



**Bulgaria-Serbia IPA Cross-Border Programme**  
**CCI Number 2007CB16IPO006**

**Project number:** 2007CB16IPO006-2009-1-46  
**Project name:** DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND USE OF FORESTS

**Project partners:**

- **Lead partner:** Regional Directorate of Forestry - Sofia, Bulgaria
- **Project partner 2:** City of Nis, Serbia

**Budget:** 178 250,53 Euro

**Project duration:** 12 months

**Project description:**

The project goal was to contribute to increase of economic interaction for socio-economic development of cross-border area, through sustainable use and management of forests, exploiting cooperation as an efficient instrument to reach common objectives, not only in the wood chain of custody but also in the inductive activities. The project achieved the following results:

- Development the strategic program for sustainable management and use of forestry and organization of two seminars – one in Nis (26.03. – 30.03.2012) and one in Bulgaria (23.04.- 27.04.2012) to discuss with the target groups the program and the steps to be included;
- Creation and maintenance of a project web site: [www.balkanforestry.eu](http://www.balkanforestry.eu)
- Increasing of awareness and competence of the regional businesses and institutions – three days informational courses in Bulgaria (24.01. – 25.01.2012, Pravets) and Serbia (30.01.- 2.02.2012, Nis) have been organized;
- Creation of a joint database with all institutions and companies dealing with management, use and conservation of forests in the region. The database is available on the project web site, section “Contacts”;
- Preparation, printing and distribution of guidelines on topics such as “Logging” and “Control and protection of the forest territories”;
- Realization of information campaign in both countries on the topic “Forests - our treasures”. The campaign was implemented in three schools in Bulgaria (Dragoman, Ihtiman and Sofia) and six schools in rural area near Nis;
- The promotional campaign included distribution of promotional materials such as: banners, folders, posters, hats, pens, invitations, hardcover booklets, leaflets, guidelines, promotional cubes, touristic destinations brochures, heritage brochures.

The project was successfully completed in July 2012.



*Both indoor and outdoor events were organized during the project implementation*



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*The campaign “Forests – our treasure” was implemented in nine local schools in the cross-border area*



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