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VLADA CRNE GORE NISTARSTVO JAVNE UPFAVE GITALNOG DRUŠTVA I MEDIJA



1st category



Union of the Blind of

Montenearo

Organization of the Blind of Nikšić. Šavnik

and Plužine





Project title: With e-accessibility to civic activism of PWD Lead applicant: Union of the Blind of Montenegro

Partners: Organization of the Blind of Nikšić, Šavnik and Plužine; Organization of the Blind of Pljevlja and Žabljak; Organization of the blind of Bar and Ulcinj Associates: Organization of the Blind of Podgorica, Danilovgrad and Kolašin; Organization of the Blind of Cetinje; Organization of the Blind of Bijelo Polje and Mojkovac, Organization of the Blind of Berane, Andrijevica, Plav and Rožaje; Organization of the Blind of Kotor, Herceg Novi, Budva and Tivat

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the further promotion of the protection of human rights and the inclusion of PWDs.

The specific goal is to contribute to improving the means of electronic accessibility of rights and services of PWDs at the local level.

The expected project result is the analysis and assessment of the current situation at the local level, and on that basis, initiating a dialogue with institutions to improve the framework for the development of electronic accessibility aimed at creating open and inclusive local communities.

Project activities include development of methodology and monitoring openness and electronic accessibility in Bar, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Kotor, Nikšić, Podgorica and Pljevlja, making recommendations and advocating for their implementation through dialogue with local institutions and the Union of Municipalities of Montenegro (UOM). The findings of the analysis will be presented and promoted to stakeholders and the wider community, through traditional and social media, as well as publications and video content adapted for people with visual and hearing impairments.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 19, 995.80 EUR.



NGO White Lily

Project title: Through the North on Two Wheels Lead applicant: NGO Biciklo.me

Partners: NGO New Beginning (Novi početak) i NGO White Lily (Bijeli Ijiljan) Associates: NGA Coallition for Sustainable Development

The overall goal of the project is the capacity building of local self-governments and civil society of Kolašin, Žabljak and Rožaje for the development and implementation of the concept of sustainable mobility.

More specifically, the project aims to raise awareness about the importance of sustainable mobility among local decision-makers and citizens, while creating a strategy for the application of this concept, including the promotion of cycling and the development of cycling infrastructure to improve the tourist offer of targeted municipalities and contribute to environmental protection.

Project activities include conducting research on citizens' travel habits, informing and educating local institutions and citizens about sustainable mobility, especially young people through organizing competitions in schools, promotional cycling tours, workshops with councillors and local parliaments, and developing a strategy for cycling as a form of sustainable mobility, but also the improvement of cycling infrastructure by setting up 12 parking spots for 120 bicycles in Kolašin, Rožaje and Žabljak.

The project duration is 7 months, and the total approved budget is 19, 266.15 EUR





Project title: Think, Act and Inspire your environment for sustainable development! Lead applicant: NGO Association for Protection of Nature and Tourism Promotion "Morakovo"

Partners: NGO Democratic European Initiative Danilovgrad

Associates: Secretariat for spatial and urban planning and environmental protection – Department of Environmental Protection in the Municipality of Nikšić, Secretariat for spatial and urban planning and environmental protection of Danilovgrad, Biotechnical Faculty and Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Montenegro

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the capacity building of CSOs to be involved in the decision-making process concerning the fullfilment of obligations under the negotiating Chapter 27 - Environment and Climate Change.

More specifically, the project aims to contribute to capacity building of CSOs for cooperation with local self-governments, networking and strengthening existing and building new partnerships within the sector to influence environmental protection and sustainable development policies - with an emphasis on overcoming the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The project is expected to contribute to strengthening the capacity of local CSOs for active participation in shaping environmental policies and advocating the concept of a sustainable green transition that generates justice, solidarity and sustainability.

In this regard, workshops and trainings will be organized for CSO representatives aimed at strengthening the capacity for participation in the policy-making and monitoring of public policy implementation; seminars aimed at strengthening existing CSO networks and creating new ones. Also, the focus will be on forming expert teams for sustainable development at the local level, establishing a local environmental parliament; making local environmental plans (LEPs), organizing round tables on sustainable green transition, as well as a public campaign to inform the general public about the goals and project results and the importance of environmental protection and sustainable development by making a flyer and social media campaign.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 19, 568.16 EUR



SOS Hotline for Women and Children Victims Bijelo Polje

Project title: Empowerment and support for women with experience of violence Lead applicant: SOS Hotline for Women and Children Victims Bijelo Polje Associates: Ministry of the Interior (MI), Government of Montenegro – a regional unit of the Police administration of Bijelo Polje; Basic state prosecution office; Regional body for misdemeanours; and the Basic Court of Bijelo Polje

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to improving the protection of women victims of violence and empowering them to break the cycle of violence.

