

WORKING REPORT FOR 2020

2020 was marked by challenges imposed by the global pandemic and epidemiological measures that made regular functioning more difficult. In these circumstances, Development Center for Youth achieved following results:

I IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

1. **Project "Trade unions and their youth sections - new impetus for youth participation"**, January-December 2020, supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe

Objective: to improve the knowledge and skills of young trade union activists for participation in social processes of importance and advocacy for improving the situation in the field of youth labor rights

Partners: Trade Union Education Center from Banja Luka, Trade Union Center for Education and Training from Skopje, COSMO Association from Podgorica and Trade Union Youth Plus from Ljubljana, with the active participation of organizations from Greece and Albania

Brief description: the project had several phases, and the first step was research among young people on youth activism and trade union participation, as well as on usage of these structures for active participation in society (results were presented through national and consolidated reports). Central activity was the Trade Union Academy, which was attended by 35 participants from participating countries, where they learned through non-formal education on how they could get involved in processes of importance for young people, both through the trade union and in their own environment. At the same time, they developed social skills necessary for successful active action, but also proposed how to address young people through the media campaign that followed, in order to spread the message to as many people as possible. Participants also had field activities during which they transferred knowledge to peers from their immediate environment. Project ended with the Final conference during which the directions of further joint action were defined.

2. **Project "Sustainable associations for a strong community"**, October 2020 - July 2021; it is implemented within the Platform for Accountable Public Financial Management implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Serbia, and funded by the Government of Sweden (SIDA) in cooperation with the Municipality of Raška.

Objective: to strengthen the capacities of civil sector in the municipality of Raška in order to work in synergy with other actors from the community, especially local administration, to improve the quality of life of different categories of population (raising the quality, scope and number of different services and activities for citizens, according to jointly defined municipal priorities).

Partner: Children's Association of the Municipality of Raška

Brief description: during nine months, 12 associations and their 24 members will firstly undergo capacity building training at various levels: from day-to-day operation, through project idea preparation and project cycle management to PR and strategic communication. Participants will then transfer the acquired knowledge to other members from their organizations through info-sessions, and each association will prepare at least one project proposal based on what they have learned, with the mentoring support of experts. Applications will be presented at the Project Ideas Fair during which they will have the opportunity to connect with potential donors and local government representatives. Also,

the final event will be an opportunity to include other interested associations from the territory of the municipality of Raška.

3. Project "Strengths and Weaknesses of Sport during COVID-19", September 15 - November 15, 2020, supported by the FARE movement within the weeks "Football People" from October 8 to 22

Objective: to exchange opinions and experiences on negative impact of the pandemic on the sports sector, but also on ways to deal with it, maintaining social cohesion, team spirit and togetherness among children and youth

Brief description: regional online conference was organized with several dozen participants from various football clubs, sports associations, national federations and civil society organizations involved in the promotion of human rights through sport, in order to open a dialogue on pandemic impact on the sports sector. The project resulted in a set of conclusions and recommendations for further action, and was accompanied by a strong promotional campaign on the social role of sports in educating young people on various topics of importance from everyday life, such as those related to the pandemic itself.

With this project, DC Youth joined the global annual FARE action during which 2,000 activities were held in more than 45 countries around the world.

4. Project "Extraordinary work in an extraordinary situation", October 2020 - January 2021, supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe

Objective: to strengthen youth associations and associations for youth in Serbia to work in unforeseen circumstances, in order to adapt their actions and activities to each situation and continue working unhindered in compliance with all prescribed measures

Brief description: project has several phases, the first of which was - initial training for associations and their members on managing organizations in extraordinary situations through the necessary programmatic and logistical adaptations. Participants then continued to conduct field activities adapted to acting in unforeseen circumstances, while participating in the preparation of the tutorial "Truths and Desillusions about the work of CSOs in extraordinary situation", all accompanied by an intensive media campaign to provide additional public support for civil society action in these specific circumstances.

