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II Minutes

Agenda item 1: Welcome and introduction

- ✚ Welcome from the **Mayor of Novi Pazar**, Meho Mahmutović, who observed that this was the first Steering Committee of an important project, gathering representatives of municipalities which were not in the ‘best economic situation’, and which strive towards equal regional development.
- ✚ Welcome note from the **Serbian European Integration Office (SEIO) Deputy Director and the Chairman of the Steering Committee**, Ognjen Mirić, who thanked everyone for attending the meeting. ‘The PROGRES Inception Report has been prepared covering three months to 30th September 2010, and it contains plans for the implementation over next three years. This will be a complex Programme which will require a lot of joint work, and including preparation of the lacking infrastructure project documentation’ which without projects cannot be funded, as well as the strategic leverage of other funds to add value to the investment funds available to PROGRES Mr. Mirić added that this was the first Programme where the donor representatives did not participate in the decision making process but are observers.
- ✚ Welcome from **the Head of Operations of the Delegation of the European Union in Serbia**, Andrew Headey who urged the representatives of 25 participating municipalities to use the Steering Committee to the fullest in order to develop and consume all potentials offered by PROGRES. ‘Many problems in the South and South West Serbia are so complex, that we needed an integral approach to tackle them, an approach which was incorporated into the core structure of PROGRES’. PROGRES deals with capacity building issues, and will be contributing to Serbia’s overall readiness to deal with EU association and integration processes, emphasized Mr. Headey. ‘But, PROGRES cannot address all current and immediate needs of the participating local self governments, nor was it designed to do so’ Heady said. ‘If the municipalities take up the stance of full commitment towards the Programme’s goals, they could be expected to succeed to achieve what is the most important – to improve the quality of life of their citizens. Anything else, would be disappointing’, concluded Heady.
- ✚ Welcome from the **Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency (SDC) Programme Officer Serbia**, Richard Kohli, who stated that there were enormous efforts made by the Serbian Government, municipalities, European Union, United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and SDC in order to set up a joint Programme – PROGRES, which is meant to improve the living conditions of citizens, in a process where local authorities can make difference. ‘This Programme will also work



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on improving of the image of the regions, keeping a close eye on local administrations – as the political decisions are better if made in transparent manner’, Kohli said.

- ✚ Welcome from the **State Secretary at the Ministry for Public Administration and Local Self-Government**, Dušan Radaković, who thanked all for attending the Steering Committee and highlighted that the Ministry will provide maximum support to the Programme.
- ✚ Welcome note from the **Director of ‘Clean up Serbia’ Action, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning**, Milan Kindić, who stated that this Programme was an opportunity for improvement of cooperation and achievement of common objectives. ‘This can be done through establishing of good governance system and work on sustainable projects’ Mr. Kindić concluded.
- ✚ Welcome from the **PROGRES Programme Manager**, Graeme Tyndall, who made three key points about the Programme: that its aim is to create a better life for the citizens of South and South West Serbia, respecting the Serbian legislation and thus supporting efforts of the Government in the EU integration processes. Secondly, that PROGRES was implemented by a UN agency which gives an added value, since the UN has an unbiased, apolitical, approach which offers real development opportunities for all. Finally, PROGRES’ work through partnerships and appropriate contract modalities with implementing partners and by respecting key principles of good governance, can bring about sustainable solutions and true socio-economic development of both South and South West Serbia.

Agenda item 2: Inception Report – presentation, discussion and approval

- ✚ PROGRES Manager presented main activities and outcomes of the Programme during the inception period, as per envisaged results, including: criteria for the Citizens Involvement Fund (CIF), criteria for local infrastructure projects, an update on Citizens Assistance Centres and an update on general and detailed urban plans.
- ✚ Two comments were made on the Inception Report:
 - Marija Stošić, from the Ministry of Economy and Regional Development (MoERD), pointed to a technical error in translation about accreditation of regional development agencies. The Chairman confirmed revision would be made.
 - Vitomir Mihajlović, the President of the Roma National Minority Council briefed the participants about PROGRES presentation he organised for over 60 Roma civil society organisations from the South Serbia, in Prokuplje. Mr. Mihajlović requested that the CIF projects allow for in kind contributions of partner organisations. The PSC Chairman confirmed this is the case.
- ✚ The Chairman acknowledged that the other comments received prior to the PSC in writing from donors/Government would also be incorporated into the Report and re distributed.
- ✚ Following discussion, the PSC voting members unanimously adopted the Inception Report with all its Annexes.



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Agenda item 3: Other business

- There were no further questions from the participants. The Chairman thanked everyone for participation, as well as organisers, and hosts in the City of Novi Pazar, and concluded that the adoption of the Inception Report guarantees implementation of future activities within the given framework.

