

BG 11:Capacity-Building and Institutional Cooperation (Programme Area 25)

Programme Operator:
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Factsheet of the programme

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- **PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE:**

To strengthened institutional capacity and human resource development in Bulgarian public institutions, local and regional authorities through cooperation and transfer of knowledge with similar institutions and authorities in Norway

- **MAIN FOCUS:**

The programme sets a platform for capacity building, development of modern and efficient public administration at central and local level and improvement of public services, through the implementation of two pre-defined projects

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- **PROGRAMME BUDGET:**
The contribution from the Norwegian Financial Mechanism is 2 016 000 EUR.
The overall budget of the programme is 2 371 765 EUR.

- **DONOR PROGRAMME PARTNERS:**
 - 1) The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS)
 - 2) Barents Secretariat

- **PRE-DEFINED PROJECTS**
 - 1) Strengthening the capacity of the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria (NAMRB) and Bulgarian municipalities through cooperation with Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS)
 - 2) Bulgarian Border Dialogues. Developing a Regional CBC Data Center

Pre-defined Projects

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- 1) Strengthening the capacity of the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria (NAMRB) and Bulgarian Municipalities through cooperation with Norwegian Local Authorities

Project Promoter: NAMRB

Project Partner: Barents Secretariat

Estimated total eligible project costs: €1,093,694

Specific objectives:

- Development of efficient dialogue with central authorities and supporting the activities of local authorities
- Capacity building for sustainable and transparent local finance management
- Development of efficient forms of inter-municipal cooperation for public service provision

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2) Bulgarian Border Dialogues. Developing a Regional CBC Data Center

Project Promoter: Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, DG “Territorial co-operation management”

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

Estimated total eligible project costs: €1,076,471

Specific objectives:

- Exchange of experience and transfer of knowledge between the partners for better understanding of cross-border issues
- Promotion of good cross-border relations, fostering stable and secure growth, encouraging balanced and sustainable development
- Generation of data on cross-border relations and competency among journalists and think tank experts for adequate media coverage and analysis of the situation in the border regions

Goals and timeline

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- What are our goals?

The cooperation between the counterparts shall contribute to development of networks, exchange of knowledge and dissemination of best practices. It shall provide a framework for administrations and public authorities in Bulgaria to cooperate with their counterparts in Norway, with the aim of developing modern and efficient administration.

- **TIMELINE**

Implementation of the projects is planned for a period of 4 years and it is envisaged to start at the end of 2012.

Bilateral relations

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- THE BILATERAL DIMENSION

The bilateral component is strongly emphasized both on Programme and Project level. Bilateral funds will be used to support networking, exchange, sharing and transfer of knowledge, technology, experience and best practices between Project Promoters and entities in the Donor State.



Last but not least

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