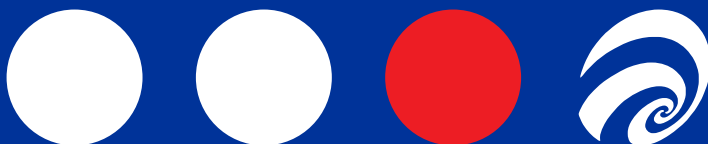


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MISSION, VISION AND KEY VALUES

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STRUGA IS A CITIZENS' ORGANIZATION THAT AIMS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF STRUGA AND THE REGION THROUGH STRENGTHENING THE INTERETHNIC DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT ETHNIC COMMUNITIES, SUPPORTING LOCAL CIVIC INITIATIVES, ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SUSTAINABLE FORMS OF TOURISM, ORGANIZING CULTURAL EVENTS, STIMULATING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND PROMOTING THE VOLUNTEERISM.

THROUGH COOPERATION WITH VARIOUS ACTORS FROM MACEDONIA AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, LDA WILL CONTRIBUTE TO CREATING SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF STRUGA AND THE REGION.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STRUGA RECOGNIZES UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL INCLUSION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS, GENDER EQUALITY, INTERETHNIC DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.



- SUPPORTING OF INTERCULTURAL COOPERATION AND INTERETHNICAL DIALOGUE
- ACHIEVING OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS THROUGH PROVIDING BETTER AND EQUAL TREATMENT OF THE SOCIALLY MARGINALIZED GROUPS
- REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH NETWORKING WITH DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE REGION AND CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION.
- DECREASING OF THE DEVELOPMENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS IN OUR REGION.
- INCREASING OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE INHABITANTS IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN REGION OF MACEDONIA
- PROMOTING OF THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES, IMPLEMENTING THE PRIORITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE (UNESCO), AND AS A LOCAL CLUB IT WILL WORK ON THE REALIZATION OF THE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROGRAMS.
- PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE FORMS OF TOURISM



PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

THE MAIN GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE FORMS OF TOURISM WHICH WILL ALLOW IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND COMPETITIVENESS OF THE TOURIST OFFER IN STRUGA AND THE SOUTHWEST REGION. THE REGION, WITH BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS AND NATIONAL PARKS, CLEAN LAKES AND PLEASANT CLIMATE, CULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND SPIRITUAL MONUMENTS PROTECTED BY UNESCO AS WORLD CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES, HAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL ECONOMY THROUGH NETWORKING WITH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE REGION AND THROUGH COOPERATION ON REGIONAL AND CROSS-BORDER PROJECTS.



SUPPORTING THE RURAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THE JABLANICA AND OHRID LAKE REGION

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THIS PROJECT IS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE NATURE AND RURAL TOURISM IN THE LAKE OHRID AND JABLANICA REGION BY HELPING LOCAL INHABITANTS TO START-UP AND MANAGE SMALL TOURISM RELATED BUSINESSES. ALL CURRENT INVESTMENTS AND EFFORTS ON THE BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR ARE FOCUSED ON THE CITIES (OHRID AND STRUGA) AND RURAL PARTS ARE LARGELY IGNORED. ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAM FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (IPARD) IS AVAILABLE, LOCAL INHABITANTS ARE NOT INFORMED ENOUGH HOW TO USE THE MONEY AVAILABLE BY THE EUROPEAN UNION. INHABITANTS OF THE RURAL AREAS SURROUNDING LAKE OHRID AND JABLANICA LACK KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN ORDER TO DEVELOP RURAL TOURISM RELATED BUSINESSES. DEPOPULATION IS ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS THESE VILLAGES ARE FACING. MUNICIPALITIES DO NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO RESOLVE THESE NEGATIVE TRENDS. THERE IS NO STRATEGY OR ACTION PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATURE AND RURAL TOURISM.