The specific goals are to improve the support services for women that had experienced violence and to contribute to improving the efficiency of competent institutions at the local level (MI, Centre for Social Work, Health, Prosecution Offices, courts, local government).

The expected project results are strengthening the quality of available support and self-support services for women victims of violence, enhanced action and cooperation of competent institutions and civil society in the prevention and prosecution of cases of violence.

In this regard, continuous support via SOS hotline will be provided, a self-support group for women that had experienced violence will be established, individual psychosocial and legal support will be provided, an awareness-raising campaign on the importance of violence prevention will be conducted through the production and printing of information leaflets i.e. campaigns through traditional and social media and a round table on strengthening cross-sectoral cooperation will be organized for representatives of institutions.

The project duration is 9 months, and the total approved budget is 11,128.00 EUR.



Project title: TRUCE – Work of judiciary bodies in cases of domestic violence in coastal municipalities Lead applicant: NGO Ksena

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the protection of human rights and freedoms in Montenegro, with a focus on the rights of marginalized groups.

The specific goal is to contribute to the fight against domestic violence, promotion of women's rights and gender equality, and the strengthening of victim support services provided by CSOs to women and children victims of violence in the coastal region of Montenegro.

The results of the project will be an analysis of the procedures of the judiciary in cases of domestic violence in four coastal municipalities of Montenegro (Herceg Novi, Budva, Tivat and Kotor), strengthened capacities of CSOs to provide adequate and sustainable support to women and children who are victims of domestic violence from Kotor and Budva and raising the awareness of the authorities and citizens in targeted municipalities on the importance of violence prevention.

The planned activities encompass a legal analysis of the domestic violence case processing in four coastal municipalities, including the work of the police, basic prosecution offices, centres for social work, but also analysis of misdemeanour and basic court cases; preparation and printing of the Report on the actions of the judicial authorities and other bodies in cases of domestic violence; needs analysis and roadmap of the NGO Ksena for more comprehensive and sustainable provision of support services to women and children - victims of domestic violence; adjustment and adaptation of the premises of the NGO Ksena (shelters for women and children victims of violence); conducting a campaign on the prevention of violence through traditional and social media; and organizing a conference to present the Report to local institutions and other stakeholders with the aim of advocating for improvements in the multisectoral response to domestic violence.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 17, 077.20 EUR



Project title: Through Cooperation to a better position of persons with disabilities in the Municipality of Tuzi Lead applicant: NGO Children of Montenegro Associates: Municipality of Tuzi

The overall goal of the project is to build CSO capacity for monitoring public policies and strategies of local self-government on the rights of persons with disabilities.

The specific goals are strengthening the partnership between CSOs and local self-government and the implementation of joint activities to promote the rights of persons with disabilities.

It is expected that the project will lead to the enhanced cooperation between institutional and civil society actors at the local level in monitoring the implementation of the Local plan for the protection of persons with disabilities against discrimination and the promotion of equality 2021-2023; greater awareness of persons with disabilities and citizens of Tuzi on the rights of persons with disabilities; strengthened capacities of teaching staff to work with children with special needs in education; and developed capacities of CSOs to provide support services for parents of children and youth with disabilities.

Project activities include analysis of the needs for support services for persons with disabilities in the municipality of Tuzi; organizing three one-day trainings for representatives of institutions and CSOs to strengthen the capacity for monitoring and cross-sectoral cooperation; organizing a campaign to promote the rights of persons with disabilities; organizing two two-day trainings for teaching staff for the implementation of Individual Development Education Program (IROP) and Individual Transition Plan (ITP1) in primary and secondary school in Tuzi; organizing 10 workshops for parents of children and youth with disabilities, as well as 10 meetings with children and youth with disabilities; organizing a round table on harmonization of regulations at the local level with the Law on Prohibition of Discrimination of Persons with Disabilities.

The project duration is 10 months, and the total approved budget is 15, 476.00 EUR.



