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**I category**

**Project title: Towards Socially Responsible Local Budgeting**  
**Lead applicant: NGO Forum for the Development of Democracy**  
**Partner: NGO "UDICA"**

*The overall objective* of the project is to contribute to the advancement and implementation of SIGMA principles of public administration reform, related to public financial management, which include transparent, accountable, strategic and inclusive management of public money.

*The specific objective* of the project is to improve the quality of budget practices in the municipalities of Bijelo Polje, Berane and Pljevlja within the process of drafting, spending and reporting on the budget through monitoring and providing recommendations by civil society organizations.

It is planned that the project results in strengthened capacities of non-governmental organizations in Bijelo Polje, Berane and Pljevlja, video production and publications *How are municipal budgets planned and spent?* and *Citizens' Budget for 2022 for the municipalities of Bijelo Polje, Berane and Pljevlja*.

Project *activities* include research on the quality of preparation and implementation of the budgets of the municipalities of Bijelo Polje, Berane and Pljevlja in the period from 2015 to 2020; research on the quality of the budget process based on monitoring during the budget calendar for 2021 (June - December 2021) for the municipalities of Bijelo Polje, Berane and Pljevlja; drafting the Citizens' Budget in 2022 for the municipalities of Bijelo Polje, Berane and Pljevlja; the *Public Finance School* programme for representatives of NGOs from Bijelo Polje, Berane and Pljevlja; video production *Get involved - Ask where the money is?*; and the organization of public panels in the municipalities where the project is implemented.

The project lasts 11 months, and the total approved budget is 14,722.09 EUR.

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*Project title:* **Sheila - A story about a tragic fate that could have been prevented**  
*Lead applicant:* **NGO Harlequin**

*The overall project objective* is to contribute to the reduction of violence in Montenegro, increasing the awareness of the competent authorities about the need for enhanced cooperation and efficiency of mechanisms for prevention of violence against women, peers, domestic and other forms of violence in society.

*The specific objective* is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the violence prevention system in Montenegro, through the creation of a short documentary film that would inform the relevant institutions and citizens about the consequences of an inefficient, untimely and irresponsible violence prevention system.

The project will *result* in a short documentary about Sheila, a tragically killed girl, a victim of violence. Furthermore, the film is expected to influence the sensitization of the general population and decision-makers about the consequences of gender-based violence and domestic violence, as well as the need for greater efficiency and better cooperation of institutions in the field of violence prevention.

Project *activities* are focused on the production of documentary film; a campaign of raising the level of awareness of representatives of relevant institutions and the general public about the need for more efficient and effective prevention of violence, and the consequences of untimely and inadequate actions of the competent authorities.

The project lasts 6 months, and the total approved budget is 19,990.10 EUR.

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*Project title:* **Strong civil society in the service of active citizens**

*Lead applicant:* **NGO Center for Democratic Transition (CDT)**

*Associate:* Capital City of Podgorica

*The overall objective* of the project is to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations to implement innovative models of civic participation.

*Specifically*, the project seeks to provide mechanisms to local government for the independent, impartial and functional involvement of citizens in the policy-making process, as well as to raise awareness of citizens and political entities about innovative models of civic participation in policy-making.

The expected *results* are: established cooperation with the Capital city as a basis for the implementation of joint activities; built capacities of civil society organizations and representatives of the Capital City Assembly through a specially designed programme; a topic visible to the public through a campaign in traditional, electronic and social media.

Key *activities* include two curricula developed for interactive workshops/trainings; organization of one workshop for representatives of the Capital City Assembly; training of five civil society organizations on the Citizens' Assembly as an innovative instrument of deliberative democracy; training of 10 facilitators for the implementation of the Citizens' Assembly; presenting the Assembly of Citizens of the Capital to the public; informing 10,000 citizens about project activities through media announcements, announcements on social media and direct communication.

The project lasts 7 months, and the total approved budget is 17,480.94 EUR.

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Centar za  
feminističku  
kulturu

*Project title:* - **BRIGADA.ME digital platform for a European culture**

*Lead applicant:* **NVU Art 365**

*Partner:* NGO NOVA - Centre for Feminist Culture

*The overall objective* of the project is to strengthen the cultural system in Montenegro taking a more significant role in the process of EU integration of Montenegro and civic emancipation of Montenegrin society.

