



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR CENTRAL BIH REGION - REZ AGENCY

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Regional Development Agency for Central BiH (REZ Agency) is a non-governmental and non-profit agency, established in 2004 with the aim to contribute to the growth and harmonized development of regional economy. The platform for establishment of the Agency was the partnership among governmental, private and non-governmental institutions created in 2004, which covers sixteen municipalities of the Central BiH region.

The immediate task of the REZ Agency was strategic planning process for the region, which was very early phase of the planning processes in BiH in general. The process introduced participatory approach and the REZ Agency cooperated with all economic development stakeholders within the Region. The programs, projects and commercial contracts are the main source of the operation.

Activities of the REZ Agency are related to the following development sectors:

- SMEs Development
- Human Resources Development
- Development of Infrastructure
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Tourism Development
- Energy

The tailor made services, synergy, best practices and cooperation with institutions and experts in different fields are the main principles of work related to:

- Strategic planning
- Strengthening capacity of local stakeholders
- Strengthen competitiveness of the region
- Human resources and employment
- Interregional cooperation

Operational Structure: The REZ Agency is established by private law for the purposes of specific needs of general interest and operates as public equivalent body according Art.2(1) of Directive 2014/24 EU on public procurement. Currently, the agency has 9 full-time employees. Also, the REZ Agency relies on various consultancy pools for specific expertises.

Recent important projects implemented by the REZ Agency

Project title	Origin of funding	Development sector	Years
Blue Tech Adria Cluster (BLUE TECH)	IPA Adriatic CBC Programme	SMEs of Adriatic cluster	2016
Job creation through critical workforce development training activities	USAID/Sida GOLD Project	Human resources and labour market	2014-2016
Adriatic Cluster Club	IPA Adriatic CBC Programme	SMEs of Adriatic cluster	2011-2013
Past for the Future	EU	Sustainable tourism	2011-2013
Environmental Technologies and Renewable Energy in the Balkan Area	Italian Ministry of Economic Development	Renewable energy	2012-2013
Support to Export and Trade - SET Programme	The Royal Netherlands Embassy	SMEs Support & development	2009-2011
Raise up standards	Norwegian Embassy	SMEs Support & development	2013
Facilitating value chains	USAID/Sida FIRMA Project	SMEs Support & development	2010-2014
Capacity building of agricultural producers	USAID/Sida FARMA Project	Agriculture	2010-2014

Note: Since the year of establishment, the REZ Agency implemented more than 60 projects for development sectors. More details on the projects objectives, implemented activities and results are available at www.rez.ba