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The KARST-SAFE project for the establishment of a system of preventive fire protection measures in the Karst and their implementation

Sežana, December 19, 2023 - The partners of the KARST-SAFE project - Preventive measures for a safe Karst - held an introductory project meeting (kick-off meeting), which, in the light of climate change and the resulting ever-increasing risk of fire in the natural environment, will provide the Karst with a set of preventive measures to protect against fires in the cross-border area of the Karst, with an emphasis on the protection of the population and settlements. The project to establish a system of preventive measures to protect against fires in the Karst and their implementation, which officially began on October 1, 2023, connected six project partners from the Slovenian and Italian sides of the cross-border area and, due to the strategic importance of preventive measures, won the support of as many as three ministries.

Project activities can be summarized in three points: 1) creation of a system of preventive fire protection measures in the Karst, 2) implementation of preventive fire protection measures with the involvement of the population, and 3) implementation of a pilot case of fire prevention measures in the pilot area. *"The goals of the KARST-SAFE project are clear. The project content provides many opportunities for preventive or protective measures, education and training, and raising awareness of the population, whose behavior would contribute to the protection against fires in the long term"*, pointed out the Mayor of the Municipality of Sežana, Andrej Sila.

As part of the project, an action plan will be prepared with the aim of unifying measures in the cross-border area of the Karst, and a pilot case of preventive measures will also be implemented in the same area. The mayor of the Municipality of Komen Erik Modic added that the project partners want to address the long-term and systemic regulation of fire prevention measures, which complement the existing measures of the competent services, and at the same time support the implementation of fire prevention measures in the pilot area with a public tender. The partners want to achieve lasting effects, so they will focus on a multidisciplinary approach and cooperation between sectors during the implementation. Special attention will also be paid to training for protective measures, as the partners want to contribute to education and public awareness. Due to the

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KARST-SAFE za vzpostavitev sistema preventivnih ukrepov varstva pred požari na Krasu in njihovo izvajanje

Partnerji projekta KARST-SAFE – Preventivni ukrepi za varen Kras so izvedli uvodno projektno srečanje (kick-off meeting) projekta, ki bo v luči podnebnih sprememb in posledično vedno večje požarne ogroženosti naravnega okolja Krasu zagotovil pripravo preventivnih ukrepov za varovanje pred požari na čezmejnem območju Krasa, s poudarkom na zaščiti prebivalstva in naselij. Projekt vzpostavitev sistema preventivnih ukrepov varstva pred požari na Krasu in njihovega izvajanja, ki se je uradno začel 1. oktobra 2023, je čezmejno povezal šest projektnih partnerjev s slovenske in italijanske strani meje ter zaradi strateškega pomena preventivnih ukrepov pridobil podporo kar treh ministrstev.

Projektne aktivnosti je mogoče strniti v tri točke: 1) vzpostavitev sistema preventivnih ukrepov varstva pred požari na Krasu, 2) izvajanje preventivnih ukrepov varstva pred požari z vključevanjem prebivalstva in 3) izvedbo pilotnega primera preventivnih ukrepov varstva pred požari na pilotnem območju. *»Cilji projekta KARST-SAFE so jasni. Projektna vsebina daje številne priložnosti za preventivne oz. zaščitne ukrepe, izobraževanje, usposabljanje in ozaveščanje prebivalstva, ki bi s svojim ravnanjem pripomoglo k dolgoročnem varstvu pred požari«*, je v nagovoru izpostavil župan Občine Sežana Andrej Sila.

V okviru projekta bo pripravljen akcijski načrt z namenom poenotenja ukrepov na čezmejnem območju Krasa, na pilotnem območju pa bo pilotni primer preventivnih ukrepov tudi izveden. Ob tem je župan Občine Komen Erik Modic dodal, da želijo projektne partnerji nasloviti dolgoročno in sistemsko ureditev protipožarnih ukrepov, ki dopolnjujejo obstoječe ukrepe pristojnih služb, hkrati pa na pilotnem območju izvajanje protipožarnih ukrepov podpreti tudi z javnim razpisom. Partnerji želijo s projektom doseči trajne učinke, zato se bodo pri izvedbi osredotočili na multidisciplinaren pristop in sodelovanje med

sektorji. Posebna pozornost bo namenjena tudi usposabljanju za zaščitne ukrepe, saj želijo

configuration of the terrain, the Karst area requires appropriate equipment, so the project also provides funds for the purchase of additional equipment. It is also worth highlighting the acquisition of technical documentation for mobile and stationary water collectors, which will be available to all municipalities that are considering the installation of this type of infrastructure for faster firefighting.

The project, which significantly contributes to upgrading the effects of the CROSSIT SAFER project by improving its impact and consolidating its effects by transferring them to new partners, has for this very reason obtained the support of three ministries: the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, the Ministry of Defense and the Government Office for Slovenians abroad and around the world.

The Municipality of Sežana (Lead Partner), the Institute for the Fire and Rescue Service of Sežana, the Local Action Group Karst, the Municipality of Komen, the Municipality of Devin-Nabrežina and the Public Institute for Fire and Rescue Services - Fire Department of Nova Gorica participate in the project. In addition to the already mentioned ministries, the Regional Development Agency of Kras and Brkini, GAL Venezia Orientale – VEGAL and the Karst fire brigade of Sežana are also involved in the project as associated partners.

