



# Municipality of Maglaj Project Catalogue



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# MAGLAJ IN NUMBERS

**289**

Area km<sup>2</sup>

**20**

Local communities

**23.146**

Population  
(Census 2013)

**2,8 Mio €**

Annual budget

**1150**

Farmers

**5.000**

Employed

**4.800**

Unemployed

**700**

Companies



### **Introduction by the Mayor**

The preparation and implementation of projects represents is one of the most important activities of the municipality of Maglaj and an important instrument for the local development.

It is our wish, considering the limited budget, to use all available resources to ensure the maximum amount of foreign direct investment especially for the development of businesses, investment ambient, rural development and increase of the employment rate.

We have increased our capacities to prepare and implement projects, established the local action group (LAG) and extended our cooperation with the regional development agency (REZ Zenica).

The key for the future of the municipality are strategic development projects from economic, social and environmental branches, as well as, the construction of: entrepreneurial zones, business incubators, wastewater management facility, central district heating, tourism and recreation infrastructure, increase of energy efficiency and the increase in agricultural production.

It is important to continuously work on attracting investors which will introduce new technologies, strengthen labour capacities, new jobs, and connect farmers and others with the aim to create products that are competitive in domestic and foreign markets.

I have to mention that I am especially proud of the citizens of Maglaj, who besides all hardships decide to stay and fight for a better tomorrow. Maglaj definitely deserves a bright future, full use of natural resources, strong economy and foremost satisfied and happy people.

**With love we work towards this and will so in the future!**

## „Creation of entrepreneurial zones in Maglaj“

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Branch: Economy/Employment

Estimated Project Value : 1'100'000 €

Investment support : 1'000'000 €



The municipality of Maglaj has recognized the construction of new and improvement of existing infrastructure through entrepreneurial zones as precondition for economic growth and employment on the local level. Investments in infrastructure have the aim to improve accessibility, capacities, quality and attractiveness of existing zones on the local/regional level, as well as, appeal to investors. Foreseen, are activities to support the development of businesses since they are a factor for economic growth on the local level and capacity strengthening for the management of the zones in order to create favourable ambient for small and middle businesses.

Project Goal:

Ensure the implementation of management methods and good practices in the development of entrepreneurial zones, expansion of institutional capacities and capabilities which will make this process sustainable and implementable.

Project Results:

- Adopted plan for the management of entrepreneurial zones
- Meeting the requirements and buying of parcels
- Constructed infrastructure in the zones
- Improved service for the development of the zones as a factor for economic growth
- Created marketing plan for the zones

## “Creation of a Business Incubator for Young Entrepreneurs“

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Economy / Employment / Youth / Women

Estimated Project Value : 150.000 €

Investment Support : 150.000 €



Providing of new and better economic opportunities and perspectives for everyone, especially for young women and men in Bosnia & Herzegovina, is a main point of the municipal administration. This includes training and education oriented towards market needs, creation of new jobs and quality services of public institutions for employment. In this sense, programs that improve business ambient, promotion of entrepreneurship, easier procedures in launch new businesses are key aspects of this branch.

The municipality of Maglaj has unfinished rooms at its disposal suitable for a mini business incubator, 7 separate rooms and collective rooms within the building.

Considering that the building is located at the centre of the city, the rooms are intended for soft services like project bureaus, IT companies, law firms, marketing bureaus and others.

The concept of the project foresees the equipment and organization of the business incubator, training of at least 50 young people, to introduce them to the preparation and writing of a business plan, evaluation of the plans and financial support for 20 start-up businesses (7 users of the incubator and 13 start-ups within the aim of youth self-employment), and other activities with project partners.

Project Goal:

Reduction in unemployment among young people, women, returnees and other minorities within the local level – “Learning by doing”, improvement of institutional capacities and capabilities which will make this process sustainable in the future.

Project Results:

- Business Incubators built and equipped
- trained in the entrepreneurship of 50 young unemployed persons aged 18-35;
- 50 persons (categories of women, returnees and other marginalized groups)
- Started "Star-up" business for 20 users from the category of young people aged 18-35;
- Developed and strengthened capacity of the Employment Service and the Association of Employers of Maglaj.

