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Regional Development Agency for Central BiH Region

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www.rez.ba info@rez.ba **Type of institution** Public equivalent body (bodies governed by public law as defined in Article 2(1) of Directive 2014/24/EU) **Legal status** Limited liability (non-profit making)

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

Recent important projects implemented by the REZ Agency:

Project/activity title	Origin of funding	Role	Sector	Year(s)
Introduction of management systems for special waste streams in two regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina	GIZ – program develoPPP.de	PP	Ecology and Environment	Ongoing
Old Rail Trail	EU4Business - GIZ	LP	Tourism	Ongoing
STRIDE - Improved energy planning in the Danube Region	Interreg DTP	AP	Energy	Ongoing
TREIN – TRavnik Entrepreneurship and Innovation Network	GIZ – program develoPPP.de	PP	Business infrastructure	Ongoing
Raise up the Standards Fund	USAID WHAM	LP	Competitiveness of SMEs	2018-2020
TRIK – for new opportunities in employment and entrepreneurship	EU IPAII - ILO	LP	Employment	2018-2019
AgMENTOR - Support Centre for Central Bosnia	USAID/Sida FARMA II	LP	Agriculture Advisory Services	2015-2018
Co-processing of municipal waste as an alternative fuel in the cement industry in BiH	GIZ – program devloPPP	PP	Energy and Environment	2015-2018
District heating of Pousorje (municipalities of Tešanj, Usora, Doboj Jug) with renewable energy sources and "Feasibility study"	Government of Zenica-Doboj Canton	LP	Energy and Environment	2017
Blue Tech Adrion Cluster (BLUE TECH)	IPA Adriatic CBC Programme	PP	Competitiveness of SMEs in green technologies	2016
Job creation through critical workforce development training activities	USAID/Sida GOLD Project	PP	Human resources and labour market	2014-2010
Facilitating value chains	USAID/Sida FIRMA Project	PP	Competitiveness of SMEs	2010-2014
Adriatic Cluster Club	IPA Adriatic CBC Programme	PP	SMEs of Adriatic cluster	2011-201.
Past for the Future	EU	LP	Sustainable tourism	2011-201.

More details on the implemented projects objectives, activities and results is available at <u>https://www.rez.ba/portfolio-2</u> *More details* on the current projects objectives, proposed activities/expected results is available at <u>https://www.rez.ba/current-projects</u>