

**Provision of Health care and Social services to vulnerable
communities in the BG-GR CB area**



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Project profile

Project Number – MIS 5021480

Priority axis 4 - A Socially Inclusive Cross-Border Area

Investment priorities 9a - Investing in health and social infrastructure

Intervention fields 053 Health infrastructure

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Lead Beneficiary **Municipality of Strumyani**

Beneficiaries

- **Association of Cancer Patients and Friends of Evros Prefecture - SinehiZO**
- **Municipality of Topolovgrad**

Start Date **Oct 18, 2017**

End Date **Apr 17, 2021**

Budget **791.718,47 €**

ERDF Contribution **672.960,70 €**

National Contribution **118.757,77 €**

Project objectives

The overall objective of the project to promote social inclusion and to create conditions for the integration of persons with disabilities, disadvantaged children, persons sentenced to probation, elderly people with mental health problems, cancer patients and their families by opening new and renovation of existing centers for social services in the municipalities Strumyani and Topolovgrad and purchase of mobile unit in Evros and Topolovgrad

The aim of the partners in this project is to create conditions for keeping a full life for the ones in need, their social inclusion in society and to provide primary psychological assistance the vulnerable communities.

Project targets

The common actions of the partners in the project contribute to ensuring affordable and quality social and health services for the integration of communities and individuals, for self-fulfillment and care for people at risk, and to ensure conditions of decent life for people with mental disorders and people needing psychical support which are the main priorities in the social policy of beneficiaries.

The Municipality of Strumyani, the Municipality of Topolovgrad and the Association of Cancer Patients and Friends of Evros Prefecture - SinehiZO join their efforts, labor resources and professional skills to build a new center for social rehabilitation and integration in Strumyani, to improve facilities in the home for adults with mental health problems in Topolovgrad, to create and equip mobile units for social and healthservices for vulnerable groups and cancer patients in Evros

Project targets

The project will create cross-border cooperation network to protect vulnerable social groups. For this purpose an informational campaign will be organized including information days in GR and in BG on cancer and early diagnosis and a "Month of the psychological health" in Alexandroupolis and Orestiada. The campaign will include number of informational measures and work in focus groups which is an innovative approach within the region.

The activities within the project will ensure the establishment and re-equipment of 3 health care institutions in the cross border region and will moreover raise their capacity through trainings of their social workers, rehabilitators and psychologists and access to health and social services to the citizens of the region.

Deliverables LB (Municipality of Strumyani)

- Building of a Day care centre for social rehabilitation and integration in the Village of Mikrevo
- Provision of equipment for Day care centre for social rehabilitation and integration in the Village of Mikrevo
- Purchase of specialized vehicle (bus) with access for people with disabilities
- Implementation of one-day event on cancer prevention and early diagnostics in Strumyani
- Organization of month of mental and physical health in Strumyani municipality
- On the spot consultations with medical specialists
- Organization of focus-groups workshop for vulnerable people and their families

Deliverables PB1 (SynexiZo)

- Purchase of specialised vehicle (bus) with access for people with disabilities for campaign and tumor marker laboratory
- Organization of 14 one-day events on cancer prevention and early diagnostics
- Organization of month of mental and physical health in Alexandrupoli and Orestiada
- Making of an informational movie and informational material
- On the spot consultations with medical specialists du
- Organization of focus-groups workshoop for vulnerable people and their families
- Organization of training of psychologists physiotherapists and social workers

Deliverables PB2 (Municipality of Topolovgrad)

- Rehabilitation of clinic and other facilities in the House for elderly people with mental problems in Topolovgrad
- Implementation of one-day event on cancer prevention and early diagnostics in Topolovgrad
- Organization of month of mental and physical health in Topolovgrad municipality
- On the spot consultations with medical specialists
- Organization of focus-groups workshoop for vulnerable people and their families

Outputs and results

- House for elderly people with mental problems in Topolovgrad is rehabilitated and works
- Month of mental and physical health in Topolovgrad municipality is implemented successfully
- On the spot consultations with medical specialists and focus-groups workshops for vulnerable people and their families in Topolovgrad are implemented successfully

Outputs and results

- Mobile Unit with access for people with disabilities for campaign and cancer prevention activities is working in Evros prefecture
- 5 one-day events on cancer prevention and early diagnostics are implemented so far
- Informational movie and informational material are ready
- Trainings of psychologists, physiotherapists and social workers are implemented successfully

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Indicators

- Health: Population covered by improved Health Services

More than 20.000 (target 17.400)

- Health Care institutions reorganized, modernized

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sustainability / transferability

- House for elderly people with mental problems in Topolovgrad is rehabilitated and works under the supervision and covered costs from the Municipality of Topolovgrad
- Mobile Unit for cancer prevention works under the supervision of SynexiZo and will continue working after the end of the HS Care project with the help of the Evros Medical Society and University General Hospital of Alexandroupolis
- A volunteers network of psychologists, physiotherapists and social workers is working with cancer patients and their families in Alexandroupolis

problems during the implementation

- Municipality of Strumyani had problems with public procurement procedure with subject "Building of a Center for Social Rehabilitation and Integration". After the finalization of the evaluation process and lack of appeals against the decision for choosing contractor, a contract was concluded on 29.06.2020.
- Association of Cancer Patient and Friends of Evros Prefecture – SynexiZO faced problems with implementation of part of its activities (Organization of month of mental and physical health in Alexandrupoli and Orestiada) connected with organization of events, in the past few months of COVID-19 situation.



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