Project title: Culture Up Rožaje! Lead applicant: NGO Karika

Associates: Cultural centre Rožaje, PI Public Library Rožaje and Tourism Organisation of Rožaje

The overall goal of the project is the democratization of culture in Montenegro and the development support of the culture and art scene in the municipalities of Rožaje, Bijelo Polje and Petnjica.

The specific goal is to contribute to motivating young people for social engagement through artistic and cultural expression, i.e. creating opportunities for creative research through art and presentation of artistic and cultural creativity of young people, and strengthening social dialogue at the local level on the importance of investing in culture and art.

The project will contribute to developing social activism of young people through various forms of artistic activity, cultural enrichment of Rožaje, Bijelo Polje and Petnjica through the organization of culture and art events that present and affirm the creativity of young people.

Project activities include the organization of multi-month art workshops for young people; organization of literary evenings, exhibitions, concerts and other events designed and implemented by young people; forums with prominent cultural and artistic creators in local communities; development of a collection of youth works.

The project duration is 9 months, and the total approved budget is 19, 999.37 EUR.

hep

Project title: HEP Start! Lead applicant: NGA Hepatitis Montenegro

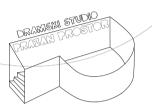
The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the improvement of the process of European integration by strengthening the participation of civil society in decision-making processes and the implementation of healthcare reforms - more specifically - policies on the elimination of viral hepatitis by 2030.

The specific goal is to contribute to the improvement of cross-sectoral cooperation in the protection of the rights of patients with viral hepatitis in Montenegro, strengthening the capacity of associations of patients and vulnerable groups through the development of support services, capacity building and increasing visibility.

Expected project results are the improvement of the legislative and policy aimed at eliminating viral hepatitis in Montenegro; improving cooperation and networking of CSOs and patient associations with local self-governments and relevant institutions in the field of health and social care; building and strengthening the capacity and visibility of CSOs that provide services, gather and represent patients with viral hepatitis.

In that regard, a range of activities will be conducted: analysis of the degree of compliance of prevention, testing and treatment of viral hepatitis with EU recommendations and recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO); a panel discussion on the challenges in eliminating viral hepatitis by 2030; organization of thematic meetings with representatives of local self-governments and relevant institutions; training on models for providing support and protection of patients' rights for CSOs that provide services to persons with viral hepatitis; training in communication, media relations and public relation - PR for CSOs; a public awareness campaign on the importance of preventing, testing and treating viral infections.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 19,775.20 EUR.



Project title: Understand.me Lead applicant: NGO Empty Space

Associates: Secretariat for social activities of the municipality of Pljevlja

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the understanding and respect for religious and national diversity among young people in Montenegro.

The specific goal is to encourage the involvement of young people in dialogue, increase understanding of the importance of multiculturalism and empower young people for activism through engaged art.

Expected project results are empowered young people for activism through the creation of artistic performances intended for advocacy and promotion of multicultural values in local communities, as well as strengthened social dialogue on the importance of encouraging and empowering young people in promoting and fostering multiculturalism.

Project activities include the organization of a ten-day youth residency programme; creating and performing work of art that promotes multiculturalism in six cities - multicultural environments throughout Montenegro; organization of a public forum on the challenges of multiculturalism; recording and promoting a video about implemented activities intended for distribution via social networks.

The project duration is 6 months, and the total approved budget is 22,942.00 EUR.



Project title: Civil society organizations as efficient actors in the decision-making process

Lead applicant: NGO Eco-team (Eko-tim)

Associates: Secretariat for Social Activities of the municipality of Pljevlja

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the improvement of Montenegro's European integration process by strengthening the capacity and knowledge of civil society organizations, the media and raising public awareness in order to contribute to environmental protection.

The specific goal is to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations to be considered as professional, responsible and efficient actors in the process of public advocacy and decision-making in the field of environmental protection, with a focus on implementing wastewater treatment projects (WWTP), accompanied by significant media coverage and raising the awareness of the citizens of Montenegro.

Expected results are: improved conditions for further implementation of projects for construction of wastewater treatment plants; strengthened capacities of civil society organizations for public advocacy and involvement in decision-making processes related to WWTP construction projects, as well as media capacities to investigate and report on projects at the local level; raised awareness of citizens about the importance of implementing WWTP in terms of environmental protection and EU integration.

Activities include analysis of the status of implementation of projects for the construction of wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) in the central and northern region of Montenegro; making recommendations for improving the situation in the field of WWTP construction; organization of a round table with decision-makers at the local and national level; organization of two one-day trainings for CSOs; making brochure on the importance of WWTP construction projects; making guides for participation in decision-making processes related to WWTP projects; organization of media training; public awareness campaign and raising public awareness through traditional and social media.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 19,986.53 EUR.



