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I Category

Equal and Economically Empowered

Lead Organization: **NGO MARE MARE**

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to better protection of human rights and freedoms in Montenegro, primarily the rights of marginalized groups. *More specifically*, the project aims to enhance gender equality in Herceg Novi through the economic empowerment of girls and women, with a particular focus on women belonging to vulnerable population groups.

Expected results:

- At least 10-15 girls/women from Herceg Novi area trained in souvenir production and economically empowered to start their own businesses;
- Established cooperation between key social stakeholders in the municipality of Herceg Novi regarding support for women in achieving economic independence and equality;
- Increased awareness among the citizens of Herceg Novi and beyond about gender equality and the challenges faced by women from various vulnerable groups.

Project activities include:

- Conducting training/workshops on sou-

venir production for at least 10-15 girls and women, in cooperation with other CSOs from the Herceg Novi area;

- Organizing training sessions on (women's) entrepreneurship, starting a business/production chain, marketing, and sales;
- Signing a memorandum of cooperation with key social stakeholders in the municipality of Herceg Novi (cultural institutions, the municipality, CSOs, business representatives, etc.), and organizing meetings and consultations to ensure greater support for women from vulnerable categories;
- Showcasing the participants' work at a public exhibition, accompanied by a donor evening and awarding certificates to successful participants;
- Conducting an awareness campaign for the citizens of Herceg Novi and other parts of Montenegro through traditional media and social networks, focusing on gender equality and the challenges faced by women from various vulnerable groups.

The project duration is four months, with a total approved budget of 14,986.40 EUR.

Empowered – Visible

Lead Organization: **NGO "MOZAIK NIKŠIĆ"**

Partners: Organization of the Blind for Nikšić, Šavnik, and Plužine

Associates: Public Institution Day Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities and Persons with Disabilities Nikšić, and the Municipality of Nikšić

The overall goal of the project is to promote the rights and opportunities of women with disabilities and to empower them through various cultural activities and educational programs. *More specifically*, the goal is to enhance the self-confidence, visibility, and active participation of women with disabilities through cultural activities such as creating a motivational mural, organizing a fashion show, workshops, a film, and research, contributing to the creation of a more inclusive society in Nikšić.

Expected *results*:

- A 3% reduction in the level of discrimination and social marginalization of women with disabilities and other persons with disabilities in Montenegro.
- A 2% increase in the level of empowerment of women with disabilities, oth-

er persons with disabilities, their family members, as well as decision-makers in the fields of human rights, anti-discrimination protection, and the promotion of equality.

Project activities include:

- Creating a mural featuring successful women with disabilities;
- Organizing a fashion show with clothing pieces designed by persons with disabilities;
- Conducting research on the participation of women with disabilities in cultural life;
- Producing a film about successful women with disabilities.

The project duration is four months, with a total approved budget of 14,733.90 EUR.

Youth Against Gender Expectations

Lead Organization: **NGO Interaction**

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the fight against gender stereotypes and gender-based hate speech. *More specifically*, the project's goal is to strengthen the capacities of young people in participatory decision-making in the fight against gender stereotypes and gender-based hate speech.

Expected results:

- 50% increase in youth awareness of gender equality and gender-based hate speech;
- 20% increase in youth engagement in participatory decision-making at the local level.

Project activities include:

- Organizing three workshops on gender equality, recognizing gender stereotypes, and gender-based hate speech for high school students and members of youth clubs (from Berane, Nikšić, and Ulcinj);
- Organizing a meeting with the local government and youth;
- Developing and publishing a policy brief on gender stereotypes and gender-based hate speech in the education system;
- Producing three podcasts on gender-based hate speech;
- Hosting a final national conference.

The project duration is four months, with a total budget of 12,058.90 EUR.

STEM Perspective: Youth Development Towards EU Integration

Lead Organization: **Montenegrin Association for Technical Culture “Politehnika”**

Partners: **NGO Montenegro Robotics – Montenegrobotics**

The overall goal of the project is to enhance technical capacities to increase youth participation in technological processes and the field of applied technologies. *More specifically*, the project aims to empower young people through the promotion and development of knowledge in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) to improve their competitive value in the labor market.

Expected results:

- Acquisition of new knowledge and skills by 30 project participants;
- Strengthening the capacities of 30 project participants for their further education.

Project activities include:

- Procurement of necessary materials and equipment for conducting workshops;
- Designing posters, brochures, and promotional materials to announce project activities;
- Developing exercises to be implemented during the workshops;
- Conducting practical presentations and four workshops for youth from Bijelo Polje, Mojkovac, Bar, and Podgorica;
- Organizing a final five-day workshop for the target group in Podgorica.

The project duration is four months, with a funded budget of 13,929 EUR under this call.



II Category

(mo)Mental Health 2.0

Lead Organization: **CAZAS**

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the process of Montenegro's integration into the EU through the strengthening of the mental health care system and its alignment with EU practices. *More specifically*, the objectives are: improving the framework for action, cooperation, and access to mental health care services by creating the prerequisites for establishing a national SOS helpline for suicide prevention; and strengthening the capacities, visibility, and involvement of CSOs in dialogue with decision-makers regarding the assurance of the right to (mental) health and access to quality support services.