III Attendance List

Nr.	Name	Organisation	Position
1.	Andrew Headey	Delegation of European Union	First Counsellor
2.	Ana Stanković	Delegation of European Union	Project Manager
3.	Richard Kohli	SDC	Programme Officer
4.	Beatrice Meyer	SDC	Director
5.	Petar Vasilev	SDC	National Project Officer
6.	Roeland Kortas	UNOPS	Regional Manager
7.	Ognjen Mirić	Serbian European Integration Office	Deputy Director
8.	Marija Marinković	Serbian European Integration Office	Local Development
9.	Dušan Radaković	MPALSG	State Secretary
10.	Milan Kindić	MoESP	Director of Clean Up Serbia
11.	Marija Stošić	MoERD	Junior Advisor
12.	Nikola Tarbuk	SCTM	Advisor for Advocacy
13.	Danijela Nenadić	Coordination Body for Preševo, Bujanovac and Medveđa	Deputy Director
14.	Galip Bećiri	Albanian National Minority Council	President
15.	Vitimir Mihajlović	Roma National Minority Council	President
16.	Meho Mahmutović	City of Novi Pazar	Mayor
17.	Borka Jovanović	Novi Pazar Assembly	President
18.	Edin Kalač	City of Novi Pazar	Head of LED office
19.	Slaviša Purić	Nova Varoš municipality	Mayor
20.	Lazar Rvović	Priboj municipality	Mayor
21.	Dragoljub Zindović	Prijepolje municipality	Mayor
22.	Mila Rosić-Županjac	Raška municipality	Assembly President
23.	Sead Bukvić	Sjenica municipality	Head of LED office
24.	Salih Hot	Tutin municipality	Assembly President
25.	Milan Arsović	Prokuplje municipality	Mayor
26.	Dobrivoje Mitić	Zitorađa municipality	Mayor
27.	Bojan Milčev	Zitorađa municipality	Head of LED Office
28.	Nebojša Milosavljević	Blace municipality	Mayor
29.	Slobodan Kocić	City of Leskovac	Mayor

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31.	Mića Stanković	Lebane municipality	Mayor
32.	Slobodan Drašković	Medveđa municipality	Mayor
33.	Srđan Šušulić	Vlasotince municipality	Mayor
34.	Čeda Mitić	Surdulica municipality	Assembly President
35.	Ankica Žegarac Milenković	Surdulica municipality	LED office
36.	Dejan Nikolić	Vladičin Han municipality	Assistant Mayor
37.	Milan Vučković	Vladičin Han municipality	Member of Municipal Council
38.	Miroljub Stojčić	City of Vranje	Mayor
39.	Boban Stanković	City of Vranje	Mayor's Assistant
40.	Darko Tomić	Trgovište municipality	Mayor
41.	Milorad Nikolić	Trgovište municipality	Department for Urbanism
42.	Šaip Kamberi	Bujanovac municipality	Mayor
43.	Ragmi Mustafa	Preševo municipality	Mayor
44.	Dobriša Sudimac-Mratinković	Centre for Development of Jablanica and Pčinja Districts	Economic Development Expert
45.	Tatjana Panić Živković	Centre for Development of Jablanica and Pčinja Districts	Project Manager
46.	Goran Kostić	VEEDA	Director
47.	Katarina Marković	Regional Agency for Economic and Spatial Development of Raški and Moravički districts	Municipal Coordinator
48.	Bojan Milicević	RRA "Zlatibor"	Director of Finances
49.	Džemil Huseinović	SEDA	IT Specialist
50.	Chrissie Hirst	PBILD	Programme Manager
51.	Tatjana Strahinjić-Nikolić	PBILD	Deputy Programme Manager
52.	Olivera Kostić	PPES Programme	Senior Advisor
53.	Gerry Mc Weeney	SWIFT	Project manager
54.	Emir Fetahović	Sandzak Committee for Human Rights	Project manager
55.	Zibija Šarenkapić	DamaD	Director
56.	Dušica Bulatović	NGO RASanke	Director
57.	Graeme Tyndall	PROGRES	Programme Manager
58.	Aleksandra Radetić	PROGRES	Deputy Programme Manager
59.	Dušan Čukić	PROGRES	Technical Specialist
60.	Nermin Hasanović	PROGRES	Head of SW Office
61.	Jasmina Ilić	PROGRES	Component 3 Manager
62.	Milan Kolašinac	PROGRES	Engineer
63.	Marko Vujačić	PROGRES	Communications Officer
64.	Slobodan Derikonjić	PROGRES	Coordinator
65.	Dragan Mladenović	PROGRES	Component 1 Manager



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66.	Radule Ristović	PROGRES	Senior Coordinator for South
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