



Eco-friendly roofing tiles

According to the World Health Organization, Asbestos is one of the most dangerous carcinogens causing cancer and, therefore, is prohibited in 60 countries.

According to the findings provided by the World Health Organization, more than 10 700 people die from lung cancer and mesothelioma caused by the Asbestos impacts.

It has been 20 years since Georgia prohibited manufacturing supplies containing Asbestos in it. Although, import has not been stopped. Materials containing Asbestos are actively used during construction, in particular, for constructive, insulation, waterproofing roofing.

In different region of Georgia you will still find houses with roofs that contain Asbestos, generally known as slate.



Employees: 4 locals
Total budget of the project: GEL 136.188.95
Share of the EU: GEL 78.200
Co-financing: GEL 57.988.95

The abovementioned issues pushed Ramaz Kavelashvili, local of village Khospio, Akhalkalaki Municipality to start manufacturing eco-friendly roofing tiles made with metal in his own factory. Although, he did not have sufficient financial sources for implementing his idea. He addressed to Akhalkalaki LAG for support in drafting the project outline. The EU evaluated proposal as interesting, innovative and environmentally sound initiative, consequently, granted him with some amount of money.





It should be mentioned that this kind of enterprise already exists in Akhalkalaki Municipality, but is not capable of meeting increased demand of the market, therefore, people have to wait quite a long period of time until their order is prepared. Asbestos roofs are old-fashioned and need to be changed quickly.

“The main aim of mine is to produce high quality tiles, which will not have negative impact on human’s health. We will also provide delivery service covering Samtskhe-Javakheti region in order to meet our clients’ requirements as much as possible. Within the project, we purchased Turkish equipment complying European Standards. It precisely measures and cuts the materials,” – Ramaz Kavelashvili says.



The initiative has been financed by the European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD) through the project of promoting new approaches in Rural Development in Akhalkhalaki.

Project is being implemented by the Department of Rural Development and Vocational Education (DRDVE) of the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA). Project Partners are Mercy Corps, Elva – Community Engagement and West Cork Development Partnership.

The European Union supports agriculture and rural development of Georgia through the programme of ENPARD, which has been implemented in Georgia since 2013. The total budget is 179.5 mio EUR. The main goal of the ENPARD is to reduce the rural poverty. The main priority of the first phase of the program was to support agricultural development, whereas the main aim of the second and third phases is to promote economic opportunities and capacity building of people living in the rural areas. For the additional information, please follow the link: www.enpard.ge