**Project: ECOtourism in Kamenín and Héreg villages**

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The lead project partner is the **Municipality of Kamenín** (SK, www.kamenin.sk) and cross-border partner is the **Municipality of Héreg** (HU, www.hereg.hu).

Implementation of the project started on 1st January 2018 and will last until 30th April 2019.

**Main objective of the project is development of small-scale infrastructure for high quality tourism connected to local natural and cultural heritage.**

In Kamenín, eco-tourism infrastructure will be developed. Open-air stage will be built, roof of the house of folk traditions will be reconstructed, haylofts for horses, mangalitsa pigs and Hungarian grey cattles, shelters for eco-educational activities will be built, two horses, harness and chariot will be purchased.

In Héreg, a green protective fence separating the industrial part of the village from the residential on parcel No. 773/6 belonging to municipality in territory of 4662 m2 will be planted. This fence will separate companies located in the premises of an old factory from the residential area of the village. The aim is to protect the residential zone from the industrial zone. When choosing trees and shrubs we tried to focus on species that are able to perform their defensive functions throughout the year. The protective forest will be built in the immediate vicinity of the residential area. A small wooden infrastructure for leisure time will be built here. A wooden bridge that will connect the forest with the road will be built. The playground on the plot 054/1, which is owned by the municipality, will also be renewed. 6 new playground equipment will be installed on the playground. The parking lot will be reconstructed as well.

On the parcel 257/2 there is a shepherd house, which will undergo a complete reconstruction of the interior and a recreational area will be built in its outer space. The well will be restored, the open-air oven for bread baking will be built. A fence will be built around the Shepherd´s house on parcels 257/2 and 257/3. There are three separate spaces in the building of Shepherd´s house, that we plan to use for different purposes. One room will be used as a tourist center and exhibition space. Here we will present the Naturpark Gerecse and its flora and fauna, the village itself and ecotourism possibilities.

In the second room, we plan to create a space for folk art for children and adults, where we would also teach older almost forgotten crafts such as, e.g. basketry and straw weaving. There will also be a computer center in this room where both children and adults will acquire computer skills. There will be computers, monitors and camera. With the help of the camera, we will record events in the village and make them accessible on the Internet.

In the third room, we will create a social space where meetings, celebrations, programs and events will be organized. Associations and organizations will be able to implement programs and events here. Various information lectures will be organized here.

Roof over the well will be built in the yard. We will build an open-air oven that will allow us to promote the baking of traditional bread. Around the oven, we will build a shelter with benches and tables where we can organize outdoor social events.

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