*Specifically*, the project focuses on increasing the cognitive, critical and artistic capacities of 20 young cultural workers for socially engaged, contemporary activities in the field of culture in the wake of cultural policies and practices in the EU, but also on raising awareness of other cultural and political actors on the importance of sector of culture in the process of Montenegro's integration into the EU and civic emancipation of Montenegrin society.

*Expected results* are strengthened capacities of 20 young cultural workers for interventions in the field of culture; improved knowledge of around 300 young artists and cultural professionals, through monitoring online classroom of European culture, on the possible impact of culture on sustainable social and economic development and the role of digital art practices in this context; increased visibility and understanding of the importance of culture; established digital platform "Brigada.me".

The *key activities* are the organisation of a ten-day art residency in Šavnik, which will enable young artists and cultural workers to connect on different bases (generational, artistic, etc.); production of 20 artworks that virally and suggestively convey the message of what culture is currently in Montenegro, and what it could be (in terms of its impact on social emancipation and sustainable social and economic development); organization of six online lectures on European cultural policies and practices (online classroom of European culture); work on the digital platform "Brigada.me" as a document on the project and a source of further influence of project ideas, but also as a factor in further connecting young artists and experts in the culture around the idea of culture that affects social and economic development using contemporary art practice to reproduce that value.

The project lasts 7 months, and the total approved budget is 19, 102.38 EUR.

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*Project title:* **STOP sexism in Montenegro**  
*Lead applicant:* **Institute for Legal Studies IPLS**

*The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the protection of human rights in Montenegro.*

*The specific objective is to strengthen the role of civil society organizations in eliminating gender stereotypes and combating sexism in Montenegro.*

The expected project *results are:* conducted an analysis of the legislative framework and proposals for changes to the legal framework that define and criminalize sexist hate speech; developed guidelines for the elimination of sexism in the work of the institution of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms.

Key *activities* include meetings with representatives of institutions involved in project implementation; defining research methodology; conducting legal analysis; presenting analysis and recommendations for changes in the legal framework at working meetings; establishing a working group to develop guidelines for the elimination of sexism in the work of the Ombudsman; organizing two one-day working sessions with members of the working group; presentation of draft guidelines to employees of the Ombudsman; publication of adopted guidelines by the institution of Ombudsman.

The project lasts 6 months, and the total approved budget is 17,304.00 EUR.

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*Project title:* **Active Youth for European Values**

*Lead applicant:* **SOCEN Sociological Center of Montenegro**

*Partner:* NVU Interakcija

*The overall objective* of the project is to strengthen the capacity of youth non-governmental organizations and to stimulate their active participation in the process of creating and implementing public policies and decision-making.

*The specific objective* implies stimulation of social activism and social responsibility of young people and increase of their participation in decision-making and policy making, by strengthening the capacity of students' organizations to write public policy proposals and advocate for policy changes, networking students in Montenegro, as well as improving their knowledge of values and youth activism in the EU.

Expected *results* are: networked youth organizations in Montenegro and strengthened their capacities in the field of writing public policy proposals and advocating for changes in public policies; improved knowledge of young people and exchanged experience in the development of activism and culture of youth participation in decision-making processes; increased awareness of young people about the need to create youth policies in Montenegro, as well as active participation in decision-making processes at the local and national level.

Planned project *activities* are the organization of 6 meetings with youth organizations to map the key problems that these organizations face in ensuring sustainability and efficient work; 3 workshops for representatives of youth organizations to write public policies papers and to advocate for their proposals on the public stage; providing mentoring support to representatives of youth organizations during the development of public policy proposals in the area of greatest interest for their functioning; publishing minimum 3 policy briefs by youth organizations; 3 interactive workshops on youth activism based on EU values in secondary schools; round table on "*Anti-fascism as a medicine - active youth for European values*"; conducting a media campaign; and a national conference where the project results will be presented.

The project lasts 12 months, and the total approved budget is 18,117.7 EUR.

