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## Abstract

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH

On May 1st 2004 Slovakia (Slovak Republic) became one of the 25 members of the European Union. Hand in hand with the joining one of the most developed block of countries, Slovakia was offered the financial aid. The purpose of this aid was to help the new member (or candidate) countries by developing of different branches of economic, social and cultural life. The EU funds could be drawn by particular subjects in countries through so called "operational programmes", established by governments of particular member (candidate) states. One of the operational programmes established by the Slovak government was The Programme for Village Renewal (Program obnovy dediny), which enabled Slovak countryside to withdraw the money from EU funds. Project Microregion Belušské Vráta was created to offer some stable basis for a new subject that would be able to fulfill the criteria for drawings of EU money and that would lift up an area that has its own cultural, economic and historical identity (microregion).

#### 2. PROCEDURES

For collecting valid and objective data was first needed to study the characteristics, limits, rules for establishing a microregion in Slovak geographical norms and Slovak system of law, and secondly make a decision where was the suitable area for creating a new microregion (from the geographical, economic, political, cultural and social point of view). After that the terrain research was expected. By this method was very important a cooperation with Dubnica Speleologic Club and personally with Dr. Steiner,

who was the advisor for problematic of caves in will-be-microregion of Belušské vráta.

A lot of calculations with data from Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic were needed, too.

#### 3. DATA

All basic data needed, incorporated and progressed in project of Microregion Belušské Vráta were drawn from two important sources: Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic and Slovak Agency for Environment. The final data were made by author.

All information is in Slovak original offered on more than 40 pages, 20 appendix pages and special posters.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS

A project of a new microregion as a geographical, cultural, political, historical and social unit was created, the borders, population, natural potention, human potention, characteristics needed for developing tourism on a subregional, regional and state level were specified, first published pictures of underground rooms and caves ever, marketing tools and symbols of microregion were created (logo, slogan). The work is a complete project, suitable for organizing a process of establishing a public company or any other form of public consociation that can in Slovak system of law legally represent the microregion.

Slovak Republic jointed the European Union in May,2004. The Slovak government launched a program for village Renewal which enable Slovak countryside to with draw resources form EU Fund s. Project microregion Belusske Vrata was created to offer same stable basis for a new subject that would be able to fillfull the criteria for drawings of EU money and that would lift up an area that has its on cultural, economic and historical identify. The authers presents the basic data for project Microregion Belusske Vrata clearly with special emphasis on animals, plants and geology.