



# in NORTH MACEDONIA



Through technical cooperation, grant assistance and ODA loan, JICA has been active in the areas of environmental protection and private sector development in North Macedonia.

## PROJECT ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ECOSYSTEM-BASED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (ECO-DRR) THROUGH SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

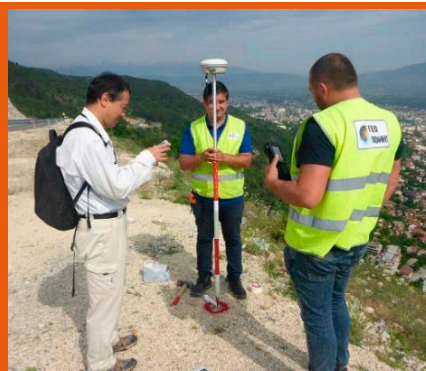
Scheme: **Technical Cooperation**  
Project period: **December 2017 - December 2022**  
Counterpart organization: **Crisis Management Center, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, Public Enterprise Macedonian Forests**

Since North Macedonia is located mostly in the mountainous area, the management of forests is an issue of high priority. The landslide and floods caused by the soil erosion and forest fires affect the lives of many people and whole communities.

Through this project, the existing Macedonian Forest Fire Information System (MKFFIS) will be upgraded and expanded with an aim to strengthen the disaster prevention and reduce the effects of the natural disasters caused by the forest fires, torrents, floods, soil erosion and landslides.



Installing Forest Monitoring Plots



Field measurements

## THE PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, SOUND AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE N.I NATIONAL OPERA AND BALLET

Scheme: **Grant Aid**  
Counterpart organization: **National Opera and Ballet**

The Macedonian Opera and Ballet (as of 2019 National Opera and Ballet) has been playing an important role in the Macedonian culture, as it is the only professional opera and ballet theatre in the country. A great number of operas and ballets from the classical and contemporary repertoire have been performed at the theatre.

JICA recognized the importance of this institution and its contribution to Macedonian culture. The grant aid for purchasing of new instruments for the symphony orchestra and sound equipment will be completed in 2020. New instruments and equipment will contribute to the quality of Macedonian music culture, as well as increase performances in and outside of the country.

## PROJECT ON ESTABLISHMENT AND PROMOTION OF MENTORING SERVICE IN SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS (PHASE 2)

Scheme: **Technical Cooperation**  
Project Period: **September 2017 – August 2020**  
Counterpart organization: **Agency for Promotion of Entrepreneurship of the Republic of North Macedonia**

The Project aims to establish the “Mentor Service System”, in which the mentors provide practical advice to SMEs to grow their business. This system is based on the Japanese experience of the government-certified business advisers for SMEs. JICA started the first phase of

the Project in Serbia in 2008; it has been expanded to Bosnia and Hercegovina, North Macedonia and Montenegro in the phase 2 of the Project. The mentors in North Macedonia have different professional orientations and engagement in the

Regional Centers; however, by working together, they create synergy and mutually complementing in the provision of the mentoring services for the benefit of the SMEs.



Mentors meeting

# ABOUT JICA

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) assists and supports developing countries as the executing agency of the Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA).

In accordance with its vision of “Leading the world with trust”, JICA supports the resolution of issues of developing and transient countries by using the most suitable tools of various assistance methods and a combined regional-, country- and issue-oriented approach.

JICA is in charge of administering all ODA such as technical cooperation, finance and investment cooperation and grants in an integrated manner, except for contributions to international organizations. JICA, the world’s largest bilateral aid agency, operates in over 150 countries and regions and has approximately 90 overseas offices.



Technical Cooperation

For the human resources development and the formulation of administrative systems of developing countries, technical cooperation involves the dispatch of experts, the provision of necessary equipment and the training of personnel from developing countries in Japan and other countries. The cooperation plans can be tailored to address a broad range of issues.



*Project on Capacity Building for Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction (Eco-DRR) through Sustainable Forest Management*



*Project on Establishment and Promotion of Mentoring Service in Small and Medium Enterprises in the Western Balkans (Phase 2)*



*Regional economic and social vitalization through tourism development: Regional branding and marketing in Hokkaido*

Finance and Investment Cooperation

**ODA LOAN**

The ODA loans support developing countries by providing low-interest, long-term and concessional funds. The ODA loans are used for large-scale infrastructure and other forms of development that require substantial funds.

**PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT FINANCE**

JICA supports the acceleration of developing countries' economic/social growth through the private sector, through debt and equity investment for the development projects of private companies.

Disaster Relief

Grants

Grants are the provisions of funds to developing countries that have low income levels, without the obligation of repayment. Grants are used for the improvement of basic infrastructures such as schools, hospitals, water-supply facilities and roads, along with obtaining health and medical care, equipment and other requirements.

Research

Cooperation through Citizen Participation

*Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project Phase 2 (India)*

*Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment for Primary Health Care Services*

# ABOUT JICA BALKAN OFFICE

Established in 2006 in Belgrade, Serbia, JICA Balkan Office covers Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia. JICA Balkan Office provides assistance for growth and stability to the countries of the region, working mainly in the areas of environmental conservation, private sector development and consolidation of peace.

\*The Government of Japan recognized Kosovo as an independent country on March 18th, 2008.

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