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**Introduction to
the SLAP Information System
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What is SLAP?

- ✓ **Information system** (web application) designed to help municipalities to input and present their project data
- ✓ **Tool** for project development, and estimation of project maturity
- ✓ **Access to funds** for feasibility studies and project implementation



Focus of SLAP

- ✓ **Public** municipal investment exclusively
- ✓ **Investment** in the three key pillars of sustainable development
- ✓ **Bottom up** approach with demand driven projects coming from municipal interest
- ✓ **Value adding** to central government to speed-up and optimize allocation of financial resources



Why SLAP ?

- ✓ Need to **accelerate development** of public municipal infrastructure (vibrant and competitive Serbia, EU accession)
- ✓ Need to **document and prioritize projects** at the local, regional and national level (scarce national financial resources, access to EU and donors grants & loans)
- ✓ Need to **coordinate resources allocation** at the governmental level (balancing economic, environmental and social investment)



Basic Principles

- ✓ **Web enabled data entry** into project pipeline by users (municipalities and regional development agencies)
- ✓ **Data evaluation** by experts from SCTM
- ✓ **Support** in project preparation, prioritization, and implementation
- ✓ **Web enabled access** to SLAP database and custom reports about ongoing projects to Central Government and donors community



Key Stakeholders

- ✓ **Ministries and National Agencies**
- ✓ **European Commission**
- ✓ **IFIs and Banks**
- ✓ **Municipalities**
- ✓ **Regional Development Agencies**



Key Actors

- ✓ **Project owners:** Municipal parties inputting their project data in the SLAP database to win access to expertise and finance for implementation
- ✓ **SLAP manager:** (SCTM) Orchestrator of the SLAP information system and operator of its functions to ensure continuing high value addition to users
- ✓ **SLAP users:** Stakeholders of municipal infrastructure projects using SLAP to advance them toward successful implementation



SLAP Scoring Criteria

- ✓ **Level 1: Scoring for Eligibility into Sectoral Project Pipeline**
- ✓ **Level 2: Scoring for Project Preparation Support (finance for feasibility study)**
- ✓ **Level 3: Scoring for Project Financing for Implementation (finance for construction)**



Level 1: Eligibility

- ✓ Alignment with SLAP sectors
- ✓ Alignment with project types in each sector
- ✓ Eligibility of owner / proposer (Municipality, PUC, RDAs) and beneficiary (Municipality)
- ✓ Size of project investment
- ✓ Basic information about Project (at least a 5 page concept note)



Level 2: Feasibility Study

- ✓ Level 1 passed
- ✓ Size of project (cost and municipal population)
- ✓ Available project documentation
- ✓ Core sector benefits: job creation / improved environmental service coverage / social inclusion
- ✓ Embedding in national / regional & local strategy
- ✓ Commitment and budgeting capacity of municipality



Level 3: Project Financing

- ✓ Level 1 & Level 2
- ✓ Economic Development Index (EDI)
- ✓ Wider economic benefits (Economic FS)
- ✓ Financial investment by municipality
- ✓ Financial indicators (FNPV & FIRR)
- ✓ Net operating margin of project
- ✓ Project cycle ownership
- ✓ PIU existence and setup



Level 3: Project Financing

- ✓ Final Design & Tender Documentation
- ✓ Permits and authorizations
- ✓ Enabling institutional arrangement
- ✓ Compliance improv. with Serbian Laws
- ✓ Compliance improv. with EU regulations
- ✓ Innovative Character
- ✓ Gender and equality
- ✓ Cross border benefits



Core Values

- ✓ **Quality:** Accurate project data supplied by interested municipalities and validated by experts
- ✓ **Flexibility:** Web enabled data entry and multiple “user- adapted” scoring, evaluating and reporting
- ✓ **Transparency:** Objective scoring based on published quantitative scoring protocols



Value for Central Government

- ✓ Access to **streamlined databases** of scored municipal project pipelines available for financing
- ✓ Access to **intelligence** about evolving projects and their maturity toward for implementation
- ✓ Access to **customized reports** about projects and projects pipelines



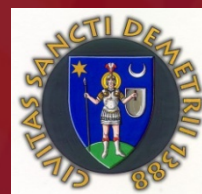
Value for Municipalities

- ✓ Access to **expertise** for project formulation and prioritisation
- ✓ Access to **expertise** for infrastructure project development and finance mobilization
- ✓ Access to **funding** for project preparation and investment



Benefited From SLAP:

Vršac, Kruševac,
Smederevo, Žitište,
Apatin, Mionica,
Varvarin, Zemun,
Žitorađa, Subotica,
Indija, Užice, Pirot,
Leskovac, Sremska
Mitrovica, Vrbas,
Šabac, Prokuplje



Short Term Objectives

- ✓ **Preparation and official launch of SLAP in mid April**
- ✓ **Promotion and Training among SLAP users (municipalities and RDAs)**
- ✓ **Project data inputting (continuous support in project development & project maturity estimation)**



Future of SLAP

- ✓ **Establishing cooperation** with other existing project databases (Eko fond, NIP(?), IZDAKON(?)) and encourage streamlined national database
- ✓ **Additional development** of SLAP software to enable it to become a regional database



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