

Project: youth entrepreneurship, public-private partnerships

PROGRAM COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP

Activity 2.

Measure 2.-Support for projects initiated by civil society organizations

Youth Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship is the crucial point for the socio-economic development of every country. Entrepreneurship is particularly important for Serbia and the countries surrounding it, where the percentage of unemployed is high, especially among youth. We must empower young people to consider entrepreneurship as the opportunity to obtain good lives for themselves and their future families as well. Promotion of the entrepreneurial culture and entrepreneurial way of thinking are the part of strategic documents and policies of the major countries of European Union and our country as well. Characteristics of the entrepreneurial spirit – creativity, open-mindedness for innovations and difference, readiness to take risk and continual personal development – are qualities that we as a society should cherish and encourage.

Support to Civil Societe

Civil society is the crucial element of the democratic public life. It's active participation in the process of social and economical reform processes on Western Balkan strengthens the democracy and general socio-economic development. Despite the significant and positive improvements, civil society organizations still need support and trainings to adjust to actual circumstances and active participation in creating and implementation of local politics. Civil society represents vast resource in developing process. By improving their capacities, using best practices from developed democratic societies, also by raising the awareness about the importance of active participation of civil society in all the domains of public life, we contribute to overall development of our society in European integration processes.

- **ABOUT PROJECT Project title:** Youth entrepreneurship, partnership public and civil society

Basic target group is: Civil society organizations, including informal youth groups (students' parliament etc.) from the region of Eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo Romanija region, Birač, Podrinjska region with Gorazde and Srebrenica.

Users of the planned activities are: young people between the age of 15 and 30, including graduates, bachelors, unemployed, local community and business sector, all

from Eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo Romanija region, Birač, Podrinjska region with Gorazde and Srebrenica.

Expected results:

1. Improved capacities of civil society organizations and informal youth groups for fostering and promotion of youth entrepreneurship in the region of Eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo Romanija region, Birač, Podrinjska region with Gorazde and Srebrenica. ;
2. Developed and adopted action plan for youth entrepreneurship in Sokolac;
3. Raised level of knowledge about the best practices in EU in the area of youth entrepreneurship on the field of project realisation.

Field of project realisation: Eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina,,: Sarajevo Romanija region, Birač, Podrinjska region with Gorazde and Srebrenica

Duration: 12 months.

- **Why this project?**

Every second young person in Serbia is unemployed. Percentage of unemployment in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the year 2011. was **58,1%**,(youth up to 30 years)which is double comparing to the European Union, where the rate of unemployment, according to data from 2011. was **22,5%**,young people up to 25 year.

Entrepreneurship is the key of the socio-economic development. Without thousands and thousands of entrepreneurs who offer new jobs, there will not be a reduction of poverty nor development.

Civil society organizations (CSO) are the active participant and important resource of every social community, in each segment of their development. With permanent strengthening and development of CSO capacities we contribute to their active and competent involment in all the areas of social development, including the development of entrepreneurship, generally, socio-economic development.

This project is designed to:

1. Contribute the development of civil society organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina and their participation in socio-economic development and process of EU integration, and
2. Develop youth entrepreneurship as an instrument for employment of young people and for sustainable local socio-economic development.

- **Specific objective of the project is**

Creation of efficient institutional mechanism of cooperation and partnership among civil society organizations, local authorities and other relevant stakeholders, for development and promotion of youth entrepreneurship in Eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo Romanija region, Birač, Podrinjska region with Gorazde and Srebrenica.

- **Project activities**

1. Activities of development and improvement the capacities of civil society organizations

In the incoming year, following activities will be realized:

-**Training** "Good practices of European Union in cherishing youth entrepreneurship".

-**Training** "Public campaigns - planning, organizing i conducting".

-**Training** "Basics of entrepreneurship".

-**Training for peer to peer for entrepreneurship.**

-**Training**, Youth to Youth, raising communication facilities to facilitate contact with young people from the EU,

-**Study visit** to European organization-partner dealing with development of youth entrepreneurship

-3 publications will be prepared and printed, those are:

-**Brochure** "Good practices of European Union in cherishing youth entrepreneurship".

-**Handbook** "Public campaigns - planning, organizing i conducting" and

-**Guide through basics of entrepreneurship** "First steps in the entrepreneurship"

2. Activities building sustainable mechanism of cooperation between civil and public sector at a local level

In the incoming year we will development:

-**Of youth entrepreneurship local action plan in Sokolac**

3. Promotional activities

Promotional activities expanding the good practices European Union:

-on the field of fostering youth entrepreneurship and raising the awareness towards the importance of inclusion the civil sector into process of local socio-economic development.

-Round tables and panel discussion in the region of Eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo Romanija region, Birač, Podrinjska region with Gorazde and Srebrenica.

-Final conference about project in Sokolac. Visits EU partners.

What we partner of the EU:

- Participation at the final conference in Sokolac and visiting the cities the participants in the project (costs paid arrival, stay, and the cost of food assistance to the participating cities of the region).

-The partnership of organizations to further EU projects,

-1500 EUR Consolidated Budget of the costs of coordination,

From EU partners seek:

- Advisory role on the project and highlight priorities, with proposed standards and criteria of the EU standards,

-Participating in the activities and development of publications,

-Participation in the development of ideas and suggestions of youth entrepreneurship as an instrument for youth employment

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