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*Project title:* **Music for Everyone! Strengthening the Capacity of CSOs in the field of Copyright and Related Rights Protection in Montenegro**

*Lead applicant:* **NGO Montenegrin Organization for Collective Management of Music Authors' Rights PAM MNE**

*Partner:* NGO STIVI MUZIKA

*Associate:* KIC "Budo Tomović" Podgorica

*The overall objective* of the project is to strengthen civil society organizations (CSOs) for active participation in the EU integration process of Montenegro.

*The specific objectives* are to raise the awareness of target groups on the importance of the *acquis communautaire* in the area of negotiating Chapter 7 (Intellectual property law), strengthen the capacity of CSOs to achieve collective protection of music authors and performers in Montenegro, and strengthening civil society capacity and cultural industries in Montenegro.

The project is expected to *result* in an increased level of information and education of target groups on copyright protection in Montenegro and internationally; strengthened capacities of the civic sector to monitor the implementation of legislation in the field of protection of music authors' rights in accordance with the obligations of the negotiation process with the EU; by promoting the potential of cultural and creative industries through media campaigns and the organization of innovative music events.

Planned *activities* include an educational workshop for young authors and musicians on the topic of exercising collective rights; a seminar for users of musical works on the topic of public use of copyrighted works; production of informative flyers; presenting the project and key activities; a one-day conference on the application of the legal framework in the field of protection of intellectual property and the *acquis communautaire*; organization of an innovative cultural event; a campaign to promote project activities to inform the public about the importance of copyright protection.

The project lasts 10 months, and the total approved budget is 13,156.90 EUR.



*Project title:* **Together for a Cleaner and Clearer Vezišnica**

*Lead applicant:* **NGO Better Life for a Countryside - Pljevlja**

*Partners:* NGO Legalis

*Associates:* Secretariat for Housing and Communal Affairs, Traffic and Water of the Municipality of Pljevlja, Sports Fishing Club "Lipljen", NGO Information Center Pljevlja

*The overall objective* of the project is to protect the environment by improving the water quality of the Vezišnica River.

*The specific objectives* are the proper management of municipal wastewater; raising the level of awareness of the population on the proper management of municipal wastewater; improving the water quality of the Vezišnica and Čehotina rivers.

Planned project *results* are: launched an initiative to solve the problem of municipal wastewater in the river Vezišnica; produced a documentary film on the ecological issues of the river Vezišnica; surveyed attitudes of 100 households in settlements along the river Vezišnica concerning the problem of municipal wastewater; enhanced discussion on municipal wastewater in the river Vezišnica with relevant subjects; conducted an informative and educational campaign on problems and solutions related to municipal wastewater; strengthened activism of local youth around environmental issues.

*Activities* include: preparation of the Cadastre of illegal discharges of municipal wastewater in the river Vezišnica; preparation of an educational brochure on the problem and solutions in addressing municipal wastewater in areas where there is no city collector; surveying 100 households in settlements along the river Vezišnica concerning the problem of municipal wastewater, processing the survey and publishing the survey data through the media; filming and broadcasting a documentary on the environmental issues of the Vezišnica River, with an emphasis on illegal municipal wastewater; organizing two lectures/round tables on the problem of municipal wastewater in the river Vezišnica with relevant entities (local government, communal and construction inspection, representatives of local communities, schools in Odžak and Borovica, fishermen, picnickers); organizing the action of cleaning the picnic area Perova Luka, located on the riverbank of Vezišnica, and in the vicinity of the settlement Odžak and the school with students from the elementary school "Mihailo Žugić" in Odžak.

The project lasts 7 months, and the total approved budget is 13,606.84 EUR.

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*Project title:* **Inclusive Creation of Local Public Policies and Services**

*Lead applicant:* **NGO Parents**

*The overall objective* of this project is to improve the way national social, educational and child protection services work to ensure continuity in the provision of basic services to children and their families in the long-term response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

*The specific objectives* of the project include empowered citizens, parents, local parents' associations and other civil society organizations for active participation in the development of public policy and advocacy, services and services of local governments; improving the understanding of the competencies and work of line institutions for the provision of quality services that include the main topics of parenting.

*Expected results* are improved access of parents to local public institutions and strengthening of communication channels between institutions and citizens/civil sector; developed new (digital) content to promote topics relevant to local parents' associations, in communication with institutions, and participation in policy-making and advocacy.

