

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR CENTRAL BIH REGION - **REZ AGENCY**

Organisation name in local language

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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 activities of REZ Agency could be specified in two main groups:

- Identified needs of municipalities, where prevailing necessity for further capacity building for project development, funds absorption, promotion and business infrastructure development, and
- Support to development of SMEs through provision of business consultancy services, establishment of business linkages, support to export and investments, as well as promotion

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 employees. Also, the REZ Agency relies on various consultancy pools for specific expertise.

Recent important projects implemented by the REZ Agency:

Project title	Origin of funding	Development sector	Years
AgMENTOR - Support Centre for Central Bosnia	USAID/Sida FARMA II	Agriculture Advisory Services	2015-2018
Co-processing of municipal waste as an alternative fuel in the cement industry in BiH	GIZ – program devloPPP	Energy and Environment	2015-2018
Co-facilitate the MarketMakers Programme for BDS Sector	Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation	Employment	2012-2017
Blue Tech Adrion Cluster (BLUE TECH)	IPA Adriatic CBC Programme	Competitiveness of SMEs in green technologies	2016
Job creation through critical workforce development training activities	USAID/Sida GOLD Project	Human resources and labour market	2014-2016
Facilitating value chains	USAID/Sida FIRMA Project	Competitiveness of SMEs	2010-2014
Adriatic Cluster Club	IPA Adriatic CBC Programme	SMEs of Adriatic cluster	2011-2013
Past for the Future	EU	Sustainable tourism	2011-2013
Support to Export and Trade - SET Programme	The Royal Netherlands Embassy	SMEs Support & development	2009-2011

The following projects are currently being implemented by the REZ Agency

Raise up the Standards Fund (USAID WHAM) • TRIK – for new opportunities in employment and entrepreneurship (EU IPAIL - ILO) • Partner in Business Friendly Certification South East Europe (BFC SEE).

More details on the current and implemented projects objectives, activities and results are available at www.rez.ba