



COOPERATION FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN BELARUS

SUBGRANTED PROJECTS

Greenways for local development in the countryside

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GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project location: Beloozersk

Organiser: Center for the Promotion of Entrepreneurship of the Council of Beloozersk

Status: Civic initiative

This project aims at creating a leisure and touristic park in the countryside. Its main purpose is to increase the social activity of the local community and to develop the agro tourism and ecotourism in the area. In the beginning the park will be composed of basic infrastructure to receive tourists and to organize basic activities. Later on, it is planned to develop the park and offer more activities (seminars, trainings and a festival).

In the framework of the project, two cleaning days of the lakefront with the help of local participants (youth and volunteers) will be organised, as well as an awareness event on recycling. As part of the project it is also planned to purchase 15 bicycles and material to create resting spaces (e.g. benches and shelters), to equip the parking, to build an information board and to construct a marked path.

The Center for the Promotion of Entrepreneurship of the Council of Beloozersk aims at:

- promoting a sustainable socio-economic and cultural development of the village,
- improving the quality of life and the economic conditions of the inhabitants,
- supporting farmers and companies operating in the field of agriculture.

PROJECT UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2012

The project was kicked off by a round-table on 20 July 2012. It involved more than 15 active representatives of the local community. Various groups including the information centre for sustainable development and ecologic tourism and a Member of the Local Council came together to discuss the project, its aims and objectives and to furthermore determine the character of their participation in the project implementation.

As a result, inhabitants of the village Hriso will organise the resorts on the beach of Lake Chernoe and entrepreneurs will organise the parking lot. The info centre and the Member of the Council will redevelop Lake Chernoe together and conduct an information campaign on collection of waste.

Future plans of cooperation were discussed by the project manager and the Head of department on sport and tourism of the Beloozersk region's executive committee.