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OPEN IDEAS

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) with support of UNDP Office in Montenegro is implementing a project "Open ideas for Montenegro", during which CCE conducted workshops in six cities across Montenegro.

The objective of this phase of the project is to hear the voice of citizens about the problems they are facing with in the areas of healthcare, education, public administration, the use of public resources, youth unemployment and the fight against corruption, with finding ways to use modern technologies to get a response to these problems.

Through a constructive exchange of views participants had the opportunity to propose innovative solutions for some of the identified problems within their local community and society as a whole. By submitting the idea, they were in a position to familiarize themselves with the methodology of creating ideas and applying their idea for Hacaton competition which will be held next year. Participating on Hacaton, they are getting an opportunity to implement the idea and to compete for interesting prizes.

With the assistance of the partners of the Centre for Civic Education at the local level - NGO "Hope", NGO "Today for tomorrow", NGO "Natura", NGO "Bonum" – workshops were held in Herceg Novi and Budva (16 December 2012), Cetinje and Podgorica (17 December 2012), Kolašin (18 December 2012), and in Pljevlja (19 December 2012). 96 participants of different age and professions, representatives of the local governments, NGOs, relevant organizations, media, minority groups, pensioners, students and pupils attended these workshops. They created 26 ideas in total, and some of these are as follows: "**Electronic Legal Advisor**", "**Electronic books appeal**"; "**Grain by grain - bun**" (an on-line donation to improve school infrastructure); "**Sound-hunters, aggression, depression**" (application for mobile phones that will be able to measure the noise in the touristic resorts); "**Electronic counter**" (for a bus station in Cetinje); "**Click to valley**" (interactive applications/tourist guide Cetinje); "**Heal Me**" (web platform linking state pharmacy); "**SMS - no stress**" (web platform linked with SMS service that would allow direct reporting on failure of electricity network); "**Dentist on click**"; "**Against the air pollution**", etc.

The entire project encompassed creation of the mini-campaign in order to promote the benefits of these workshops. In the first half of December, CCE intensified work on development of the best approach to the implementation of the project. Taking into account the growing importance of social networks, CCE has produced video "**Open ideas**" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuEHmbp7IRI>) by Gojko Berkuljan, student of Faculty of Arts in Cetinje, and it was publicised on 11 December 2012.

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