



Local Development Strategy of Akhalkalaki (LDS)

The LDS has been developed using a consultative process and broad involvement of local population, communities, organisations and individuals representing different sections of the Akhalkalaki municipality. Particular input was made by the members of the Akhalkalaki Local Action Group (LAG), which is comprised of 30 members. The composition of the LAG covers various actors from the public and private sectors operating in different areas such as agriculture, small and medium business, education, culture, sport, environment, protected areas, local government, state agencies and NGOs. The LDS describes local challenges and focuses on the opportunities for future development via concrete solutions by specific socio-economic, cultural and environmental interventions.

“For economic growth and development of the region, it is essential to underline and learn major directions, that is precisely described in the document. It is important to display local potential, based on what grant proposals will be funded” - Deputy Chairman of Local Action Group, Makhare Matsukatov said.



Grant Competition

In frame of the first phase of the grant competition announced by the Akhalkalaki Local Action Group (LAG) 126 Expression of Interest Forms were received. At the second phase 54 applicants will participate. For those applicants trainings and consultations will be offered.

The main aim of the grant program is: to improve quality of life, diversify local economy, integrate local population and make the municipality a better place to live.

Akhalkalaki Local Action Group conducted meetings with UN FAO

Representatives of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN FAO) had a business trip to Akhalkalaki on 18-20 April, 2018. The visit was implemented in cooperation with the Project of “Promoting a New Rural Development Approach in Akhalkalaki”. In the framework of trip, meetings were held with the members of the Local Action Group (LAG) of Akhalkalaki.

The subject of discussion was future plans of LAG and ongoing activities. Moreover, meetings were conducted with the representatives of public and private sector, including representatives of Potato and Dairy Production Agricultural Cooperatives and Trout, Honey and Cheese Producers.

Europe Day

Europe Day was celebrated by the representatives of Akhalkalaki Local Action Group (LAG). Europe Day in Akhalkalaki was organized by Regional Bureau of the Information Center on NATO and EU in Samtske-Javakheti. Guests who attended event had opportunity to get acquainted with LEADER Programme, which had a particular significance for the population in terms of providing information about grant competition and local development strategy.



Independence Day of Georgia in Akhalkalaki

During celebrating Independence Day of Georgia, representatives of Akhalkalaki Local Action Group (LAG) met the population at Javakheti National Park. Ecology and Environmental Protection is one of the most crucial directions of Akhalkalaki Strategy. Staff of Javakheti National Park Administration delivered remarkable seminar

regarding the importance of protected areas for the region, they discussed the meaning of arranging Eco Clubs and educational seminars for the adults as well. LAG takes the initiative to organize various information seminars and Clean-Up campaigns for the students and pupils in order to raise Environmental Awareness.



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