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In 2007 the Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja became a business support institution for the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts.

In 2010 we became a regional development coordinator for the region of Osijek – Baranja County accredited by the Regional development Agency of the Republic of Croatia.

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About us

Main Activities

- providing technical and consulting assistance for international and inter-regional cooperation;
- exchange of information aiming at regional development;
- creating local, cross-border and international networks;
- promotion of the region;
- providing development programme support, including public-private partnerships, direct investments and joint-venture initiatives;
- mediation in national and international financial institutions cooperation;
- attracting direct foreign investments;
- building-up institutional capacities;
- Guarantee Fund for the manufacturing industry and innovation;
- Technical assistance to local institutions in development of project proposals applying for financing by EU funds, etc.
The Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja for International and Regional Cooperation Ltd. was founded on 21st December 2005 by the decision of the City of Osijek Council. In December 2006 the Osijek-Baranja County became an equal co-founder.

**Vision**

To be a link between various sectors

Our Agency’s vision is to act as a link between public, private and civil sectors in forming strategic partnerships by applying and implementing projects to raise the standard of living in the entire region of Slavonia and Baranja.

**Mission**

Regional development via EU funding and foreign investments

Our Agency’s mission is to provide information and encouragement for regional development through available EU funds and other international funds in accordance with priorities set down in the County Development Strategy as well as to attract foreign investments into the region.

**Osijek and Brussels**

European Union Connection Point

The Agency runs the Representation Office of Slavonia and Baranja in Brussels. The office plays an important role in monitoring initiatives in the EU context, as well as promoting economic, cultural, tourism and project cooperation activities with similar regions within the EU and broader.

For more information please visit: [www.slavonija.hr](http://www.slavonija.hr)
Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja

Organisational structure

Management Board
PRESIDENT AND MEMBER

Representation Office in Brussels

Finance Management and General Administration Office
External Finance Associate

Department for Strategic Planning and Human Resources Development

Department for Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency

Department for Economics and Rural Development

Department for Tourism, Culture and Competitiveness
Management Board

The Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja tries to coordinate the development of all parties of interest by being a catalyst of information retrieved from various sources. Having filtered these, it directs the information to the appropriate end users: developers from the region of Osijek – Baranja County, who are amongst the most successful in Croatia. Up until 2016 more than 500 projects were implemented, coming to a sum total of more than 340 million Euro all financed from EU funds.

The aim of the Agency is to act on behalf of all the local authority and self-governing units in the Osijek-Baranja County region, as well as its founders – the City of Osijek and the Osijek-Baranja County – with special emphasis on providing assistance in programmes of international and regional cooperation.
Finance Management and General Administration Office

Management support in making strategic decisions and successful management of the organisation

The activities and tasks of this office include financial bookkeeping as well as a set of other relevant assignments in order to assist the Management in successfully guiding the organisation and making business decisions. The Office is responsible for accounting, bookkeeping, financial and other forms of reporting, connected to business, financial planning, monitoring and controlling; changes in the legal system, and other matters relevant for successful management of the business system. The Office supplies technical support to all other departments in implementing their functions, such as event organisation support, travelling, office supplies, running the archives, etc. The Office also actively takes part in implementing various projects as well as specific parts of projects/activities, implemented by our organisation in the role of regional development coordinator for the county region.

Biljana Đanković  
Head of Office

Ksenija Lacković-Ambruš  
Project Manager
Department for Tourism, Culture and Competitiveness

Emphasis laid on cooperation in tourism and cultural sectors

The Department for Tourism, Culture and Competitiveness is involved in developing tourist products, evaluating cultural heritage, connecting tourism, culture and wine and cuisine stakeholders. At the same time, concern is paid to development of destinations, management and raising competitiveness of the agricultural and food processing industries by developing a network of cooperation between public, business and scientific sectors, thus providing development support for the aforementioned clusters, centres of competence and producers.
Department for Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency

Promotion of energy efficiency and renewable energy resources with emphasis on environmental protection and circular economy

The Department for Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency is interested in topics concerning energy, climate change, managing risks, environmental protection and sustainable resources. It prepares and implements projects as well as strategic documents connected with reducing greenhouse gas emissions (including EE in public and private buildings, transport, surveying increases in renewable energy resources, smart cities) by following and assessing climate change and managing waste and water resources.
Department for Economics and Rural Development

Providing support, technical assistance and educating entrepreneurs, investors and units of local and regional self-government.

The Department for Economics and Rural Development provides expert assistance to entrepreneurs, companies and units of local and regional self-government for designing, drafting and applying economic projects in application to international and national funds. Special emphasis is laid on equal development of all parts of the Osijek-Baranja County and especially of rural areas with the aim of their general and economic development.