The two-year KARST-SAFE project (from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2025) is co-financed from [the Interreg VI-A Italy-Slovenia 2021-2027 program](#), the total value of the project is 749,419.00 euros, of which 599,535.20 euros co-financed by the European Fund for Regional Development. Details can be found on the project website [HERE](#), and key information is also included in the attached KARST-SAFE leaflet.

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partnerji prispevati k izobraževanju in ozaveščanju javnosti. Območje Krasa zaradi konfiguracije terena zahteva ustrezno opremo, zato so v okviru projekta predvidena tudi sredstva za nakup dodatne opreme. Ob tem velja med projektnimi aktivnostmi izpostaviti tudi pridobitev tehnične dokumentacije za premične in stacionarne zbiralnike vode, ki bo na voljo vsem občinam, ki razmišljajo o postavitvi tovrstne infrastrukture za hitrejše gašenje požarov.

Projekt, ki pomembno prispeva k nadgradnji učinkov projekta CROSSIT SAFER z izboljšanjem vpliva in utrditvijo njegovih učinkov s prenosom in ponovno uporabo na nove partnerje, je prav zato pridobil podpro kar treh ministrstev: Ministrstva za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano, Ministrstva za obrambo in Urada vlade za Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu.

V projektu sodelujejo Občina Sežana (vodilni partner), Zavod za gasilno in reševalno službo Sežana, Lokalna akcijska skupina Kras – GAL CARSO, Občina Komen, Občina Devin-Nabrežina in Javni zavod za gasilsko in reševalno dejavnost – Gasilska enota Nova Gorica. V projekt se kot pridruženi partnerji poleg že omenjenih ministrstev vključujejo tudi Območna razvojna agencija Krasa in Brkinov, GAL Venezia Orientale – VEGAL in Kraška gasilska zveza Sežana.

Dvoletni projekt KARST-SAFE (od 1. 10. 2023 do 30. 9. 2025) je sofinanciran iz [Programa Interreg VI-A Italija-Slovenija 2021-2027](#), celotna vrednost projekta znaša 749.419,00 eur, od tega 599.535,20 eur sofinancira Evropski sklad za regionalni razvoj. Podrobnosti najdete na spletni strani projekta, ključne informacije pa so zajete tudi v priloženi zloženki KARST-SAFE.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

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Project partners:/Projektni partnerji:



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Preventive measures for a safe Karst	Preventivni ukrepi za varen Kras
Project duration:/Trajanje projekta:	1/12/ 2023 - 30/09/2025
Total amount:/Celotni znesek:	€ 749.419,00
European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD) Evropski sklad za regionalni razvoj (ESRR):	€ 599.535,20
Italian public co-financing: Italijansko javno sofinanciranje:	€ 43.459,80
Slovenian public co-financing: Slovensko javno sofinanciranje:	€ 106.430,00
Project partners / Projektni partnerji	LP: Občina Sežana PP2: Zavod za gasilno in reševalno službo Sežana PP3: GAL Carso – LAS Kras PP4: Občina Komen PP5: Comune di Duino Aurisina/Občina Devin Nabrežina PP6: Javni zavod za gasilsko in reševalno dejavnost Nova Gorica
Summary of the project /Povzetek projekta	<p>Due to climate change and the resulting ever-increasing risk of fire in the natural environment, the project is aimed at preparing preventive measures to protect against fires in the cross-border area of the Karst, with an emphasis on the protection of the population and settlements.</p> <p>Partners based on experience with recent catastrophic fires in the Karst, they are aware of the importance of prevention, so within the project, in cooperation with expert institutions in the fields of firefighting, agriculture, forestry, nature protection and cultural heritage, as well as other stakeholders, they will develop common solutions to prevent the risk of accidents and strengthen preparedness to respond to fire accidents .</p> <p>The project makes a significant contribution to upgrading the effects of the CROSSIT SAFER strategic project (https://2014-2020.ita-slo.eu/it/crossit-safer).</p> <p>Zaradi podnebnih sprememb in posledično vedno večje požarne ogroženosti naravnega okolja je projekt usmerjen v pripravo preventivnih ukrepov za varovanje pred požari na čezmejnem območju Krasa, s poudarkom na zaščiti prebivalstva in naselij.</p> <p>Partnerji se na podlagi izkušenj z nedavnim katastrofalnim požarom na Krasu zavedajo pomena preventive, zato bodo v okviru projekta v sodelovanju s strokovnimi institucijami s področja gasilstva, kmetijstva, gozdarstva, varstva narave in kulturne dediščine ter ostalimi deležniki razvili skupne rešitve za preprečevanje tveganja nesreč in okrepili pripravljenost na odziv na nesreče ob</p>

<p>KARST-SAFE</p>	<p>požarih. Projekt pomembno prispeva k nadgradnji učinkov strateškega projekta CROSSIT SAFER (https://2014-2020.ita-slo.eu/sl/crossit-safer).</p>
<p>Main effects /Glavni učinki</p>	<p>1. Establishment of a system of preventive fire protection measures in the Karst, 2. Implementation of preventive protection measures with the involvement of the population and 3. Implementation of the pilot case.</p> <p>1. Vzpostavitev sistema preventivnih ukrepov varstva pred požari na Krasu, 2. Izvajanje preventivnih ukrepov varstva z vključevanjem prebivalstva ter 3. Izvedba pilotnega primera.</p>