

**DEVINPRO Circular 01/08**

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Dear DEVINPRO Kosovo Consortium members:

It is my pleasure to provide you with this first monthly circular, and to inform you that the DEVINPRO project is moving ahead as planned.

Co-financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Raiffeisen Bank Kosovo and Albania, the initiative structures have been established over the preceding month. In that time the NEXUS Migration Development Initiative and the Centre for Economic and Social Studies have conducted consultations with all consortium partners, government representatives and selected universities.

Thanks to strong interest on the part of the financial community in both Kosovo and Albania DEVINPRO has expanded to now include the participation of nine leading financial institutions, representing substantial market shares within both countries.

The current list of consortium members in Kosovo includes:

- Raiffeisen Bank Kosovo,
- ProCredit Bank,
- NLB Prishtina,
- TEB Kosovo, and the
- International Centre for Community and Enterprise Development (ICCED).

While in Albania participating institutions include:

- Raiffeisen Bank Albania,
- Credins Bank,
- Tirana Bank, and
- Opportunity Albania.

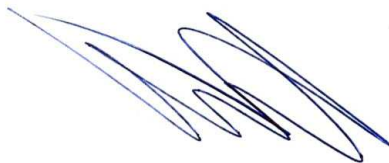
With the participation of consortium members market research questionnaires for both Migrant and Household Surveys have been developed. Beta testing of these questionnaires has been completed and we, together with our implementing partners, are moving towards full-fledged survey works in line with the methodology adopted.

On 16 December, NEXUS and CESS will carry out a one-day training workshop in Prishtina with 15 enumerators and four field supervisors. In the following days, at least 700 interviews will be conducted with Kosovar migrants at three entry points to Kosovo - including Prishtina airport. In addition, NEXUS and CESS will carry out 700 interviews with migrants' households in Kosovo. Over the coming weeks a total of 50 trained enumerators, supervisors and data-entry professionals will be involved in this major research effort in Kosovo and Albania.

In line with our agreed-upon work plan, this research and survey phase in both countries is expected to be completed by the first week of January, 2009. We will then return to each of our consortium partners to review and analyze the data during the balance of January. The draft market report, marking the end of Phase I of the project, will then be presented at a workshop before the middle of February.

In closing we wish you all a very pleasant holiday season, and look forward to working closely with you in 2009.

Yours sincerely,



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