune);
- Cultural: rural traditional festivities of the communes, festivals, local dancing balls , the elders' dance party .

Using the procedure 19.3 we hope to cooperate with the L.A.G.s (local action group) from within the E.U. in order to develop transnational projects covering the following areas:

- Creating short food chains and local markets including in non-agricultural areas;
- Collective approaches to environmental and climate projects;
- Joint cultural activities;
- Actions supporting the development and promotion of local tourism.

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