TIMEFRAME:

MARCH 2011 – DECEMBER 2012

PARTNERS:

- MASHAV – ISRAELI'S AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
- FACULTY OF TOURISM – OHRID
- MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WATER SUPPLY OF RM
- GIZ GMBH - THE DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT

RESULTS:

- THREE-WEEK STUDY VISIT TO ISRAEL (MARCH 2011)
- ISRAELI CONSULTANT MISSION IN MACEDONIA (NOVEMBER 2011)
- TWO-WEEK TRAINING FOR 35 TRAINERS FROM THE FIELD OF RURAL TOURISM (MARCH 2012)

SUPPORTED BY:





PROGRAM FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

THE PROGRAM PROVIDES A BETTER AND EQUAL ACCESS TO SOCIALLY MARGINALIZED GROUPS (WOMEN, ELDERLY, YOUTH AND UNEMPLOYED PERSONS) TO NON-FORMAL AND LIFELONG EDUCATION, REDUCING POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT. THROUGH THE SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF THESE GROUPS THE PROGRAM HELPS ACHIEVING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION WOMEN CROSSING BORDERS FOR CHANGE

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT IS TO ENABLE AND EXPEDITE SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED WOMEN AND YOUNG WOMEN ENTERING THE WORKFORCE FROM URBAN AND RURAL AREAS IN THE MACEDONIA-ALBANIA CROSS-BORDER REGION. WE INTEND TO ACHIEVE THIS BY INCREASING WOMEN'S CAPACITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT TRAININGS, EXPERIENCE-EXCHANGE STUDY TRIPS AND CROSS BORDER MEETINGS. WITH THE ACTIVITIES IN THIS PROJECT WE WILL WORK ON 3 LEVELS OF STRENGTHENING THE CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION. FIRST LEVEL WILL BE COOPERATION BETWEEN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS. SECOND LEVEL IS ESTABLISHING WOMEN-TO-WOMEN COOPERATION. THIRD LEVEL IS INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL - WE SHALL MAKE SURE THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM WELFARE INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATE ON THE CROSS-BORDER CONFERENCES AND STUDY TRIPS SO THEY WILL START TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND EVENTUALLY DEVELOP MORE CONTACTS WITH THE SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE.

TIMEFRAME:

APRIL 2011 – APRIL 2012

PARTNERS:

NGO **UNË GRUAJA** POGRADEC

RESULTS:

- AN 11 MONTH PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN IS DESIGNED AND DELIVERED WHICH INCLUDES A 10 MONTH PUBLIC EDUCATION TV AD, 2 TV ADS ANNOUNCING THE FREE TRAININGS, 300 POSTERS, 1500 FLYERS AND 400 EDUCATIONAL MANUALS
- TWO TAILOR MADE TRAINING MODULES EACH CONTAINING 6 SESSIONS ARE DEVELOPED AND DELIVERED WITHIN A 6 MONTHS PERIOD.
- 60 WOMAN (50% FROM RURAL AREAS AND 50% YOUNGER WOMAN ENTERING THE WORKFORCE FOR THE FIRST TIME) ATTEND THE TRAININGS.
- 2 SMALL PUBLIC EVENTS AND 2 STUDY TRIPS ARE ORGANIZED WITHIN A 6 MONTH PERIOD.
- 20 LOCAL WELFARE INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TARGETED MUNICIPALITIES ATTEND THE CROSS BORDER MEETING.

SUPPORTED BY:

THIS PROJECT IS FINANCED BY EUROPEAN UNION





YOUTH PROGRAM

THE PROGRAMME SEEKS TO EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE OF STRUGA AND SOUTH-WEST REGION IN MACEDONIA BY PROVIDING THEM LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES.

- WE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND VOLUNTEERISM.

EVERY YEAR, LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE MANY POSSIBILITIES TO HOST OR PARTICIPATE ON EXCHANGES AND TRAININGS WITHIN EUROPE. THEY DEVELOP NEW FRIENDSHIPS, LEARN ABOUT CULTURES AND CUSTOMS IN OTHER EU COUNTRIES THROUGH THE YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME. THROUGH OUR CROSS – BORDER PROGRAMME WITH ALBANIA AND GREECE WE HELP YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE BALKAN TO MEET EACH OTHER AND WORK TOGETHER FOR DEVELOPING GOOD NEIGHBOR RELATIONSHIPS AND JOINT PROJECTS

- WE BRING YOUNGSTERS TOGETHER IN A MULTICULTURAL AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

BY ORGANIZING CAPACITY BUILDING CAMPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES THAT INSPIRE AND SUPPORT LEADERSHIP IN YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 12 - 30. ON OUR CAMPS, YOUNG PEOPLE CAN INCREASE THEIR SELF-ESTEEM, DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING, SHARPEN THE ABILITY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND LEARN ABOUT PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY. WE GIVE THEM THE CHANCE TO ENHANCE THEIR LIFE AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, TO LEARN HOW TO COOPERATE WITH DIFFERENT ETHNICITIES AND BECOME ACTIVE CITIZENS THAT ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS.