Slavko Tušek
Head of Department

Behar Rečica
Project Assistant

Ružica Šimon
Project Assistant

Mario Bošnjak
Project Assistant
Department for Strategic Planning and Human Resources Development

The main tasks are the preparation and implementation of development strategies and projects financed by EU funds

The Department for Strategic Planning and Human Resources Development participates in preparing and implementing development strategies at local and regional level. In cooperation with public, private and civil organisations and institutions, the department participates in preparing and implementing EU projects in the field of education, employment, expert training and social inclusion.
Europe Direct Osijek - an Information Centre attached to the Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja

A link between citizens and the EU

Europe Direct Osijek (EDIC Osijek) Information Centre opened its doors to citizens in September 2014. EDIC Osijek belongs to the network of Information Centres of Europe Direct representing one of the major means of informing EU citizens about the EU and promoting citizen participation at local and regional levels.

For more information visit: www.edicosijek.eu

Providing information and answers about:
- The European Union
- Your Rights and opportunities as a citizen of the EU

Helping understand and demonstrating benefits:
- EU priorities, legislature, politics and programmes
- financial possibilities

Furthermore ... 
- pinpointing specialised information sources, including other networks and services
- informing and involving you in ongoing events concerning EU topics
Programmes partaken by RDA of Slavonia and Baranja

Programmes

CIP Intelligent Energy Europe

Erasmus+ Programme

European Commission, General Communications Department

Regional Development European Funds - OP Traffic 2007 - 2013

European Regional Development Programmes - OP Regional Competitiveness 2007 - 2013

European Social Fund - OP Human Resources Development 2007 - 2013

European Social Fund - OP Efficient Human Resources 2014 - 2020

IPA II – Cross Border Cooperation Programme Croatia - Serbia

IPA II – Cross Border Cooperation Programme Croatia - Hungary

IPA II - Transnational programme SEE

IPA II – Transnational programme Mediterranean (MED)

IPA IIIc - OP Regional Competitiveness

IPA IV - OP Human Resource Potential

IPA V - IPARD

IPA INFO

Programme INTERREG ADRIATIC

Programme INTERREG Slovenia - Hungary - Croatia

Programme PHARE

Programme bilateral cooperation with Italy

Programme of cooperation between the Flemish Government and countries of Middle and Eastern Europe

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Strong Presence

Representation Office of Slavonia and Baranja in Brussels was opened in 2007

The main goal of the Office is to secure a strong representation of regional interests of Slavonia and Baranja in Brussels and to forward all relevant information from the EU institutions to our Agency.
Monitoring activities of institutions

Providing information on current relevant processes in Brussels

The task of the Office is to make available all information on ongoing activities relevant for the county and cities of Slavonia and Baranja in the most direct and candid manner, with particular emphasis on ongoing activities in the European Commission, European Parliament and Board of Regions.

Networking and cooperation

Development of transnational connections

The Office also works on developing transnational links to other EU regions so as to promote international and regional cooperation, prepare common EU projects and support Croatian companies entering the EU market.
03 Projects

The following pages provide an overview of some of the projects the Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja has partaken in or is implementing at the moment as part of various EU Programme Frameworks.

Project 03

Designing the Masterplan of Traffic Development for the City of Osijek and Slavonia and Baranja County

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Aim of the Project

To design the Masterplan of Traffic Development for the City of Osijek and Slavonia and Baranja County as a basis for future applications in the field of traffic development on the territories of the City of Osijek and Slavonia and Baranja County. The Masterplan shall define the manner in which traffic systems can be developed by ensuring necessary resources for the creation of socially acceptable, economically and environmentally sustainable and efficient infrastructure as well as transportation services.

Key activities

Designing the Masterplan of Traffic Development for the City of Osijek and Slavonia and Baranja County and procuring an Environment Impact Study of the Masterplan.
Aims of the Project

Improving social inclusion of children with developmental disabilities in the regular educational system and securing 68 educational assistants for 87 children with developmental disabilities; decreasing unemployment in the Osijek-Baranja County, as well as establishing mechanisms of inter-departmental cooperation at county level between key participants for the purpose of social inclusion of children and youth.

Key Activities

Selection and education of educational assistants for children with developmental disabilities; independent work with children with developmental disabilities; organisation of an Inclusion Info Day about children with developmental disabilities; promotion and visibility, as well as management of project administration.

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Lead Beneficiary

Osijek – Baranja County

Estimated project duration

12 months

Total sum value:

348.767,00 EUR

PROJECT PARTNERS

39 primary plus 4 secondary schools and the Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja Ltd.
The main aim is strengthening and developing cultural tourism in the cross border area by promoting cultural and traditional heritage.

Specific aims are increasing tourist activities for the City of Osijek, the Osijek- Baranja County and the Baranya County in Hungary by enhancing the tourist infrastructure, creating thematic tourist routes and increasing the number of tourists within the said area.

