



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

Project number: 2007CB16IPO006-2011-2-171
Project name: IMPROVEMENT OF SPORT FACILITIES IN CROSS-BORDER REGION - MUNICIPALITIES SOKOBANJA AND RILA

Project partners:

- **Lead partner:** Municipality of Rila, Bulgaria
- **Project partner 2:** Municipality of Sokobanja, Serbia

Budget: 831 539,56 €
Project duration: 17 months

Project description:

The project envisioned and achieved the following results:

- Constructed 4 football playgrounds and a mini pitch. Sport complex on location Podina in Sokobanja is consisting of auxiliary football ground (dimensions 93x62m), a total of three connected grass football fields for the youth categories (dimension in total of 67x46m), a football ground "Mini pitch" with a artificial grass covering, high fences around the football grounds and gates and hydrant system network for the watering of all grass football fields. The city stadium was reconstructed at the Municipality of Rila;
- Organized 1 round-table conference and signed Protocol of cooperation. The conference took place on the 17th of April 2014 in Sokobanja. The main theme of the conference was "Development of sports and recreational tourism in Sokobanja and Rila municipalities" and was attended by the official representatives of the two municipalities and the local stakeholders;
- Organized 2 sport tournaments:
 - o The Sport Tournament "Sport for everything, everyone for sport" was organized in Sokobanja from October 10th to 12th 2014. The tournament was attended by the official delegation from Municipality of Rila (24 players and 7 officials);
 - o The second sports tournament was held in Rila/Boboshevo from 17th to 19th of October 2014. The tournament was attended by the official delegation from Sokobanja (28 players and 4 officials).
- Presented potentials for sport activities, healthy life and sport & recreation tourism .

The project was successfully completed in October 2014.



The city stadium in Rila before (left) and after renovation under the project (right)



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Renovated stadium in Rila (top) and the new stadium in Sokobanja (middle and bottom)



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Photos from the sports tournaments in Rila and Sokobanja



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