

Directorate of Climate Change and Air Protection

To whom it may concern

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Letter of Support to RegioKlima project

On behalf of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic we would like to express our support for the RegioKlima project proposal addressing the urgent issues of climate change in the Poprad district. The project could serve as a model for Slovakia and other CEE countries in developing methodology for implementing regional adaptation strategies focused on mapping and evaluating ecosystem services.

The project, to be implemented by Machaon International, can bring valuable contribution to the entire district by transferring novel knowledge, facilitating stakeholders dialogue and formulating practical action recommendations which can be further enhanced by local actors in order to mitigate and adapt to climate change in the whole region.

Adaptation to the adverse impacts of climate change and increasing the resilience of settlements is becoming an integral part of local government activities at the operational, decision-making or planning level. Climate change adaptation has indeed a great importance in preventing occurrence of extreme events such as extreme precipitation, floods, heat waves, drought and water scarcity, which are caused or exacerbated by climate change.

As a final outcome of the project we anticipate a new expert know-how to be shared and collaborative participation of local actors to be started in order to achieve enhanced ecosystem resilience in Poprad district and better land management to face awaited climate change impacts.

Yours sincerely

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