Construction of a watermill on the Drava river in Osijek, a replica that represents authentic industrial heritage; the reconstruction of a milling complex in the town of Orfű (18 km form Pecs); revitalising former traditional crafts of the region and their presentation as a tourist attraction, as well as creating a “Miller’s Route” by connecting the old mill in the town of Orfű and the replica mill – watermill - on the river Drava in Osijek and other similar destinations.
Aims of the Project

To contribute to environmental protection and sustainable development in the cross border area by exchanging experiences and mutual undertakings in the field of waste disposal and the increase of separated waste quantities through development of waste collection and disposal systems.

Key Activities

Through this project 1300 yellow bins were obtained and given to citizens, including 80 containers for 20 mini eco-islands, each containing 4 bin containers for separated waste collection.

An important activity within the project is the construction of an Eco-Park as part of the already existing Eco-Yard at the Jug II location in Osijek. Within the Eco-Park there is an educational centre where classes are held for primary school pupils on the subject of primary separation of waste. The commencement of the Eco-Park initiative was followed up on Facebook by a “From Plastic to Forest” campaign, wherein the amounts of separated and collected plastics were registered and for every certain quantity a tree was planted in the Eco-Park.

Background Information

Programme Framework

IPA II CBC Croatia-Serbia

Lead Beneficiary

Unikom d.o.o. (Ltd.) Osijek

Estimated project duration

12 months

Total Sum value:

689,694,00 EUR

PROJECT PARTNERS

JKP “Komunalije” Sremska Mitrovica, Nature Protection Association Zeleni Osijek, Grad Sremska Mitrovica, Centre for Ecology and Sustainable Development from Subotica, Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja.
The specific aim of the project is to accelerate the economic development pace of the region by creating, promoting, managing and enhancing offers in wine tourism of the Osijek-Baranja County based on a new and redesigned public infrastructure for this type of tourism.

Reconstructing 18 km of routes of the already existing wine roads; establishing four mini and one regional winery to educate tourist staff and other stakeholders and promote wine tourism of the Osijek-Baranja County.

Project Partners
The City of Osijek, The City of Beli Manastir, Municipality Draž, Municipality Kneževi Vinogradi, Municipality Popovac, Municipality Drenje, Municipality Erdut, Municipality Feričanci, Tourist Association of Baranja, Tourist Association of the Osijek – Baranja County, Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja
Aims of the Project

Increasing student awareness of the most pressing problems in their particular region and encouraging socially acceptable contemplation of these, thus inducing growth of fondness and activity surge for and in their home area.

Key Activities

Exchanging experience, education and setting up a regional and international competition in social entrepreneurship and social innovations.

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Estimated project duration

36 months

Total sum value:

235.018,00 EUR

Project Partners

CVO Antwerp, Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Europa Consortium, Inova Nova, Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja.
CO-EFFICIENT
Collaborative framework for energy EFFICIENT SME systems

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Aims of the Project

Setting up a "living-lab" environment in all partner countries, where small and medium-sized enterprises as end users, and organisations in the research sectors, as key development role players, shall work together in generating new solutions for effective energy consumption in production plants.

Key Activities

Establishing two international "living-labs"; each of these consists of 5 local pilot projects. The first international living-lab was developed by e-Servis for small and medium-sized enterprises with the goal of advancing energy consumption efficiency in production plants within the context of a supply chain. The second international living-lab developed a referential framework for energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy resources in production plants.
Aims of the Project

Encouraging development of the eco-industrial zone Nemetin so as to attract investment and encourage growth of small and medium-sized enterprises thereby enhancing economic growth and assisting employment in the City of Osijek and Eastern Croatia.

Key Activities

Encouraging development of communal infrastructure and business based activities of the eco-industrial zone Nemetin and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises in the Nemetin zone, including the development of a support system for entrepreneurs so as to attract investors and enhance growth of small and medium-sized enterprises thus ensuring long-term employment and the development of entrepreneurship in the City of Osijek.
Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja as a regional coordinator for the Osijek-Baranja County gathers information on projects in which entities of the OBC partake as beneficiaries, partners or associates.

- 10,8 Billion Euros are at Croatia’s disposal through ESI funds during the programme period from 2014–2020
- 2023 According to Partnership Agreement with the EU, Croatia can use these funds until 2023
- 110% more funds are available to Croatia now than before the Accession period through the IPA Programme 2007 – 2013
Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja

Link between public, private and civil sectors contributing to raising the standard of living in the Slavonia – Baranja region.

Our Agency’s mission is to provide information and encouragement for regional development through available EU funds and other international funds in accordance with priorities set down in the County Development Strategy as well as attracting foreign investments into the region.