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SEED Albania actions according to plan of the reporting period were concentrated in different layers, such as a) social dialogue and gender equality capacity building to LGUs and Communities in Lezha, Shkodra and Puka, b) working on local action plans for development of local labor of targeted areas, c) conducting the mobility program for partners of Kosovo and Serbia, d) working on curricula development and e) participation in the study visit in Austria.

Mobility program in Albania was conducted from 12 - 19 May 2015 with participation of partners from Serbia - NSHC and Kosovo - Syri Vizionit. The program Mobility in Albania was tailored according to the nature of interests expressed by partners the SEED program framework and Albania Country development context. It combined experience sharing, field visits, meetings with beneficiaries, volunteers, groups of interest and governmental institutions such as Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, VET Public centers etc.

During the reporting period, study visit in Austria was organized by Volkshilfe Solidarität during 15 to 19 June 2015 with the participation of three partners of Albania, Kosovo and Serbia, their respective stakeholders, and Technical Business Advisors of Albania, Kosovo and Serbia. The study visit presented all horizontal and vertical, national and international approaches and applications, fitting with the range of interests and expectancies of a numerous and diversified group of participation. The Albanian group found all issues and topics covered by study

visit as very interesting, full of insights and excellent examples to be models in Albania, such as development of “Modul” model, social businesses, besides the programmatic issues interested to SEED Albania.***

Based on discussion with focus groups of Lezha, Shkodra and Puka there have been drafted the three action plans for development of labour market of three regions.

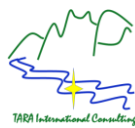
During the discussions it was mentioned as very important, the need to network and collaborate with each-other, the need for regular information flow, the need to feel the leading role of the municipality in different issues, the need to improve the situation in the labor market by starting with concrete and periodical labor market surveys, and in this context, high appreciation was given to the assessment conducted in this frame by SEED project, as a very good basis to incite the above.

During this quarterly period the series of trainings to authorities and to community groups on social dialogue and gender mainstreaming were finalized.

The series of training provided knowledge and gave practical tool to LGU's employees for providing the appropriate and qualitative services for the communities they serve, by using social dialogue and mainstreaming gender in every field of intervention.

Groups of communities were equipped with knowledge on how to request their public services and to deal with the labor market demands.

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