Project title: **Digital Employment Compass** Lead applicant: **NGO InterLingua**

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to EU integration in the areas of digitalisation and employment.

The specific goal is to strengthen the digital and business competencies of young people to facilitate their labour market inclusion and employment.

Project results will be the fostering of digital competencies of young people; establishing a mechanism for testing and strengthening the capacity of young people in the area of digital literacy; establishing support for young people in the field of career counselling.

In this regard, activities encompass creating guides on digital literacy and business etiquette for young people; organization of the Hackademy for Youth-strengthening IT competencies; organization of the School of Business Etiquette; organization of a one-month long internship for young people in IT companies; creating an online digital literacy platform for young people; organization of three forums on career counselling for young people.

The project duration is 10 months, and the total approved budget is 18,422.80 EUR.





Partners: NGO Media team, SOS Hotline Nikšić, Environmental Movement Ozone, Association for support of persons with psychophysical disabilities – UZPD; and NGO Business centre

Bizni

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations from Nikšić for monitoring and controlling the work of local government, strengthen mutual partnerships and cooperation of CSOs with local institutions to achieve greater transparency, efficiency and accountability in the work of local self-government institutions.

The specific goal is to contribute to the improvement of the work of local government, as well as to strengthening communication and trust of citizens in local authorities.

Expected results are strengthened CSO capacities for monitoring the work of local institutions; analysis and evaluation of the work of local municipality Nikšić in six areas with recommendations for further improvements - developed and presented to the public; strengthened communication mechanisms between citizens and local government.

Planned project activities include training for CSOs on mechanisms for monitoring and controlling the work of local government; preparation of an evaluation report on the work of local self-government in six different areas (optimization of human resources and analysis of personnel policy; transparency and accountability of local government; human and women's rights; ecology; social and child protection and economy and entrepreneurship); presentation of the Report on the work of local self-government; formation and operation of focus groups for the development of e-services for citizens; development and promotion of the online platform "Local municipality at your hand."

The project duration is 10 months, and the total approved budget is 19,673.02 EUR.

2nd category



Project title: Empowered civil society in the fight against devastation of space and protected areas

Lead applicant: **Center for Investigative Journalism of Montenegro (CIN-CG)** *Partners*: NGO Expeditio - Center for Sustainable Spatial Development Kotor

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the European integration process, particularly in Chapters 27, 23 and 24 through the sector of environmental protection, cultural heritage and urbanism.

The specific goal is to contribute to the preservation of natural resources and protection of cultural heritage at the local level within the sector of Urbanism, through research of spatial planning and construction, as well as to increase awareness and involvement of experts and citizens in the process of making decisions on spatial planning, with a focus on the Bay of Kotor and the coast.

The expected results are: investigated and published specific cases of planning and construction in the coastal area that poses a threat to the environment, with a focus on Boka bay and the cultural heritage that is on the UNESCO list; greater transparency of the spatial planning system and construction of facilities on the Montenegrin coast; strengthened media and CSO capacities for monitoring and reporting on spatial planning.

Project activities encompass analysis of current urban plans for Montenegrin coast with a focus on the Bay of Kotor; research on compliance with legal norms when constructing facilities of greater public interest on the coast - with an emphasis on Boka; writing and publishing newspaper articles based on conducted research; analysis of key issues jeopardizing the UNESCO World Heritage status of Boka and making a study; analysis of spatial planning documentation, the legislative framework in the field of spatial planning and protection of cultural heritage; presenting the results of analyses through a publication and a documentary.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 46,185.20 EUR.

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Project title: Active Citizens for Better Media Lead applicant: Media Centre

Partners: Help Foundation - Action for the north of Montenegro

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to Montenegro's progress in the European integration process in the field of media freedom and pluralism.

The specific goal is to strengthen the participation of CSOs and citizens in monitoring and increasing the quality of work of the media and media institutions in Montenegro.

The expected results are strengthened media literacy of NGOs and citizens; established support service for citizens in submitting complaints about the work of electronic media; established monitoring of media regulations.