- WE ENCOURAGE THEIR CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY. WE ORGANIZE AND SUPPORT EVENTS RELATED TO MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS.

BY ORGANIZING FILM FESTIVALS, PHOTO EXHIBITIONS AND MUSIC CONCERTS, WE ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR SELF EXPRESSION, BUILD THEIR SELF-ESTEEM, ENHANCE THEIR COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND PROVIDE THEM POSITIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES IN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.



DEMOCRATIC LABORATORY

FIRST PHASE

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FROM STRUGA IN COOPERATION WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL "IBRAHIM TEMO" FROM STRUGA AND THE HIGH SCHOOL "MUHAREM COLAKU" FROM POGRADEEC, AS OF APRIL 2012 STARTED THE REALIZATION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES OF A PROJECT CALLED "DEMOCRATIC LABORATORY". IN THE FIRST PHASE 6 WORKSHOPS WITH THE TOPICS OF LEADERSHIP, CONFLICT RESOLVING, YOUTH ACTIVISM COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND VOLUNTEERISM (TWO DAYS EACH) WERE HELD. THE MAIN TASK WAS INCREASING OF SELF-CONFIDENCE, CRITICAL THINKING AND GAINING ABILITY TO RESOLVE YOUTH PROBLEMS. INTERACTIVE GAMES, GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL EXERCISES AND GAMES FOR PROMOTING OF TEAM WORK WERE USED.

TIMEFRAME:

APRIL 2012 – MAY 2012

PARTNERS:

HIGH SCHOOL "IBRAHIM TEMO" FROM STRUGA
HIGH SCHOOL "MUHAREM COLAKU" FROM POGRADEEC

RESULTS:

- IN MAY AND JUNE 2012, SIX WORKSHOPS (ONE DAY EACH) WITH TOPICS: COMMUNICATION SKILLS, LEADERSHIP, DEMOCRACY VOLUNTEERISM, YOUTH ACTIVISM
- 30 VOLUNTEERS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS FROM POGRADEEC AND STRUGA HAVE BEEN TRAINED
- ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATION WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL "MUHAREM COLAKU" FROM POGRADEEC

SUPPORTED BY:

**FRIEDRICH
EBERT
STIFTUNG**



GET TO KNOW YOUR MUNICIPALITY – STRUGA! (ONGOING)

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

THIS PROJECT WILL SYNERGIZE THE PREVIOUS PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY LDA. THROUGH THIS PROJECT WE WILL INCREASE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S TRANSPARENCY REGARDING THE TIMES AND AGENDA ITEMS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. WE WILL CREATE A MODEL OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY, CITY COUNCIL AND INTEREST GROUPS AS WELL AS ESTABLISH MULTIPLE MULTIETHNIC GROUPS OF LIKEMINDED INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL EXPAND THE CONVERSATION HELD BETWEEN ETHNIC GROUPS. THE MONITORING TASK FORCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH VOLUNTEERING, AND THE GROUP WILL BE TRAINED BY PROFESSIONALS, MENTORED FOR THE DURATION OF THIS PROJECT, AND THEN AUTONOMIZED AT THE END OF THE TRAININGS WITH ONGOING MENTORSHIP FROM LDA

TIMEFRAME:

JULY 2012 – JULY 2013

RESULTS:

- TRAINED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS FOR MONITORING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND MONITORING THE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT
- RAISED AWARENESS IN YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING
- INCREASING THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT IS TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING TO CITIZENS OF THE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT
- INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF THE CITIZENS IN THE SESSIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

SUPPORTED BY:

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN MACEDONIA



ADOPT A PARK (ONGOING)

3A ППОЕКТОТ:

THE GOAL OF THIS PROJECT IS TO RAISE AWARENESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT THE CHALLENGES IN THE SPHERE OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION IN MACEDONIA; TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN YOUNG PEOPLE AND LOCAL BUSINESSES; TO MAKE THE ENVIRONMENT MORE PLEASANT WITH CONCRETE ECO ACTIONS. THE PROJECT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED I 3 PHASES: ORGANIZING A GREEN ACADEMY – TRAININGS FOR ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION; CREATING 5 URBAN PARKS IN MUNICIPALITY OF STRUGA; ORGANIZING A PROMOTING EVENT “GREEN FAIR”.