A series of *activities* are planned, the main ones are related to organizing an open day "Parents ask"; developing and conducting an online questionnaire on the most effective services at the local level and rewarding the best service; developing and conducting a survey on the highest priority services that need to be digitized and development of an action plan; production and broadcasting of digital content with aim of promoting an inclusive way of shaping local public policies and services; improving the capacity of national and local services for social, educational and child protection, civil society organizations, local associations of parents and citizens on participatory policy-making and advocacy.

The project lasts 6 months, and the total approved budget is 19, 231.13 EUR.

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*Project title:* **I SEE AN ARTIST! I FEEL A BETTER SOCIETY**

*Lead applicant:* **Association of Fine Artists of Montenegro ULUCG**

*Associates:* Faculty of Fine Arts of the University of Montenegro, PI Center for Cultural Activities Bijelo Polje, PI Museum and Gallery Tivat

*The overall objective* of the project is to improve the social status of young artists.

*The specific objectives* are to strengthen the visibility and presence of representatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) in the decision-making process and methods of action in culture; realization of cooperation between young artists - CSOs - project beneficiaries; stimulation of creative processes and new visual production; strengthening the role of the professional organization.

Expected *results* are defined, strengthened and promoted capacities of young artists; profiled needs of the sector and ways to address those needs; implemented innovative art production.

Key *activities* include educating, promoting and supporting young artists; organization of the conference “*Independent Culture, Here and Now*”; production of innovative works of contemporary art; presentation of works of contemporary art and their authors in the public, gallery and digital space; data collection, sublimation of experiences and their publication.

The project lasts 6 months, and the total approved budget is 18,696.48 EUR.

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# **II category**

*Project title:* **Chapter 23 in my Community**

*Lead applicant:* **Centre for Investigative Journalism of Montenegro (CRNVO)**

*Partner:* Center for Rural Development - Petnjica

*The overall objective* of the project is to contribute to the participation of civil society in the process of European integration of Montenegro.

*The specific objective* is to increase the participation of local civil society organizations (CSOs), media and citizens in monitoring the process of European integration in the field of rule of law (Chapter 23).

The expected *results* are independent monitoring of the implementation of reforms in Chapter 23; strengthened capacities of local CSOs to understand and monitor reforms in the area of rule of law (Chapter 23); improved education of journalists on the content of Chapter 23 and adequate reporting on rule of law issues; increased citizens' understanding of the benefits of rule of law reforms (Chapter 23).

*Key activities* include: establishing an expert team to prepare an analyses of the implementation of reforms in Chapter 23; drafting of analysis; organizing three trainings for local CSOs in monitoring in the field of Chapter 23; mentoring local CSOs to produce short reports on reforms in Chapter 23; organizing three trainings for journalists in the field of monitoring of Chapter 23; production of three TV reports (newspaper articles) on the reforms in Chapter 23; production of an informative video for citizens on Chapter 23; organizing nine forums for citizens on the accession process.

The project lasts 12 months, and the total approved budget is 40, 289.52 EUR.

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Institut za medije Crne Gore  
Montenegro Media Institute



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CRNE GORE

*Project title:* **Media for a Responsible Society**

*Lead applicant:* **Media Association of South-East Europe**

*Partners:* Montenegrin Media Institute (IMCG), Association of Professional Journalists of Montenegro (DPNCG)

*The overall objective* of the project is to protect and promote the human rights of journalists in Montenegro, but also marginalized groups, primarily women, LGBT people and Roma who are the subject of hate speech and discrimination in public discourse created by the media.

More *specifically*, the project focuses on reducing the disinformation of young people and ensuring accurate, objective and professional journalistic content through the use of innovative technologies.

The planned *results* are: increased sensitivity in public space in the part related to hate speech and discrimination, primarily towards women, LGBT population and Roma; improved preconditions for the work of journalists in Montenegro with an accent on psycho-physical security; improved informing of young people with accurate, objective and professional media content.

