

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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**OF THE**

**ASSOCIATION FOR CIVIL ACTIVISM FORUM 16 – BITOLA**

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- **Vision, mission and strategic objectives**

Association for Civil Activism FORUM 16 is non-governmental, non-partisan, non-religious and non-profit association established in September 2013. The association is a forum for open dialogues focusing on issues of common interest to the members of the association as well as issues of interest to other citizens. Its vision is to help citizens of Macedonia to develop better lives through new initiatives that promote active citizenship, opportunity and engagement in civil society.

The mission is to help citizens of Macedonia in the realization of their own ideas in the fields of culture, art, economy, education and social responsibility, and to motivate citizen involvement in ongoing programs, projects and actions.

The objectives of the association are:

1. To encourage and support youth activism in the field of culture, economic development, local affairs, sports and education.
2. To promote and support civic initiatives which encourage social progress, European values and international cooperation.
3. To encourage and support entrepreneurial spirit and strengthening of the ecosystem in Macedonia for formation of businesses, civil society organizations and social enterprises.
4. To encourage and support volunteerism and non-formal education.

- **Implemented activities**

Macedonian Association of Development and Integration(MADI) and Zonta Club Skopje organized the action "Message in a box" to show support to women victims of gender-based and domestic violence who go through difficult periods in their lives. The action was also organized in Bitola, supported and helped by FORUM 16. The boxes were collected until January 25, 2014.

From February 3 through 9, the world marks the International week of street press (International Street Paper Vendor Week). International Week was celebrated by the members of the International network of street press (INSP), including the street magazine "Face to Face" (Лице в лице), whose distribution in Bitola is coordinated by FORUM 16. The ninth number of the magazine was released on 7 February. In this issue of the magazine an article was published about youth activism in Bitola carried out through the activities of FORUM 16. The promotion of the ninth number in Bitola was assisted by the young musician Filip Todorovski.

The second phase of the project "From Youth to Youth with Love" continued from March until May 2014. Workshops were held in the following schools:

- On March 3, a workshop was held at "Jane Sandanski" high school in Bitola. Participants had the opportunity to express their views on the subject in a creative way through literary work.
- On March 24, the second workshop was held at "KuzmanShapkarev"high school in Bitola.Twenty fivestudents had the opportunity to express their views on the subjectthrough photography.
- The workshop at the elementary school "Cyril and Methodius" was held on April 8 and attended by 16 students. The participants expressed their views on human rights and the combat against hate speech through drawings. They drew on the topic "If I was a hero, how I'd use my power to change the world for the better".
- The workshop at the elementary school "Dame Gruev" was held on April 10 and attended by 15 students. They were very active during the discussion, and created postcards/cards with a message that would be sent to someone who was a victim of hate speech.

On the occasion of World Poetry Day, March 21, FORUM 16 and NUUB "Sv. KlimentOhridski"organized a poetry gathering at the library. The winning poems were read and awarded symbolic prizes:

First Place: The song "New Light" by Teodora Vasilevska (High school "Josip Broz Tito" in Bitola)

Second place: The song "Zero or one" by GorjanPopovski (High school "Josip Broz Tito" in Bitola)

Third Place: The song "Poetry- balm for everyone's soul" by Mikhail Naumovski (High school "Josip Broz Tito" in Bitola)

Praise: The song "Pain" by Martin Nikolovski (SOEU "Jane Sandanski" Bitola)

Praise: The song "Dilemma" by John Zatkoska (secondary school "KuzmanJosifovski-Pitu",Prilep, Krivogashtani).

Every year around March 21, the European Action Week against Racism is coordinated by UNITED network and calls upon the international community to put an end to racism, discrimination and intolerance. The European Week of Action Against Racism was organized 15-23 March 2014with the title "We fit together!" FORUM 16 supported the campaign by spreading UNITED material in the center of Bitola and spread the message to understand the true power of diversity.

On April 3, on the initiative of FORUM 16, with help from the Business Start-up Centre Bitola, representatives of the Center for Institutional Development-CIRa held a presentation on the program "Erasmus for young entrepreneurs". The program offers opportunity for study visits and practical engagement in social enterprises located in all member states of the EU and candidate countries for EU membership. Representatives from CIRaexplained in detail the criteria and methods of reporting during the event.

On April 15 FORUM 16 organized a workshop on NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming) held at the Business Start-up Center Bitola, providing an opportunity for the representatives of companies and institutions from the Pelagonia region:

- To increase communication skills,
- To recognize the connection between thoughts and behavior and communication,
- To raise awareness of personal responsibility.