TIMEFRAME:

AUGUST 2012 – AUGUST 2013

ORGANIZED BY:

U.S. STATE ALUMNI MACEDONIA

PARTNERS:

- CSO “LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY”
- HIGH SCHOOLS FROM STRUGA:
 - HIGH SCHOOL “5TH PRIVATE GYMNASIUM”
 - HIGH SCHOOL “NIKO NESTOR”
 - HIGH SCHOOL “D-R IBRAHIM TEMO”
 - YAHYA KEMAL COLLEGE

ACTIVITIES:

- ORGANIZED 3 MONTH “GREEN ACADEMY” FOR 4 HIGH SCHOOLS
- 80 YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINED ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, CLIMATE CHANGES, ENERGETIC EFFICIENCY, PERMACULTURE, GARDENING, FORESTS, SOIL, WATER, AND AIR POLLUTION, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND THE ROLE OF THE CITIZENS
- 5 STUDY TRIPS TO: HYBRID HOUSE IN BRATINDOL BITOLA; SOLAR PLANT IN GERMJAN BITOLA; FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE IN SKOPJE; HORTICULTURE COMPANY “HORTI EKSPERT” IN SKOPJE; HEALTHY FOOD SHOP “BIOCULT” IN SKOPJE
- PARTICIPANTS OF THE “GREEN ACADEMY” PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES

SUPPORTED BY:





EXCURSION *MEET MACEDONIA*

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

ONE-DAY EXCURSION FOR THE "JOSIP BROZ TITO" ELEMENTARY FROM STRUGA WAS ORGANIZED. THIS ACTIVITY WAS REALIZED IN JULY 2012 FROM LDA STRUGA AND WAS SUPPORTED FROM A PRIVATE DONATION OF LUCIA MACETI FROM ITALY. THE MAIN TASK OF THIS ACTIVITY WAS TO ORGANIZE A TEAM WORK FROM STRUGA ELEMENTARY AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET TO KNOW THEIR NATIVE LAND AND ALL BEAUTIFUL PLACES IT HAS.

TIMEFRAME:

JULY 2012

RESULTS:

- ORGANIZED ONE-DAY EXCURSION FOR 20 STUDENTS FROM "JOSIP BROZ TITO" ELEMENTARY-STRUGA TO VILLAGE OF KURATICA IN OHRID SURROUNDINGS
- ONE-DAY TRAINING WITH INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS ABOUT TEAM WORK, WAS HELD
- STUDENTS FROM THE ELEMENTARY HAD A CHANCE TO SEE HOW PEOPLE IN VILLAGES IN MACEDONIA LIVE
- VIDEO OF THE EXCURSION IS RECORDED

SUPPORTED BY:

MASSETI LUCIA - PHILANTHROPIST FROM ITALY





IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (CRC) IN MACEDONIA

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

THE PROJECT INCLUDES MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CONVENTION IN MACEDONIA ON THE FIELD OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING ON A LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL. THE MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS WILL PRODUCE PERIODICAL AND ANNUAL REPORTS. WITH THIS PROJECT PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS WILL BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED THROUGH ESTABLISHING A CHILD-OMBUDSMAN, AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE FUNCTIONING OF SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PROCESSES OF PRESIDENT ELECTION IN SCHOOLS WILL BE MADE.

