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CO-MANAGEMENT AS A TOOL FOR ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – SURVEY RESULTS³¹

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Abstract: *These 21st century human challenges give rise to the need for new, alternative approaches to governance that are based on the inclusion of all stakeholders. Stakeholder participation is considered a necessary condition for achieving sustainable processes and outcomes. It weakens conflicts between actors and harnesses the potential of the knowledge of all actors and thus contributes to sustainable solutions. It encourages the coordination of participatory policies between different levels of government and local communities for joint problem-solving, allocating rights and responsibilities between stakeholder groups. Co-management, which is based on partnerships and power-sharing arrangements, is therefore increasingly established as an alternative approach to governance. This report presents the results of a survey conducted among institutions and organizations involved in policy development for working with vulnerable groups in the municipality of Ruse..*

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