The project envisages series of activities that include: conducting the awareness campaign on the importance of media literacy for citizens and organizing trainings for representatives of NGOs and citizens; awarding the prize for civic activism in the field of media literacy; making a Guide on filing complaints about the media content of electronic media; conducting awareness campaign on the citizen support service for filing complaints regarding violations of professional standards in electronic media; providing support services to citizens in filing complaints regarding violations of professional standards in electronic media; organizing a periodic report on the implementation of laws regulating electronic media; organizing a conference on the implementation of the electronic media law and the fulfilment of obligations under the negotiating Chapter 10; establishment of the Civil Society Network for the promotion of media pluralism.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 52,444.38 EUR





Project title: **EU info corner on the north of Montenegro** Lead applicant: **Multimedia Montenegro** Partners: NGO Northland

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the capacity-building of the civil sector in the north of Montenegro to take an active role in educating, informing and shaping public opinion on the Montenegro EU accession process.

The specific goal is to explain the European Union, the process of European integration/ negotiations and EU support to Montenegro to the residents of northern Montenegro, especially young people.

The expected project results are: established and promoted EU info corner in Bijelo Polje as a place for dialogue and debate of various actors (civil society, academic community, experts, citizens) on various aspects of the European integration process; strengthened the role of youth and civil sector to actively promote EU values and the process of Montenegro's EU integration; improved conditions for connecting and exchanges of youth between Montenegro and EU countries; greater visibility of activities and EU assistance programmes in Montenegro, as well as awareness and understanding of Montenegrin citizens, especially in the north of Montenegro, on the accession process, negotiations with the EU and Montenegro's EU integration.

Activities include establishment and management of the EU Info Corner in Bijelo Polje and EU information spots in Berane, Kolašin and Rožaje; organizing various promotional and educational activities and events for different target groups in order to understand the accession/negotiation process, specific EU policies and the functioning of EU institutions, EU assistance programmes, promoting European values.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 56, 951.32 EUR.



Project title: I question, hence, I exist Lead applicant: NGO Juventas Partners: Union of high school students of Montenegro

The overall goal is to contribute to improving the status of young people in Montenegro and strengthening their democratic capacities.

Specific goals are to contribute to strengthening the resistance of young people in Montenegro to political manipulation, radicalism, propaganda, as well as to strengthening the capacity of the education system and youth policy actors to develop critical thinking among students.

The expected results are strengthened resistance of young people to growing radicalism and extreme nationalism, and their strengthened democratic capacities; advanced capacities of teaching staff for the development of critical thinking skills in working with young people; strengthened capacities of youth policy actors at the local level.

Activities encompass training for peer educators on media literacy, human rights, resistance to radicalism - organizing a minimum of 120 peer educations throughout Montenegro; establishment of volunteer clubs in Podgorica, Pljevlja, Berane, Bar in cooperation with youth services; organizing three local initiatives of the participants of volunteer clubs; training for teaching staff of secondary vocational schools on media literacy; making guide for teaching staff on working methods for the development of critical thinking of children and young people; training for administrators of youth services on teaching young people about radicalization, media literacy and democratic values; creating work programme that will be implemented in youth services; public campaign and advocacy.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 44,459.95 EUR.



Project title: Together for LGBTI rights Lead applicant: Montenegrin LGBTIQ Association – Queer MONTENEGRO

The overall goal of the project is to improve the quality of life of LGBTI persons in all regions in Montenegro.

The specific goal is the decentralization of the LGBTI rights movement that actively works on protecting its human rights in all regions of Montenegro through networking and building partnerships between civil society, local self-governments and the LGBTI community from several municipalities.

Expected results: strengthened capacities of the national Coalition for the promotion of human rights of LGBTIQ persons and established coalition at the local level; analysed implementation of the Strategy for improving the quality of life of LGBT persons with recommendations for its improvement; LGBTIQ persons living outside Podgorica empowered to launch initiatives concerning their human rights; provided free legal aid to LGBTIQ persons in need.

Project activities include: capacity-building and expanding the Coalition for the promotion of LGBTI human rights in Montenegro at the national level (creating the visual identity of the coalition and establishing operating procedures of the coalition), defining the strategic goals of the Coalition for the promotion of LGBTI human rights in Montenegro; establishing coalitions for the promotion of human rights at the local level in at least five Montenegrin municipalities; monitoring the implementation of the Strategy for improving the quality of life of LGBTI persons 2019 - 2023, preparation and presentation of the *Shadow report*; training on strengthening the capacity for civic activism of the LGBTI community from municipalities outside Podgorica; mentoring the LGBTI community outside Podgorica in creating analyses of the situation and advocating for human rights at the local level; meetings with local self-governments and non-governmental organizations that are members of the Coalition for the promotion of LGBTI human rights and the community from at least three municipalities outside Podgorica; initiatives/actions of visibility of LGBTI persons from local communities; providing free legal aid to LGBTI persons.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 28,283.80 EUR.