TIMEFRAME:

MAY 2011 – DECEMBER 2013

ORGANIZED BY:

COALITION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS "NOW" FROM PRILEP

PARTNERS:

- CSO "LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY" FROM STRUGA (LOCAL COORDINATOR)

RESULTS:

- ESTABLISHED AND ADOPTED MANUAL FOR SELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS / GRADE IN A DEMOCRATIC WAY IN ONE PRIMARY AND ONE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN STRUGA
- MONITORED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD IN ONE PRIMARY AND ONE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN STRUGA, INCLUDED 40 STUDENTS AND 10 MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSORS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AND JOURNALISTS
- ESTABLISHED A MODEL OF CHILD OMBUDSMAN IN ONE SECONDARY AND ONE PRIMARY SCHOOL
- ESTABLISHED SCHOOL COMMUNITIES IN ONE SECONDARY AND ONE PRIMARY SCHOOL
- IMPLEMENTED 34 WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION, THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, THE OMBUDSMAN CHILD'S SPECIFIC ROLE, ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING AND PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT, INCLUDED OVER 400 STUDENTS

SUPPORTED BY:



Pestalozzi Children's Foundation



PROMOTING INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE AMONG YOUTH IN MACEDONIA

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

THE GOAL OF THE INITIATIVE IS STRENGTHENING AND PROMOTION OF THE MULTICULTURAL DIALOGUE IN THE PARTS OF MACEDONIA WHERE DIFFERENT ETHNIC ORIGIN PEOPLE LIVE. AS A PART OF THE ACTIVITIES A TEAM OF TRAINERS WAS ESTABLISHED (PEER EDUCATORS) THAT HELD WORKSHOPS ON THE TOPICS RELATED WITH MULTICULTURAL DIALOGUE.

TIMEFRAME:

SEPTEMBER 2012 – DECEMBER 2012

ORGANIZED BY:

COALITION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS “NOW” FROM PRILEP

PARTNERS:

- CSO “LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY” FROM STRUGA (LOCAL COORDINATOR)

ACTIVITIES:

- ORGANIZED 16 WORKSHOPS WITH TOPICS LIKE INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE IN “IBRAHIM TEMO” AND “NIKO NESTOR” HIGH SCHOOLS IN STRUGA
- 250 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TRAINED ON FOLLOWING TOPICS: FORMAL AND INFORMAL EDUCATION, STEREOTYPES AND PREJUDICES AND FEEDBACK
- ORGANIZED COMPETITION-THE BEST DRAWING ON A TOPIC “MULTICULTURAL DIALOGUE” WITH 20 PARTICIPANTS
- AWARDS TO 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE FROM THE COMPETITION BEST DRAWING
- CERTIFICATES DELIVERED TO THE PARTICIPANTS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO BOTH HIGH SCHOOLS

SUPPORTED BY:



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Swiss Agency for Development
and Cooperation SDC



YOUTH EXCHANGE *GREEN EVERYDAY LIFE* - *YOUNG AND OLD PEOPLE TOGETHER* *AGAINST YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT*

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

THE PROJECT IS FOCUSED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CRITICAL THINKING AND INNOVATIVE RESOLVING OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ISOLATED COUNTRYSIDE REGIONS THROUGH COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES WITH PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT STATES.

THE GOAL OF THE PROJECT WAS TO MAKE A RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSES FOR UNEMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND TAKING INNOVATIVE STEPS FOR SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF YOUNG UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN BULGARIAN MOUNTAIN REGION, INCLUDING THE GOOD PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE PARTICIPANTS FROM THE PARTNER'S SIDE OF THIS PROJECT.

TIMEFRAME:

12 JULY 2012 – 26 JULY 2012

ORGANIZED BY:

CSO NATIONAL MOVEMENT "BULGARIAN HERITAGE" FROM SOFIA, BULGARIA

PARTNERS:

- CSO "LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY" - STRUGA
- CSO "WORK AND LIFE" – GERMANY
- "ACADEMY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL RELATIONS" – MOSCOW
- "SLAVIC UNIVERSITY" – BAKU, AZERBIJAN

ACTIVITIES:

- 7 ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE WERE ORGANIZED
- ONE DAY SURVEY THROUGH POLL WAS PERFORMED IN A VILLAGE MOMCHILOVCI IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE CAUSES FOR HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
- A PRESENTATION OF THE DETERMINED CAUSES FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR THEM, WAS PREPARED
- AN EVENT WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE AND THE RESULTS WERE PRESENTED BEFORE THE PEOPLE. ALSO IDEAS FOR SOLVING THIS PROBLEM WERE SUGGESTED

SUPPORTED BY:



'Youth in Action' Programme





SHARP YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

THIS PROJECT IS BILATERAL PROJECT BETWEEN MACEDONIA AND AN EU MEMBER STATE, FRANCE. THE HOSTED VOLUNTEER WILL BE WORKING ON ACTIVE PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LDA'S ANNUAL PROGRAMME TARGETING MOSTLY YOUNG PEOPLE. THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH THEM AND, ALSO, DAILY WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, THE VOLUNTEER WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO PROMOTE THE POSITIVE VALUES OF A EUROPEAN STATE AS FRANCE, WILL TELL YOUNGSTERS HOW YOUNG PEOPLE LIVE IN PARIS AND TOGETHER THEY WILL TALK ABOUT SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES OF LIFE IN A BIG CITY LIKE PARIS AND SMALL ONE LIKE STRUGA.

