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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**

February 2-8 was celebrated as International Street Vendors Week. This week celebrates and strengthens the entrepreneurial spirit of all street vendors of newspapers and magazines, supporting thousands of homeless, unemployed and vulnerable people around the world who take control of their lives through street sales. The vendor for "Face to Face" in Bitola, Mihalakji Petrovski, was stationed in front of the Vero market on Shirok Sokak, selling the two previous issues of the street magazine for the price of one issue.

During February the videos from the Project INVEST or "Why go abroad when you can stay and develop your country?" were recorded. Nearly 30 speakers were presented in 9 short videos that contain information about the various types of support for start-ups as well as existing small and medium enterprises. The videos also presented ways universities and state institutions may introduce creative new ways to support entrepreneurship in Macedonia. The videos were screened at 6 meet-ups in Skopje, Bitola, Tetovo, Stip, Ohrid, Strumica.

On March 5, 2015 at the American Corner in Bitola, FORUM 16 held a workshop titled "Soft Skills and Learning Styles of Youth Employment." This workshop, led by FORUM 16 President Natasha Chavdarovska, aimed to promote integration into the labor market by developing and / or improving the soft skills of the participants.

From April 19 to 26 in Gandia (Spain), three representatives of FORUM16 participated in the project "Art4Change", organized by our friends and colleagues from Xeración. The project was funded through the Erasmus + program.

On June 19, 2015 a conference on "Strengthening the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in Macedonia" was held at Hotel Kapri in Bitola. This conference was the last planned activity for the joint FORUM 16-CEFE Macedonia project "Why Go Abroad When You Can Stay and Develop Your Country?" which began in December 2014.

From June to November, a series of workshops was presented at NUUB "Ss. Kliment Ohridski" library in Bitola by the Association for Research, Development and Communications Public -Skopje. The purpose of these workshops was to increase reading culture among young audiences. At these workshops, through unconventional and non-formal methods, books were brought closer to the students. The following educational workshops were organized:

-6-8 Year students from the Primary School "Cyril and Methodius "and educator Vesela Bogdanovic;

-9-11 Year students from the Primary School "Ss. Kliment Ohridski"and educator Elena Bogdanovska;

-12-14 Year students from the school "Kole Kaninski" and educator Ilija Merkovski.

Prior to implementation of this project the library's reading room, along with two others in Skopje and Struga, was renovated with the financial support of EVN. In March 2015 the renovated reading room was opened in Skopje at the "Blaze Koneski" school in the Municipality of Aerodrom, and in May a similar space was made available to students in Struga. Renovations in Bitola were completed in June. The reading room renovations in all three communities were designed and developed by the company "Delight. The reading room in Bitola also houses an Austrian library, which has been an integral part of NUUB "Ss. Kliment Ohridski" since September 2012. The final activity of this project was organised on December 17 in the courtyard of the elementary school "Kole Kaninski" in Bitola. The final event was titled "We Have a Story to Tell." Students that were part of the workshops donated books that were left in small free libraries in Bitola (which the University Library "Ss. Kliment Ohridski" set in two locations in Bitola). On one of the walls in the school the artist NONE drew graffiti. On the same day the certificates to the participants of the workshops were awarded.

On October 31, a kickoff event was held at Café Bar Charshija in Bitola for the youth initiative "Who if not You(th)?" mentored by FORUM 16. From November to December, eight workshops by experts invited by the team were organized on the following topics:

- Business skills;
- Entrepreneurship;
- Leadership;
- Presentation and communication skills;
- Human rights;
- Youth Activism;
- Project management.

The workshops were held in the small hall of the Cultural Center. The goal of this initiative was to raise awareness of young people about opportunities in their local community and the contribution that can be made through the organization of events on various topics. The project design was based on a survey conducted by the team in several high schools in Bitola, which included 231 students. Through the survey, the following problems facing young people in Bitola were named: unemployment, limited access to information about young people or decisions taken with regard to youth, limited participation in society, lack of involvement with civil society organizations as a source of information and opportunities.

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- **Financial report**

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