The main *activities* include: analysis of public discourse regarding hate speech and discrimination with recommendations for improvement, with accompanying presentation in the media and publication on social networks; three panels for the identification of hate speech and discrimination in public space and training of journalists in the north, south and central region of Montenegro; conducting an educational campaign through traditional media and social networks to reduce hate speech and discrimination; analysis of the actions of the competent authorities in cases of violence against members of the media community with recommendations for improvement and initiatives to determine responsibility, with accompanying presentation; three two-day psychological dramas for journalists and other media workers; providing individual psychological assistance to journalists; two analyses of the consumption of media content by young people, with accompanying presentation; one two-day training for journalists on the production of innovative media content and distribution through digital communication channels; mentoring in the development and promotion of innovative media content for young people.

The project lasts 12 months, and the total approved budget is 47,237.86 EUR.

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**Project title: Young people in the Focus of Society**

**Lead applicant: The Youth Network of Montenegro**

**Associate: Directorate for Sports and Youth**

*The overall objective* of the project is the higher participation of young people in decision-making processes by building social awareness of the need for youth participation, both at the local and national level, by encouraging dialogue between young people from all sectors and relevant actors.

*The specific objectives* focuses on empowering and informing young people about the importance of active action and mechanisms for participation in the democratization of society; educating young people about political and civic literacy and shaping young leaders willing to contribute to the development of their community; strengthening cooperation between member organizations of the Network and cooperation with institutions by raising awareness of the importance of youth policies.

The expected project *results* are increased general level of information among young people in Montenegro about the importance of youth policy and mechanisms of youth participation in decision-making processes; strengthened awareness of the importance of the functioning of youth services and youth networking through cooperation and dialogue; educated at least 240 young people from 12 Montenegrin municipalities on the topic of youth policy, youth work and youth activism; established Youth Parliament in Montenegro.

The planned project *activities* include the creation of educational material for young people; development of a *Vocabulary of Youth Policy*; production of informative and educational clips on the participation of young people in decision-making processes; visits to youth services in 12 municipalities; workshops in youth services on the topic of youth participation in decision-making processes; formation of a team for the organization of the first Youth Parliament in Montenegro; researching young people's attitudes and delegating topics; a session of the Youth Parliament where, in various ways, at least 100 young people from all over Montenegro will participate; a six-day Participatory Youth Academy; media campaign and social media campaign.

The project lasts 9 months, and the total approved budget is 36, 223.2 EUR.

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*Project title:* **Neither the Client nor the Boss! - For the Integrity of Employment in the Public Sector**

*Lead applicant:* **Institute Alternative (IA)**

*Associate:* Ministry of Public Administration, Digital Society and Media

*The overall objective* of the project is to contribute to the rule of law and the fight against corruption by advocating employment integrity in the public sector.

*The specific objective* is to define and promote an effective response to corrupt practices and inappropriate political influence in public sector employment.

The project is expected to *result* with mapped risks for corrupt practices and inappropriate political influence in public sector employment by the civic sector, as well as evidence-based dialogue on effective response to corrupt practices and inappropriate political influence in public sector employment.

*Activities* are focused on the development of an interactive risk map for public sector employment; three focus groups on corrupt practices and inappropriate political influence in public sector employment; a workshop on pointing out corrupt practices in public sector employment; defining recommendations for better application of anti-corruption mechanisms in public sector employment; advocacy campaign “*Neither the client nor the Boss*”; a two-day forum on corruption and political clientelism in the public sector.

The project lasts 10 months, and the total approved budget is EUR 49,664.54.

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*Project title:* **Your Right is Guaranteed: for More Effective Protection of Consumer Interests with a Strengthened Civil Sector**

*Lead applicant:* **Center for Consumers Protection (CEZAP)**

*Partner:* NGO SPONA Berane

*Associate:* Ministry of Economic Development

*The overall objective* of the project is to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations and their role in monitoring and improving national consumer protection policies in line with the EU acquis.

More *specifically*, the project seeks to achieve the rights of consumers and their economic interests through the establishment of a mechanism for monitoring the work of inspection bodies and promoting out-of-court dispute resolution.

The *planned* project results are strengthened capacities of CSOs in the field of supervision over the work of inspection bodies, as well as networking and providing legal assistance to consumers; improved institutional and legislative framework for consumer protection in the area of compliance and guarantees and strengthened the out-of-court dispute resolution mechanism; increased awareness of stakeholders and consumers about the principles and benefits of out-of-court protection in line with EU standards and practices regarding the exercise of legally guaranteed rights.