TIMEFRAME:

SEPTEMBER 2012 – JUNE 2013

PARTNERS:

SOLIDARITES JEUNESSES - PARIS, FRANCE

RESULTS:

- DESIGNED GRAPHIC NOVEL TO PROMOTE YOUTH ACTIVISM
- HELPED 40 STUDENTS TO ENHANCE THEIR LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE IN FRENCH LANGUAGE
- DESIGNED 10 VIDEO STORIES AND HELPED THE PROMOTION OF LDA'S PROJECTS
- PROMOTED GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME (YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, SOLIDARITY AND TOLERANCE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, FOSTERED MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, PROMOTION OF EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE YOUTH FIELD)

SUPPORTED BY:



'Youth in Action' Programme



STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BORDER REGION OF ALBANIA AND MACEDONIA

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

THE GOAL OF THIS PROJECT IS TO SPEED UP THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES IN THE CROSS BORDER REGION ROUND LAKE OHRID AND STRENGTHENING OF THE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE FROM BOTH COUNTRIES. STUDENTS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS IN POGRADEEC, STRUGA AND OHRID GET ACQUAINTED AND ESTABLISH CONCRETE COOPERATION ON JOINT ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS. THE PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED THROUGH MANY PROJECT ACTIVITIES USING DIFFERENT METHODOLOGIES. THE MAIN FOCUS IS ON THE STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH ORGANIZING TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CULTURAL EVENTS AND DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION.

TIMEFRAME:

JANUARY 2011 – ONGOING

RESULTS:

- DURING MAY AND JUNE 2012 A CYCLE OF 6 WORKSHOPS FOR 30 STUDENTS ON THE TOPIC “DEMOCRATIC LABORATORY”- PHASE ONE
- FROM 19 TO 21 OF JUNE IN STRUGA A WORKSHOP WITH THE TOPIC “REALTIONS IN MULTIETHNIC ENVIRONMENT” FOR DIGITAL TRANSMISSION OF STORIES IN COOPERATION WITH METAMORFOSIS – SKOPJE WAS ORGANIZED. THERE WERE 15 YOUNG PARTICIPANTS ON THIS WORKSHOP. THEY PREPARED THEIR OWN DIGITAL STORIES EACH WITH IT’S OWN MESSAGE
- A COMPETITION FOR AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE TOPIC: “ME AND MY TOWN-PLACES MOMENTS AND PEOPLE” WAS ORGANIZED

SUPPORTED BY:

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES



IN THE BEGINNING LDA HIRED ANOTHER NEW MEMBER OF THE TEAM THAT WILL WORK ON YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. IN SECOND HALF OF 2011 LDA HAS BEEN APPOINTED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER THAT WILL VOLUNTEER UNTIL 2013. FROM SEPTEMBER 2012 LDA IS HOSTING THREE VOLUNTEERS THROUGH EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING SERVICE (EVS), TWO FROM POLAND AND ONE FROM FRANCE. THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND WILL PROMOTE VOLUNTEERISM.

LDA MENTORS FOUR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STRUGA IS A MENTOR ORGANIZATION THROUGH THE TACSO "CAPACITY BUILDING OF CIVIL SOCIETY" IN THE INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ASCENSION ASSISTANCE (IPA) COUNTRIES - PHASE II. LDA IS HOLDING WORKSHOPS TO TEACH, SUPPORT, TRAIN AND DEVELOP THE CAPACITY OF FOUR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS:

- NGO CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF PUBLIC LIFE, TETOVO
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MACEDONIA-OHRID REGIONAL CHAMBER
- ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE EGYPTIAN ISIS 41/21, RESEN
- CENTER FOR ASSISTANCE AND INTEGRATING UNDERDEVELOPED AND DEVELOPED AREAS IN CIVIL SOCIETY, KICEVO

IN THE FIRST PHASE, LDA STRUGA SELECTED ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFERED ITS MENTORSHIP AND SUPPORT DURING THE PROCESS OF CONDUCTING AN ORGANIZATIONAL SELF-ASSESSMENT. IN THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2012 LDA WILL CONTINUE TO MENTOR AND SUPPORT FOR CAPACITY BUILDING THROUGH SEMINARS, TRAINING AND COACHING.