5. Project "Standing together for a healthier and safer community" - preparatory activities; the project will start on 1.1.2021. through the ERASMUS+ program of the European Union in the field of sports

Objective: to revitalize the educational and pedagogical role of sports (football, in this particular case), using the influence that football coaches have on children and youth. We want to develop, test and prepare a module/program for football coaches on how to use training and constant work with children and youth to bring them closer to other topics of importance for everyday life through sports

Partners: actors from the sports, youth and education sector (football clubs - FC Grafičar from Serbia, FC Sloga from Bosnia and Herzegovina, HNK Gorica from Croatia, NK Maribor from Slovenia and FC Pelister from North Macedonia, youth association Trade Union Education Center and faculties for sports and physical education from Macedonia, Turkey and Romania)

Brief description: the project will include a number of different activities - research and professional work on development of training module; training of football coaches for the adoption of developed module; application of acquired knowledge in clubs from which

football coaches come and in joint camps, as well as a promotional campaign that underlines the educational role of sports. The minimum expected results are: 25 trained football coaches, 250 children who will go through the activities and 50,000 people from general population who will get relevant information through the accompanying promotional campaign.

II PARTNER PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS

1. **Project "EU Network"** implemented by organization from Greece - United Societies of Balkans through ERASMUS+ program of the European Union in the field of youth, within the key action 3: KA3 - Support to policy reforms and cooperation of civil society in the field of youth

Objective: to inform young people, but also youth associations and associations for youth about changes within the ERASMUS+ program and the European Solidarity Corps in the period 2021-2027, and initiate a dialogue on the topics of activism, association and empowerment of young people in Europe

Brief description: the "EU Network" project brings together 34 European civil society associations that will work together to strengthen their own capacities, but also to promote youth goals and the goals of the EU strategy for young people in their countries of origin.

2. **Project "EMBRACE - Environmental Mobility by Raising Awareness on Changing our Earth"** implemented by organization from Greece - United Societies of Balkans through ERASMUS+ program of the European Union in the field of youth, within the key action 2: KA2 - Capacity building in the field of youth - AKPALA call

Objective: to build capacities of youth organizations in providing non-formal education and empowering young people to become active in the field of environmental protection, while stimulate their critical thinking on the negative impacts on human rights, accessible resources and equality all over the world.

Brief description: the "EMBRACE - Environmental Mobility by Raising Awareness on Changing our Earth" project brings together 7 organizations from Greece, Italy, France, Serbia, Peru, Vietnam and India which will build their own and capacities of youth in terms of environment and education on

III FORMALIZED AND AGREED PARTNERSHIPS

1. Agreement on business and technical cooperation with the Trade Union of Employees in Administration, Judiciary and Citizens' Associations of the Republic of Macedonia (UPOZ), July 2, 2020

2. Agreement on joint action in the field of international cooperation in sports with Deki Stanković Football Camp, December 18, 2020

3. Agreement on media partnership on the project "Standing together for a healthier and safer community" with Arena Channels Group

IV INTERNAL CAPACITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The operational core of the Association has been enlarged by a new member - young Veljko Avramović from Kuršumlija, who will be primarily involved in activities of the Association in the field of sports.

Over the past 12 months, the Association's project team has undergone various training, with a focus on: project proposal preparation and project cycle management and available digital tools to continue working with young people and other target groups of the Association.

Official website of the Association and its profiles on the social networks (Facebook and Instagram) are regularly updated and available in Serbian and English.

V EXPERT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF PARTNER ASSOCIATIONS

Through team or contribution of individual experts, our Association supported the work of following partner associations: Intermedia Blace (Serbia), Trade Union Education Center Banja Luka and Trade Union of Administration of Republika Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Trade Union Center for Education and Training Skopje (North Macedonia).

VI CONCLUSION

In a challenging year, Development Center for Youth participated in over 50 activities of various formats (both digital and live), with the participation of more than 500 participants from different age and social categories. Through media announcements and guest appearances, our activities were visible to over 150,000 people, which was especially contributed by media support through the TV show "Čašica razgovora" on TV K:CN, having in mind its viewership rate and the fact that it is broadcast in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro.

The association operates stably, with the daily engagement of a five-member team, and starting from January 2021, it already has three projects whose realization is certain. Progress is continuous and visible, and in the upcoming period thematic focus in action will be put on the area of human rights in sports.