About the project

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Objective

The overall objective of CRAFTS project is the creation and support of prospective and stable cross-border cooperation for exchange of knowledge and good practices in the field of handcrafts amongst the participating organizations and other stakeholders (target groups). The project will facilitate the cross-flow of knowledge, business practices and experience in the eligible area. For this motive, it foresees the establishment of a wider socio-economic and educational tool to support Bulgarian and Turkish craftsmen. In the past few years we have observed slower progress and development in craft professions. The project therefore undertakes a research approach towards traditional crafts in the cross-border area, aiming at a comprehensive strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis.

Activities

- Preparation activities
- Common meetings among the partners
- Joint management and monitoring
- Development of a media plan
- Promotional activities
- Seminars for the establishment of cross-border support to traditional craft professions
- Creation of a handbook on best practices
- Creation of website
- Development of e-business tools (e-forum, e-libraries, etc.)
- 4 studies
- Final meeting of the project

Partners

- Burgas Regional Chamber of Skilled Crafts, Bulgaria - Lead Partner
- Kirklareli Chamber of Tradesmen and Craftsmen, Turkey – Project Partner
- European Integration & Regional Competitiveness Foundation, Bulgaria – Project Partner

Target groups

Craftsmen; Individuals; Chambers of crafts; Business support organizations; Local authorities and other stakeholders

The successful project implementation will result in the establishment of stable cooperation between Turkish and Bulgarian organizations in the field of traditional craft professions.