## “Citizens and public institutions – together for local development “

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Strategic planning / Administration / Infrastructure

Estimated Project Value : 400.000 €

Investment Support : 350.000 €



The municipality of Maglaj has introduced the system of strategic planning and continuously, according to the miPRO methodology, plans the implementation of the “Development Strategy of the Municipality of Maglaj 2012 – 20020) and its evaluation. Unfortunately, the modest budget (ca 2.8 mil €) does not provide many opportunities for a significant investment which is why the support of external financial support is important, that would be used on the principles of good governance.

Through good governance, with local partners, we wish to prepare and realize targeted and top priority infrastructural investments which have direct impact on the lives of the people.

One priority are investments that improve water availability and the treatment of wastewater, prevention against natural disasters, energy efficiency, improvement of business infrastructure, modernization of local administration services for citizens and the private sector, improvement of local social services with the focus on the most vulnerable categories.

Practices of good governance will be introduced and executed, besides the targeted infrastructural investments, also other spheres that will increase the quality and efficiency of the services provided.

Cooperation with possible investors would take form in the transfer of know-how and good practices in functional services, as well as the improvement and organization of existing systems, respectively the creation of project documentation where the citizens would decide on the priorities. Construction companies would be local with the aim of increasing synergy and the strengthening of the local economy.

Next to the successful planning of local development, through the Local Action Group Dobojski-Maglaj (LAG) and others the inter-municipal and inter-entity cooperation would be strengthened.

### Project Goals:

Realisation of top priority development projects within the framework of the adopted strategy and general improvement of living quality on the local level.

## „Construction of a facility for refinement and treatment of wastewater“

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj  
Sector: Infrastructure / Ecology

Estimated Project Value : 2'600'000 €  
Investment Support : 2'200'000 €



The project for the construction of a facility for wastewater management in the municipality of Maglaj has the goal to deal with wastewater in long-term.

The first phase consists of the construction of the wastewater refinement facility (PPOV), main collector, necessary reconstruction and expansion of the existing canal network and the training of personal KJD d.o.o. Maglaj for its handling. In the following phases of the project, we would continue to expand and improve the system.

The project foresees construction and reconstruction of the canals network and the construction of the facility for wastewater management and the required task to improve the adequate handling of the system.

### Project Goals:

An environmental acceptable and hygienic collecting of wastewater which would improve living conditions of the citizens of Maglaj and the protection of natural resources

### Project Results:

- System of collecting wastewater is restored and expanded
- Construction of the refinement facility and its functioning
- Efficient management of the infrastructure

## „Reconstruction of the Square Alija Izetbegovic in Maglaj“

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Infrastructure / Cultural Heritage / Tourism

Estimated Project Value : 1'500'000 €

Investment Support : 1'400'000 €



Recep Tayip Erdogan:

Alija Izetbegovic was a “great and a man of ideas” and one of the greatest statesman of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He owns a special place in my heart and that of the Turkish people.

In memory to Alija Izetbegovic and everything he has done for Bosnia and Bosniaks, the municipality of Maglaj has named the square in the old city center after him. The central square of the old town for centuries has been a place of gathering, trade and craftsman. During the recent war, as a special symbol of the bosniak identity and its recognizable remains of the Ottoman Empire, the square was entirely destroyed.

With the support of TIKa in 2014 the mosque Kalavun Jusuf pasa / „Kursumlija“ was restored and reconstructed. Through the realisation of this project important goals were fulfilled whose results even today take away the breaths of every visitor that decides to see the mosque. The impact of this project is invaluable in the preservation of the Ottoman culture and civilization as well as the preservation of the Bosniak culture and identity.

With the aim to maintain the authentic ambient of the old town and old Bosnian houses, the project foresees following activities: Drafting of the necessary project documentation, solving property rights, construction work on the square and roads, reconstruction and construction of new infrastructure (water supply, canals, energy and TT installations), construction of the square part next to the mosque, construction of a bazar and small market, furniture, Construction of memorial for Alija Izetbegovic and others.