*Key activities* are meetings with members of the Consumer Protection Network; advanced training for CSOs on research and advocacy methodology; providing free assistance; monitoring the actions of inspection bodies on complaints and drafting of reports “*Compensation in cases of non-conformity of products - the main challenges*”; analysis of the legislative framework (comments on the CAP); signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Out-of-Court Dispute Resolution Committee; development of a web platform to initiate arbitration proceedings online; round table on exercising rights based on compliance, guarantees and expertise; national conference on out-of-court dispute resolution; production and distribution of information brochures; info caravan for consumers in Northern municipalities, conducting a media campaign for a wider public.

The project lasts 12 months, and the total approved budget is 36,688.60 EUR.

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# PRONA

*Project title:* **Science Caravan Towards the EU - Improving the Scientific Literacy of Young People in Montenegro**

*Lead applicant:* **Foundation for the Promotion of Science PRONA**

*The overall objective* of the project is to contribute to the promotion of science, spreading scientific culture and scientific literacy, as well as the value of science to achieve European and global goals of sustainable development.

*Specific objectives* are the contribution to achieving high standards of scientific literacy, promotion and popularization of science and scientific career among young people; improving the implementation of national programmes in the field of science and innovation, envisaged through the negotiating Chapter 25 (Science and Research); and strengthening teachers' competencies to apply a multidisciplinary approach to learning leading to the mastery of necessary modern skills (STEM), as an innovative educational approach to sustainable development.

Expected *results* are: improved scientific literacy and promoted the importance of science and career prospects in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in at least 1000 young people from 10 municipalities in all three regions of Montenegro; increased implementation of national programmes in the field of science and innovation, envisaged within Chapter 25; improved understanding of the STEM application concept of education by at least 30 teachers from 10 municipalities of Montenegro; established info center for professional orientation and support to young people in choosing a career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and a campaign to promote science and research as a concept of sustainable development.

The focus of the *activities* is on the organization of the traveling science festival "Science Caravan towards the EU" in 10 Montenegrin municipalities from all three regions; monitoring the implementation of the final criteria for the *acquis communautaire* related to Chapter 25; organization of three two-day workshops (in the south, north and central region of Montenegro) for teachers on a multidisciplinary approach to learning (STEM), which is widely represented in European schools, with the aim of increasing young people's interest and ability to study science through technology and engineering; promotion of project objectives and activities.

The project lasts 10 months, and the total approved budget is 46,592.05 EUR.

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*Project title:* **ForUm for the Rights PWDs**

*Lead applicant:* **Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro (UMHCG)**

*The overall objective* of the project is to contribute to increasing the level of participation of organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) in decision-making and policy-making processes related to European integration in Montenegro.

The *specific objectives* are to improve the capacity of at least 10 DPOs to advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs) at the national and local level in line with EU practices; raised level of knowledge of policymakers and decision-makers in the field of European integration about PWDs and their rights; improved level of knowledge of PWDs on European experiences and practices related to the protection and promotion of PWD rights and networking with European DPOs.

The project will *result* in a strengthened capacity of at least 10 PDOs to publicly advocate for the rights of PWDs at the national and local levels in line with EU practices; initiated harmonization of national policies of Montenegro in the field of rights of PWDs and DPOs with EU regulations; established cooperation of DPOs at the national and local level in Montenegro with DPOs from the EU in order to exchange knowledge and experiences.

Planned *activities* include training for PWD and DPO organizations on PWD human rights; training for DPOs and PWDs on public advocacy for PWD rights at the national and local level in line with EU practices; free legal aid for PWDs and DPOs; PWD Human Rights School for Representatives of Negotiating Structures (with a focus on Chapters 5, 18, 19, 23, 24 and 28); advocating for defining the representative status of organizations of persons with disabilities; a forum for exchanging experiences of Montenegrin and European PWD organizations; media campaign.

The project lasts 12 months, and the total approved budget is 53,856.02 EUR.

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**Project title: Support for a Participatory Approach in the Development of the Strategic Development Plan of the Municipality of Nikšić**

**Lead applicant: NGO Association of Young Ecologists Nikšić**

**Partners: NGO Putevima predaka, NGO Agro eko Lukovo**

**Associates: Municipality of Nikšić, Environmental Protection Agency**

*The overall objective* of the project is to improve the policy and strategic planning in the field of environmental protection in the municipality of Nikšić.