Ancevska Marina (Certified NLP Master Trainer and owner of NLP Macedonia - Center for Business Psychology SEE) and Nebojsallijevski (co-owner of the agency for social advertising "Partes") were trainers.

Klimentinallijevski, editor of this magazine for street activism discussed positive changes of NLP in workshops with vendors of "Face to Face".

The actor and stand-up comedian MarjanGeorgievski helped to promote the launch of the 10th issue of "Face to Face". The activities this time were planned by our colleague Ivana Ivanovska. This number of the only street activist magazine in the country featured a new theme - transplantation and organ donation.

On May 23, FORUM 16 signed the code of ethics to support the platform for strengthening and promoting women entrepreneurship in the country.

On June 10-11 the "Look Beyond Conference" was , organized by the Centre for intercultural DialogueKumanovo, and FORUM 16 had representatives there. The conference was organized to evaluate the role of the Youth in Action Programme in the development of youth work in Europe.The conference was attended by representatives of 70 youth organizations from Europe and Macedonia, policy makers, representatives of various institutions and the resource centres of SALTO, the Council of Europe, the European Youth Forum, youth researchers, youth workers and young people.

On June 9 the FORUM 16 team held a workshop in Ohridon freedom of speech and combating hate speech, during the international youth exchange "VoicE of yoUth" organized by Together Macedonia. FORUM 16 President Natasha Chavdarovska was a trainer and Co-Founder Ivana Ivanovskawas a facilitator. They covered the following topics: communication, media, freedom of speech, hate speech, human rights, and youth activism. The exchange was attended by young people from Macedonia, Turkey, Poland, Slovenia, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic.

On July 5, an event was organized by FORUM 16 to promote the first book by SanjaBozaroska, "Gift for the angel". The promotion was held at Slavjanski University. "Date Pesnopoј" was the publisher and reviewers were IlijaMerkovski and FORUM 16 President Natasha Chavdarovska.

On July 15, the draft strategy for youth of Bitola for the period 2014-2019 was presented. FORUM 16 participated as much as possible in all phases of preparation of this document while waiting for it to be adopted by the Council of the Municipality of Bitola, and the start of its implementation.

On September 21, FORUM 16 marked International Peace Day, and the European Day Against Islamophobia and religious intolerance of the No Hate Speech Movement with a

Graffiti day. Artist Dragan Milovanov supported the idea by creating a suitable work marking the occasion.

On October 30, FORUM 16 took part in a Fair for volunteerism organized by the American Corner Bitola and U.S. Embassy Macedonia. During the fair we presented our ongoing activities that need volunteers.

An event featuring an Origami show was held on October 31 to introduce the 12th number of "Face to face". Our friends and colleagues from the online magazine Olabaj were local promoters of this issue of the country's only street activism magazine.

In November FORUM 16 has signed the Memorandum of Understanding with "Youth Employability Skills" (YES). Youth Entrepreneurship Support Network (YESNetwork) is a European network of youth related civil society organizations (CSOs) working in the field of youth entrepreneurship.

On November 9, FORUM 16 marked the International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism and also the European Day of Action for the No Hate Speech Movement. Materials of the UNITED network created for this event were distributed at subsequent workshops on human rights and fighting against hate speech sponsored by FORUM 16.

On November 20, FORUM 16 was part of the workshop "Civil society organizations and adult education," one of the activities in Macedonia to mark the "Days of lifelong learning."

Beginning on November 25, the International Day Against Violence Against Women, and for the next 16 days, Macedonia was part of the global campaign of activism to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls: "Paint your neighborhood orange". In Bitola, the 16 days of activism were marked with the action "Message in a Box" by FORUM 16 and MADI (Macedonian Association of Development and Integration). The action lasted from November 16 to December 10th, International Human Rights Day. All citizens who wanted to support the action could donate a "Message in a Box" to the collection point in the cafe HaujBar, in Shirok Sokak. The collected "Messages in boxes" were delivered to the Center for Social Work in Bitola, then to the women victims of domestic violence.

On November 29, a workshop on human rights and combating hate speech was held in Novaci, supported by the Cultural innovative club Novaci.

On December 23, a presentation of the project: "Why go abroad when you can stay and invest in (to develop) your state?" supported by the US Embassy in Macedonia was held at the Hotel Kapri in Bitola. Representatives of civil society, governmental and business sectors, and other citizens heard from Jovan Stalevski, President of CEFE Macedonia President of FORUM 16, Natasha Chavdarovska.

- **Financial report (attached)**

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