## „Reconstruction of the Street Srebrenickih Zrtava Maglaj – III phase“

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Infrastructure

Estimated Project Value : 650'000 €

Investment Support : 550'000 €



With the goal to restore the road infrastructure within the area of the municipality of Maglaj, after the catastrophic floods from May 2014, the administration has begun to work on the reconstruction on the Street Srebrenickih Zrtava Rata, which is one of the access points into the city. Currently two phases have been completed with a total of around 2200m restored.

For the completion of the project it is necessary to restore another 1200m of road and all the required work that comes with the construction. The municipality of Maglaj has already ensured the necessary project documentation and the permissions and agreements.

### Main Activities:

- Preperation of tender documentation
- Selection of construction company
- Construction and letting into fuction of the reconstructed street

## “Construction of a District Heating System “

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Infrastructure / Ecology

Estimated Project Value : 3'500'000 €

Investment Support : 3'000'000 €



With the aim to create better conditions for the life, work and rehabilitation of the citizens of the municipality of Maglaj, the construction of a district heating system is one of the top priorities of the administration and next to its primary function also addresses several other issues like energy efficiency, reduction of emission and an ecological friendly system that does not harm the environment.

The heating of the municipality is one of the most important infrastructural projects, which foresees the construction of a boiler (8MW) and the necessary steam pipes.

The realisation of the project will contribute to a global agenda to reduce pollution and emissions, which is an international obligation of BiH. Cooperation with future donors would be represented through the transfer of know-how and good practices in the construction and maintenance of these systems, whilst the construction would be done by local companies in order to strengthen the local economy.

Based on analysis the value of the project is estimated at 2'500'000.00 €.

Main Activities:

- Creation of the project and tender documentation
- Selection of construction company
- Acquisition of equipment
- Construction and letting into function the new district heating system

## “Increasing Energy Efficiency in Collective Housing Buildings in Maglaj”

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj  
Sector: Infrastructure / Ecology

Estimated Project Value : 250'000 €  
Investment Support : 200'000 €



When talking about collective housing around 85% of the buildings in Bosnia & Herzegovina are not adequately isolated, whilst those built before 1970 do not have any at all. It is worsened by the fact that there are almost no investments into these buildings.

In these housing units energy is literally thrown out of the window, whilst families use 40% of their income for heating during winter season, which is clearly above the threshold of energy poverty (10% expenses). Inefficient use of energy with the increasing prices more and more disrupts families, especially those with low income.

The concept of this project is to reduce the negative impacts and to positively influence sustainable development and energy efficient usage. The value of the project is based on the heating of around 25 buildings, respectively 10'000 m<sup>2</sup> energy efficient facades.

With the planned activities it is intended to show that with combined effort, energy efficient use and transfer of knowledge it is possible to significantly improve living conditions, reduction of costs and reduction of pollution. With this in mind, the project has been created in several stages:

1. Support of house councils to improve their maintenance of buildings,
2. Encouraging different interest groups with the aim to develop new financial and implementation models for energy efficiency
3. Execution of the project to show interesting parties and broader public the functioning of energy efficiency.

## „Reconstruction of the Waterworks Maglaj“

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Infrastructure / Waterworks

Estimated Project Value : 250'000 €

Investment Support : 200'000 €



Considering the global trends of water shortages the water supply of the citizens has been identified as a top priority for the life, work and rehabilitation of the municipality of Maglaj. According to official measures and reports from KJD Maglaj the current loss of drinkable water is at 50%. These indicators show that the pipe network has aged and is the main cause for the loss and frequent water shortages. Besides the age, there are also installed pipes that are made of unacceptable materials (concrete, steel and others).

The condition has gotten worse after the floods when the entire network was flooded and endured additional deformations. It is clear that the problem needs a prompt intervention to find efficient and rational solution in order to prevent consequences that impact the lives of the citizens.

Every reduction in loss leads to a more rational work, improved service quality, prices and also ensuring increase quantities of water in the system. It will enable us to use the gained water to supply more user than ever before and a more stable system.

