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C.A.U.S.E - Confiscated Assets Used for Social Experimentations is the first initiative of this kind implemented in Albania and in the Western Balkans, aiming to establish a model of sustainable re-use of confiscated assets from organized crime by civil society organizations. CAUSE is implemented by Partners Albania, in partnership with Project Ahead and Comitato Don Peppe Diana, and in collaboration with the Agency for the Administration of the Sequestered and Confiscated Assets. It is funded by the European Union.

Social Crafting Garage

Total Budget: 59,978.86 EUR

EUD Contribution 56,979.92 EUR (95%)

Implementation period 3 May 2019 – 2 May 2020

Implementing Organization Institute of Development, Migration and Integration (IDMI)

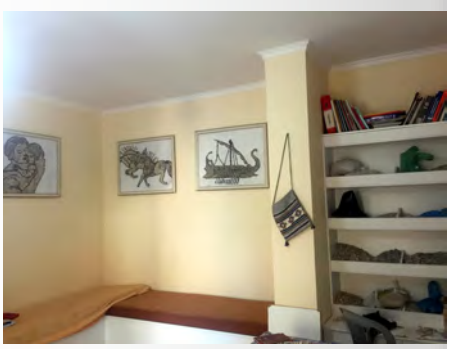
Social Crafting Garage is a workshop set-up in a confiscated asset in Saranda, were women and girls - victims or at risk from the organized crime and domestic violence, make handicrafts using natural stones from the beach (colourful, one colour, flat, rock, glassy, etc.). The stones are painted, drilled, carved and wired, creating various handicraft products ready for the market.

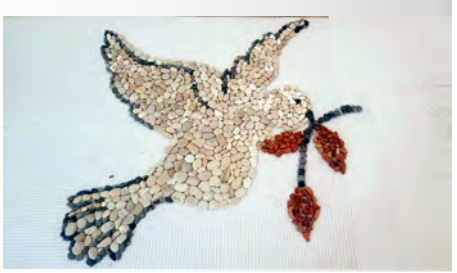
The stone designs are linked to the cultural heritage and folklore genre making these products unique, valuable and competitive in the artisan market, providing long-term income generation.

Giving a new face to the confiscated asset, the enterprise sends the strong message on the value that the social re-use of such assets has in supporting social inclusion and economy of the local communities.

During the first year of implementation

- **8 women & girls victims** or at risk of organized crime and domestic violence trained and employed on stone handicraft production;
- SCG Saranda serves as a **Social Hub** supporting the integration of women and girls in the economic and social life of the city;
- Over **1,000** handicraft products produced with sea stones;
- **2 capacity building** programs on cultural heritage and human rights;
- **2 crafting festival** exhibitions.





Social Crafting Garage Saranda

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