Project title: Learn about your rights – citizen and police Lead applicant: Human Rights Action

Associates: Police administration and Ministry of the Interior

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the establishment of the rule of law and democracy through the transformation of the police into protectors of citizens' rights.

The specific goal is to increase citizens' awareness about their rights and obligations in relation to the work of the police.

The expected project results are improved awareness of citizens (particularly young people) about their rights and obligations concerning the work of the police; strengthened citizens' trust in the work of the police and active participation in the supervision of police work.

In order to achieve results, numerous activities are planned, which include: analysis of the legislative framework and reports of relevant institutions, organizations and supervisory bodies; conducting public opinion researches to verify the awareness of citizens about their rights and obligations in relation to the work of the police; making guides for citizens on their rights and obligations in relation to the work of the police; making instructions for young people (14 to 18 years) as a comics in electronic form and in poster size on the role of the police and their rights and obligations in relation to police work in situations relevant to young people (translated to Albanian); making videos from the promotion of comics in high schools in cooperation with officers of the Police administration; making five short animated videos with questions and answers about the rights and obligations of citizens in relation to the work of the police; providing free legal advice to citizens; promotion of project results in order to increase citizens' awareness through social and traditional media; creating and conducting of a short (online) guiz in order to check the results and impact of the project on citizens' awareness about the rights and obligations in relation to the work of the police; a campaign to encourage citizens to become more actively involved in supervising the work of the police through electronic and print media; recording and qualitative analysis of citizens' complaints about the work of the police and monitoring the action on these complaints.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 44,607.24 EUR.



EKOLOGA



Project title: Capacity building of CSOs for active participation in the establishment of the Natura 2000 ecological network and its management Lead applicant: Montenegrin Ecologists Society

Associates: NGO Wild Life Montenegro

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to capacity building and recognition of strengthened civil society by state institutions in the EU integration process.

The specific goal is to contribute to capacity-building of the civil sector to establish and manage the NATURA 2000 network in Montenegro, as well as to establish cooperation between CSOs, protected area managers and local self-governments.

The expected results are improved capacities of the civil sector in the field of monitoring and mapping Natura 2000 habitats; increased public awareness about the benefits of establishing a NATURA 2000 ecological network; established cooperation of the civil sector and institutions, as well as regional cooperation in establishing NATURA 2000 network.

The project envisages numerous activities that include: training for CSOs on the process of establishing, managing, mapping, processing and interpreting monitoring data of NATURA 2000 sites; educational campaigns, making animations and video materials intended for informing and educating local communities with a focus on youth and children; training on models for managing potential NATURA 2000 sites, manners of involving the local community and sustainable financing, as well as an analysis of the status of certain rare mammal species.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 45,206.70 EUR.



Project title: Multisectoral Cooperation as a condition for prevention and protection against gender-based violence

Lead applicant: **SOS Hotline for Women and Children Victims Podgorica** Partners: SOS Hotline for Women and Children Victims Podgorica Ulcinj Associates: Centre for Social Work for the Municipality of Bijelo Polje; The Institute for Social and Child Protection; and High Misdemeanour Court of Montenegro

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the effective protection and support for women that experienced gender-based violence in accordance with international standards and national regulations.

The specific goal is to improve the policies and practice of state bodies and civil society organizations and to strengthen independent control mechanisms in the field of protection against domestic violence in Montenegro.

The expected results are greater transparency and control of the work of state bodies; strengthened capacities and influence of women's NGOs - providers of specialized support services for women that experienced violence on public policies, with active participation in decision-making and implementation of reforms of social protection and safety of victims; improved multidisciplinary approach to the domestic violence treatment, prevention and protection.

In order to achieve results, activities include the following: monitoring the implementation of the Protocol on the action, prevention and protection of victims of domestic violence and violence against women; drafting practical policy proposals with recommendations for improvement, i.e. training on public advocacy and initiating advocacy for amendments to the Protocol; development and accreditation of programmes and implementation of multisectoral trainings for employees in civil society institutions and organizations on the application of protocols.

The project duration is 12 months, and the total approved budget is 48,616.00 EUR.

