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„FOOD4HEALTH“ PROJECT - Sustainable and innovative Agro food and fisheries value chain for SME's cross border market”

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Project partners

- ❖ Ministria e Bujqësisë dhe Zhvillimit Rural, Tirana, Albania – **lead partner - ALB**
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- ❖ Univerzitet Crne Gore, Institut za biologiju mora - **MNE**



The goals of Food4Health project outputs are coherent with the specific objectives for the **Pillar 1**:

- To promote research, innovation and business opportunities in blue economy sectors, by facilitating the brain circulation between research and business communities and increasing their networking and clustering capacity;
- To adapt to sustainable seafood production and consumption, by developing common standards and approaches for strengthening these two sectors and providing a level playing field in the macro-region.

Mussels and oysters are typical local products that are grown in Montenegro only in the area of Boka Kotorska Bay, due to the exceptional biological and ecological conditions that the bay has for the production of shells.



Protection of geographic origin, organic product and branding would in fact be an example of good practice for Montenegro, but also for countries in the region that can improve the limited production, add value to it and make small producers competitive and visible on the regional map.

Living labs in the sea – organic farming of shells and branding of products - Montenegro



Second part of the investment will be conducted at two shellfish farms, which will be a pilot zones during the implementation of project activities (main beneficiaries), and will be equipped with the necessary equipment to start with organic breeding of shells, using renewable energy sources (solar panels) and equipment which will improve the production process (declumpers and washers of shells, packaging machines and other equipment necessary for operational activities of the farms.).

All investments are planned in the area of Boka Kotorska Bay – only area in Montenegro devoted for marine aquaculture activities.



The process of construction a Food4Health laboratory in Montenegro

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FOOD4HEALTH

INITIAL STATE



CURRENT STATE



Increasing production in marine aquaculture in Montenegro is one of the strategic goals of the Fisheries Development Strategy 2015-2020, and by introducing organic farming project will contribute to the competitiveness of shellfish farmers whose products will get the "added value". Organic production would affect the competitiveness of Montenegrin shellfish farmers in the region (especially due to the fact that the total production of shells in Montenegro is negligible when compared with other countries in the region).



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