

## **Municipality of Andrijevisa – LIFE Partner Profile**

### **Territorial and environmental relevance**

The Municipality of Andrijevisa is located in the north-eastern part of Montenegro, in a predominantly rural and mountain area. Its territory includes valuable natural and landscape units connected with the Komovi and Bjelasica mountain areas, the Lim river basin, numerous mountain streams, forests, pastures and traditional rural settlements.

The area is highly relevant for projects dealing with mountain ecosystems, biodiversity, rural landscapes, water resources, climate resilience and nature-based development. Its natural assets include forests, clean water resources, mountain pastures, traditional agricultural areas, habitats of ecological value and important potential for nature-based tourism and sustainable rural development.

At the same time, Andrijevisa faces development challenges typical for small mountain municipalities, including depopulation, ageing population, limited economic diversification, infrastructure needs, climate-related risks, pressure on natural resources and the need to strengthen local capacities for sustainable environmental management.

### **Relevance for LIFE thematic priorities**

The Municipality of Andrijevisa is particularly interested in cooperation under LIFE projects related to:

- nature protection, biodiversity conservation and ecosystem restoration;
- sustainable management of forests, water, land and mountain landscapes;
- climate change adaptation and resilience of small mountain municipalities;
- prevention of floods, erosion, land degradation and other climate-related risks;
- sustainable rural development and nature-based local economic models;
- circular economy, waste prevention and zero pollution;
- energy efficiency, clean energy transition and local climate action;
- environmental governance, awareness-raising and citizen participation;
- transfer of EU good practices to Montenegro and Western Balkan local communities.

**Key local assets and development needs:** Andrijevisa combines high natural and landscape value with the development needs of a small rural municipality. The municipality has strong potential for pilot and demonstration activities in the fields of biodiversity, ecosystem restoration, climate adaptation, sustainable tourism, rural economy, environmental education and community-based solutions.

### **Key development needs include:**

- strengthening resilience to climate change and natural risks;
- improving sustainable management of natural resources;
- developing environmentally responsible local services and infrastructure;
- increasing awareness and participation of citizens in environmental protection;
- supporting sustainable local economic activities based on natural and rural resources;
- strengthening institutional and project implementation capacities.

### **Possible role in LIFE projects:**

- a local implementation partner for pilot and demonstration activities;
- a municipality for testing nature-based solutions and climate adaptation measures;
- a public authority supporting local environmental governance and community engagement;

- a partner for field activities related to biodiversity, ecosystems, water, forests, land and rural resilience;
- a partner for awareness-raising, citizen participation and stakeholder mobilisation;
- a local authority supporting replication and transfer of EU good practices to Montenegro and the Western Balkans.

**List of relevant projects:**

<b>Project reference no. and title / Funding programme</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>ADRICOM / No. SA-0100073</b> – INTERREG South Adriatic 2021–2027	2024–2025	EUR 173,019.82
<b>Green Sports Hall in Andrijevica</b> – National funds	2022–2025	EUR 3,500,000.00
<b>Cluster “Together for the North”</b> – Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans	2021–2023	EUR 210,000.00
<b>CFCU/MNE 150 – Tourism hubs for better tourism offer in less advantaged mountainous areas</b> – Grant Contract External Actions of the European Union, Montenegro–Albania and Montenegro–Kosovo	2020–2023	EUR 462,036.70