Project Goals: Quality supply of drinking water in the entire city area and provision of new quantities of water for connection of new users.

Project Results:

- Reconstructed parts of the waterworks – top priority sections
- Implemented monitoring system and capacity strengthening of KJD Maglaj

## “Flood Prevention in the Municipality of Maglaj”

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Civil protection / Infrastructure

Estimated Project Value : 450'000 €

Investment Support : 380'000 €



Considering the natural disaster that struck Maglaj in May 2014, which was also the most affected municipality in BiH, the need for protection against future floods has emerged. This includes the general strengthening through the establishment of an efficient response system during these situations, construction of water objects, regulation of the river flow and equipment for response teams.

Following activities are foreseen: education of all actors within the system and efficiency control, creation of promotion material, fliers, media campaign, education in schools, evacuation instructions, maps with high risk areas, raising awareness of citizens about their individual responsibilities, technical equipment, measures for prevention within the zone planning (geodesic recordings, dams, deepening the river bed, canals, shore fortifications and others)

Project Goals: Risk reduction of natural disasters – floods and the strengthening of prevention measures

Project Results:

- Improvement of responsibilities and accountability in the administrative structures
- Raising awareness of citizens about potential risks
- Technical resources – equipment
- Zone planning considering risk management
- Constructed objects for protection
- Regulated water flow of rivers

## „Reconstruction of Bridges Destroyed by the flood”

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Infrastructure

Estimated Project Value : 150'000 €

Investment Support : 125'000 €



The natural disaster from May 2014 that has hit Maglaj caused a great deal of damage on buildings, agricultural land, infrastructure and many other material goods. The devastation that the public infrastructure endured added to the insecurity, depopulation and disruption in providing public services. Reconstruction of the infrastructure are a critical component of rehabilitation and renewal.

The municipality of Maglaj, with a great number of donors, was able to repair a big part of the destroyed infrastructure, nevertheless, there is still a lot of work to do, especially the reconstruction of five destroyed bridges during the floods.

Those are vital for the communication of the residents of the local communities Lijesnica and Jablanica, their route to work, a way children use to go to school, an access for firefighters and ambulances.

Activities:

- Preperation of tender documentation
- Selection of construction company
- Construction and letting into functoin 5 bridges

## „Sanation of Landslides within the Municipality of Maglaj“

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Infrastructure

Estimated Project Value : 1'100'000 €

Investment Support : 900'000 €



As a consequence of the devastating floods within the area of the municipality of Maglaj around 900 landslides are active.

Considering the complexity, cost for the project and the sanation of the landslides, the local administration has compiled surveys in order to determine the financial assets required for a recovery and mapped the most urgent and dangerous locations, that endanger the most buildings.

Taking into account the value of the project, the municipality of Maglaj is not able to solve the problem on its own, without the support of other institutions or donors.

### Planned Activities:

- Geological testings and preparation of main projects
- Preperation of tender documentation
- Selection of construction company
- Execution of the restoration at the ten most endangered locations

## “Project to Improve the Tourism, Sport and Recreation Infrastructure”

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj  
Sector: Tourism / Ecology / Health

Estimated Project Value : 525'000 €  
Investment Support : 470'000 €



With the aim to strengthening the economy, the municipality of Maglaj has identified tourism as strategic development plan. To continuously use the rich cultural heritage, diverse recreational activities and attractions we have to offer would eventually have positive effects on the local economy.

The “project to improve the tourism, sport and recreation infrastructure” is the continuation of these activities, with the aim to improve and reconstruct the existing infrastructure so that we can create a serious tourist offer, use existing destinations and generated new jobs as well as revenues. In this sense, the municipality of Maglaj will create a survey and define the priorities in this infrastructure and based on that, with its partners, prepare the projects, ensure the necessary permissions and constructions:

- Recreational tracks and roads (track, lookouts, bicycle roads)
- Establishing tourist community / Tourist info-centre / Centre to receive tourists
- Adrenalin destinations
- Enrichment of cultural heritage
- Construction of playgrounds
- Multifunctional training grounds
- Tennis courts
- Parks
- Skiing lanes and others



