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IPA III Cross-Border Cooperation Programme North Macedonia and Albania Promoted, Co-Financing Agreements for Two New Projects Signed

Organised by the Ministry of Local Self-Government and the Delegation of the European Union to North Macedonia, a promotional event was held in Ohrid on 1 December 2025 to mark the start of the implementation of two new projects funded through the IPA III Cross-Border Cooperation Programme North Macedonia and Albania.

As part of the event, the North Macedonia and Albania Cross-Border Cooperation Programme was presented, while co-financing agreements were signed between the Ministry of Local Self-Government and the lead beneficiaries of the two newly approved projects.

The event featured addresses by the Ambassador of the European Union to North Macedonia, Michalis Rokas, the Minister of Local Self-Government, Zlatko Perinski, the Director of the Directorate for Convergence and Cohesion with the European Union of the Republic of Albania, Eridana Çano, the Mayor of the Municipality of Ohrid, Kiril Pecakov, and the Mayor of the Municipality of Krushevo, Niko Choneski.

Participants were informed about the importance of cross-border cooperation in promoting sustainable regional development, environmental protection, improved safety for local communities and sustainable tourism development. The two new projects, with a combined value of more than EUR 1.6 million, will contribute to strengthening partnerships and supporting the development of the cross-border region.

The IPA III Cross-Border Cooperation Programme North Macedonia and Albania is one of five cross-border cooperation programmes in which North Macedonia participates with neighbouring countries. With financial support of approximately EUR 12 million, the programme supports projects contributing to economic growth, environmental protection, social inclusion and stronger cooperation between local communities in the two countries.

One of the two new projects is **“Krushevo and Elbasan, Journey in Nature and Adventure” (KET-J)**, which will contribute to the development of sustainable and adventure tourism and strengthen cross-border cooperation between Krushevo and Elbasan.

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