IN THE SECOND PHASE WERE HELD 4 TRAININGS ON THE FOLLOW TOPICS:

- DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMME FOR VOLUNTEERS (EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE)
- STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ANNUAL WORKING PROGRAMME
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- PUBLIC RELATIONS



STUDY TRIPS

NAME OF THE TRAINING: EUROPE IN FOCUS: THE ENTRANCE OF MACEDONIA IN TO THE EU- EDUCATION COURSE

DATE: 2TH SEPTEMBER – 9TH SEPTEMBER 2012

PLACE: WIESNECK , BUCHENBACH, GERMANY

ORGANIZED BY:

- REGIONAL CENTER FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION - BADEN VIRTENBERG, GERMANY
 - EDUCATIONAL CENTER VIZNEK, BUCHENBACH
 - FRIDRIH EBERT FOUNDATION-SKOPJE
 - DVV INTERNACIONAL - SKOPJE
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NAME OF THE TRAINING: “GERMAN – MACEDONIAN TRAINING PROGRAM AND TEACHERS’ NETWORK, REPRESENTATIVES FROM SMALL AND MIDDLE ENTERPRISES AND OTHER PROMOTORS”

DATE: MAY 2011- MAY 2013

PLACE: EBERSWALDE, GERMANY

ORGANIZED BY:

- FACULTY FOR TOURISM IN OHRID
 - UNIVERSITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EBERSWALDE, GREMANY
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NAME OF THE TRAINING: REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY OF THE WESTERN BALKAN AND TURKEY

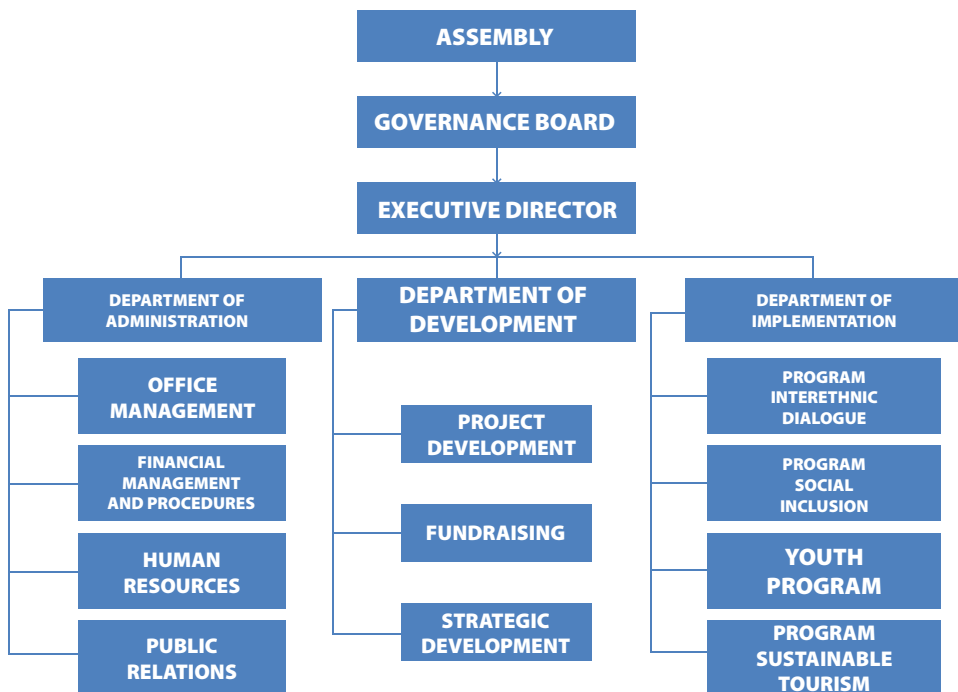
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