## „Construction of a Cycle Track Maglaj-Rakovac-Megara“

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj  
Sector: Tourism / Ecology / Health

Estimated Project Value : 125'000 €  
Investment Support : 110'000 €



The improvement of the current Cycle tracks has the aim to discover and valorize the local potential for tourism and recreation. Recreational cycle tracks are primarily intended for the local citizens which use it every weekend or after work, whilst for tourists it is more interesting to use the thematic tracks that lead to a specific location and are oriented towards cultural places or lead through certain beautiful areas (vineyards, canyons, river shores).

In this concept the exploitation of a green belt would be the bottom of the mountain Ozren towards interesting destinations like the canyon Megara and the cave Megara.

An improved cycle track should enable not only as a path for tourists but also for the locals to connect different parts of the municipality.

Potential Tourists:

- School and educational tourism
- Admirers of active rest (recreation)
- Family tourism
- Lovers of nature ( Eco-Tourism)
- Professional hiking

The aim of the project is the expansion of what tourism has offer and the affirmation of cycling, especially mountain biking, as well as the connection between the mountain Ozren with the centre of the city.

## „Hoops for Health“

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Sport / Youth

Estimated Project Value : 25'000 €

Investment Support : 20'000 €



Playing basketball kids can learn that the team is a sum of its players and only as good as their teamwork.

Next to nurturing team spirit it is also the intention to bring the children closer to basketball which will provide them with habits that will introduce them into a healthier lifestyle.

The project is primarily directed at children, that would bring all the benefits of basketball closer to them, through educational means that are used in sport and pedagogic practices.

Within the gym hall Maglaj a five day camp is planned, which through practical education and a training cycle would end with a final tournament.

Next to instructors and medical staff, the program would also include professional athletes that would give the children tips and talk from experience. The project also includes professional training for referees and trainers.

Most important is that the project intends to bring children together through the camp, which represents a special dimension in this project.

Project Goal: Promotion of main advantages of basketball: team spirit and a healthy lifestyle

Results:

250 young children have acquired and refined their knowledge of basketball and brought closer to a healthier lifestyle

## „Volleyball for everyone“

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Sport / Youth

Estimated Project Value : 25'000 €

Investment Support : 20'000 €



Sport has a positive role in the education of children and their development into successful and responsible adults. Moreover, it can bring them closer together, giving them the opportunity to recognize and accept diversity.

This project is designed with the idea to create a long lasting regional cooperation through the promotion of volleyball. Firstly, it is focused on bringing the youth together through educational and fun sport activities.

The volleyball club Maglaj, in order to promote volleyball, on different occasions with clubs from neighbouring municipalities has organized tournaments.

Furthermore, it is the goal that this will turn into a traditional manifestation – a four day camp of different clubs and age groups, through regular and intensive training by trainers and top athletes, will gain basic knowledge and through activities also improve their stamina and physical endurance.

It is also a goal that these young players from the region learn to respect their opponents and learnt to value teamwork.

During excursions, sport camps, matches and practice, the children will learn about diversity, multiculturalism and create new friendships.

## “Protection of the cities tree line – plane trees”

Carrier: Municipality of Maglaj

Sector: Ecology / Health

Iznos proračuna projekta: 115.000 €

Iznos potpore: 100.000 €



The alleys of Maglaj with their plane trees are one of the few protected in BiH and represent a unique, unseperable and invaluable treasure with exceptional importance for Maglaj and BiH.

In this sense it is necessary to undertake all means necessary, administrative, technical, ecological to protect them and improve their current state, conduct research and count the number of trees and dictate the precautions for every tree, emergency and regular maintenance.

It is necessary to cut all trees that are due for removal, take out the roots and fill holes, flatten the ground, restore trees that are rotting, remove dry party and through this ensure a better growth of the trees.

Considering that recent research shows that the trees are in a bad condition, the municipality of Maglaj with its partners, intends to do an overall examination of all trees and decide on concrete measures and suggestions to remove all harmful factors that impact the survival of the trees.