*The specific objective* is to draft a strategic development plan for the municipality of Nikšić in the priority area “*Environmental Protection*” while respect of the principles of participation and transparency.

Expected *results* are formed Local Partnership Group (LPG) for drafting and monitoring the implementation of the Strategic Plan in the area of the environment; conducted a comprehensive consultation process and dialogue with the professional public and the local population of the Municipality of Nikšić; drafted annexes to the Strategic Plan and Action Plan for Environmental Protection.

The project plans *activities* that include training for LPG and NGOs on strategic planning, policy monitoring and reporting; reporting the public on the work of LPG through local media; training for representatives of local communities; consultative meetings with representatives of the five largest local communities; conducting a digital campaign; creation and distribution of online questionnaires for citizens on environmental priorities for the new strategic development plan; thematic meetings; public consultations with citizens; drafting of annexes to the Strategic Plan and Action Plan in the field of environmental protection; organization of an expert meeting in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency.

The project lasts 12 months, and the total approved budget is 26,133.12 EUR.

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**Project title: For a Healthier Health System!**

**Lead applicant: Center for Monitoring and Research (CeMI)**

**Partner: NGO Bonum**

*The overall objective* of the project is to contribute to a greater level of equality in the exercise of the right to health care in Montenegro.

*Specific objectives* are to improve the level of protection of patients' rights in the health care system of Montenegro; and to reduce the level of corruption in the health system, by raising the level of awareness and information of citizens about the harmfulness and consequences of corruption in the health system.

Expected *results* are an assessed system of health services and protection of patients' rights; proposed alternative models and policies to improve the work of health institutions and protect the rights of patients; increased awareness of citizens about their rights as patients, with special attention to anti-discrimination, protection of personal dignity and privacy, and the right to equal access to health care.

In that direction, *activities* include: conduct of research on public policies, legal and other acts in the field of health care; analysis of procedures for appointments/promotions and employment in the health sector, especially in relation to conflicts of interest, party/national/religious affiliation and abuse; analysis of the work management and protectors in health care institutions; public opinion poll on the level of trust of citizens in the health care system of Montenegro and other related issues in the field of patients' rights and health care; qualitative research on the level of protection of patients' rights, corruption and other health problems; preparation of a study of public policies in the field of health, with recommendations for improving policies and procedures in the field of patients' rights, anti-corruption; an advocacy campaign for the adoption of proposed health policies and procedures; a campaign to increase citizens' knowledge of their rights as patients, through the media and social networks; improvement of the existing mobile and web application of CeMI for healthy health care, through which citizens can anonymously and easily report all possible cases of corruption in the health care system; a campaign to motivate Montenegrin citizens to report cases of possible corruption in health care and possible violations of patients' rights through the application or directly to the competent authorities; submitting reports of possible cases of corruption and other abuses in health to the competent authorities, based on reports from citizens.

The project lasts 12 months, and the total approved budget is EUR 47,679.00.

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*Project title:* **Žuka - Network of CSOs Culture in Bar**

*Lead applicant:* **NGO Construction**

*Partners:* NVO DES Scena, NGO Portrait, NGO Educative Center

*Associates:* NGO Pristan, NGO Pogon

*The overall objective* of the project is to improve the development in the field of CSO culture in the city of Bar.

*The specific objective* is the network of cultural organizations of Bar "Žuka", as a platform for long-term capacity building of local CSOs for cooperation, as well as cooperation with local institutions.

Expected *results* are the formation of a network of cultural organizations Bar - Žuka; strengthened capacities of the local CSO scene and network through organized trainings and study visits; improved cooperation of CSOs with the Municipality of Bar through cooperation with the cultural installation of the PE Cultural Center Bar.

Key planned *activities* are forming a network of cultural organizations; capacity building of local CSOs through training in writing and project management; networking with similar networks in the region and the EU, through study visits and round tables on specific topics of local importance in the field of culture; organization of focus groups and analysis of obtained data; preparation of the groundwork for the future strategy for culture in cooperation with JPKC Bar and the Municipality of Bar.

The project lasts 12 months, and the total approved budget is 42,832.94 EUR.

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