



## R1-29

### Fighting Corruption in Forestry through Public Awareness and Collaborative Partnerships

**Implemented by:** Training Centre for Communal Forestry and Rural Development. –TCCFRD

**Location:** Municipality of Diber, Region of Diber

**Duration:** 12 months

**Total budget:** 14,208.08 Euro

**Overall objective:** Increased civil society organisations (CSO) participation in anti corruption activities that improve transparency, accountability and governance through application of mechanisms of Civil Society control over the state in serving the needs of the public.

**Specific objective:** To raise public awareness and community action for anti-corruption issues and create collaborative partnership between actors of civil society, the State and local government as a mechanism to support anticorruption efforts in forestry in Diber and Bulqiza municipality and beyond.

#### Expected results:

1. Increased public participation and community action against illegal activities/corruption;
2. Improved mechanisms for addressing corrupt activities in forestry through collaborative partnership between key actors (civil society, State and local government), established and functioning. Disseminated best experience.

**Target groups:** Forest Users Association in Diber Region. The Diber Federation of Forest Users Association. Department of Forest Service in Diber and Bulqiza municipalities. And Prosecutors in Diber region.

**Final beneficiaries:** Community, especially poor people. Society in general, The Departments of the Forest Service in Diber and Bulqiza municipalities. The Administrative Units of Zërqan, Muhur and Selishte).

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| <b>Main activities:</b> | 1 | <p>1.1 Establishing the community “watch dog” groups in 3 ex- communes or Administrative Units.</p> <p>1.2 Capacity building of community groups and their representatives for empowerment to strengthen their voice and to monitor effectively corruption in forestry.</p> <p>1.3 Promoting anti corruption actions and awareness campaigns that provide information to communities for fighting corruption in the forestry.</p>   |
|                         | 2 | <p>2.1 Preparatory activity for establishing the partnership among the Department of Forest Service (DFS)– Administrative Units – Prosecutor Office – Community groups with Federation of Forest Users Dibra.</p> <p>2.2 Establishing the Regional Unit for Monitoring and Sharing Information among all partners (including community as well) within the Federation of Forest User Associations.</p> <p>2.3 Workshop with key actors involved for clarification of the law in forestry with penal law to create a common understanding.</p> <p>2.4 Quarterly monitoring meetings among Dibra Federation of Forest Users Associations, Department of Forest Service, Prosecutors, Administrative Units and prosecutor Office to monitor illegal cuttings and improve rate of prosecutions.</p> <p>2.5 Develop communication strategy and printed materials for dissemination respecting EU visibility guidelines</p> |