Expected results:

- Improved level of coordination, cooperation, and involvement of CSOs in the mental health protection system, with a focus on the prevention and suppression of suicide in Montenegro;
- Enhanced technical, human, and managerial capacities of CSOs for providing innovative and high-quality services in accordance with good EU practices;
- Increased awareness among the general population and vulnerable groups about the importance of mental health, the fight against stigma and discrimina-

tion towards individuals facing mental health challenges, and improved accessibility of support services.

Project activities include:

- A multi-sectoral meeting to establish a platform for suicide prevention and suppression;
- Developing an action plan for establishing a national suicide prevention SOS helpline within CSOs;
- Signing at least three memorandums of cooperation;
- Conducting two training sessions on providing first crisis interventions;
- A workshop for CSOs on volunteer management in support services;
- Procurement of two laptops;
- A public awareness campaign focused on the rights of people facing mental health challenges and available support services;
- Providing individual and group counselling and support services for vulnerable groups.

The project duration is four months, with a total approved budget of 29,995.35 EUR.

Partnership as a Model for Enhancing NGO Capacities in Providing Services for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Lead Organization: NGO Alliance of Associations of Parents of Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities " Our Initiative" Podgorica

Partners: NGO Step of Hope Berane; NGO Association of Parents of Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities "Razvitak - Development " Cetinje; NGO Association of Parents of Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities Ulcinj; NGO Association of Parents of Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities - Mojkovac; NGO Let's Ease Life for Children with Special Needs - Rožaje; NGO Society of Parents of Children with Special Needs - Bar; NGO Association for Support of Children with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families Montenegro.

The overall goal of the project is to enhance the capacities of NGOs in providing service support for children with developmental disabilities. *More specifically*, the goal is to improve the educational opportunities of at least 84 children with developmental disabilities, who will be beneficiaries of the project within seven local associations across seven cities.

Expected results:

- Contribution to the development of capacities in eight NGOs for providing service support for children with developmental disabilities in seven municipalities (Rožaje, Berane, Mojkovac, Podgorica, Cetinje, Ulcinj, Bar);
- Improved educational conditions for at least 84 children with developmental disabilities;
- Enhanced language and speech abilities for at least 20 children with developmental disabilities;
- At least 134 parents educated by professionals on proper approaches and support for their children at home;

- Strengthened cooperation with local and state authorities and the NGO sector regarding issues related to children with developmental disabilities.

Project activities include:

- Signing contracts with project team members and professionals (workshop facilitators);
- Engagement of seven educators (special educators, speech therapist, teachers) and organization of 210 workshops for children with developmental disabilities and their parents;
- Procurement of didactic and office materials for project activities;
- Cooperation and meetings with representatives of local and state authorities;
- Promotion and publication of a brochure about project activities.

The project duration is four months, with a total budget of 24,289.52 EUR supported by this call.

European Corner

Lead Organization: **NGO Multimedial Montenegro (MMNE)**

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen the capacities and improving the position of NGOs and youth in northern Montenegro, as well as taking an active role in education, information dissemination, and shaping public opinion on Montenegro's EU integration process. *More specifically*, the goal is to bring the European integration process closer to the residents of northern Montenegro, particularly young people, by increasing awareness and informing the wider public about the EU, Montenegro's accession process, and the EU's support to Montenegro.

Expected results:

- Increased public awareness, especially among youth, about the activities and services of the EU Corner in Bijelo Polje as a space for dialogue and debate, as well as the exchange of cultural, political, and social perspectives among experts, academics, journalists, civil society, and young people on various socially significant topics;
- Improved knowledge and expertise of NGOs, youth, and media on the EU integration process, strengthened role of youth in actively promoting EU values and Montenegro's EU integration process, and enhanced connections between Montenegrin youth and young people from EU countries;
- Increased visibility of EU activities, pro-

grams, and assistance to Montenegro, along with improved awareness and understanding among Montenegrin citizens, particularly in northern Montenegro, regarding the accession process, negotiations with the EU, and Montenegro's integration into the European Union.

Project activities include:

- Enhancing and effectively managing the EU Corner in Bijelo Polje and EU information points in Bijelo Polje, Berane, Mojkovac, and Kolašin by continuously providing information to the citizens of northern Montenegro about EU values and the EU accession process;
- Organizing various promotional and educational activities and events for different target groups (youth, civil society, media, business community) to enhance understanding of negotiation processes, specific EU policies, and the functioning of EU institutions;
- Strengthening the role of youth in decision-making processes, understanding Montenegro's EU accession, and peer education by forming a Youth Council for the EU, as well as informing the public about IPA funds and other forms of EU assistance to Montenegro.

The project duration is four months, with a total approved budget of 29,993.33 EUR.

Cooperation with CSOs for Greater Accountability of Municipal Enterprises

Lead Organization: **Centre for Economic and European Studies (CEES)**

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen the role and participation of CSOs in monitoring the work of municipal enterprises to improve their business performance. *More specifically*, the goal is to educate and better inform citizens and CSOs, especially in less developed municipalities, about the best methods for tracking the performance of municipal enterprises.

Expected results:

- Collection and analysis of data from financial reports of the 30 largest municipal enterprises for the period 2021–2023;
- Calculated financial indicators for the 30 largest municipal enterprises for the period 2021–2023;
- Strengthened capacities of CSOs for monitoring the work of municipal enterprises.

Project activities include:

- Analysis of the macroeconomic framework for the operations of the 30 municipal enterprises, as well as the legal framework governing their operations for the period 2021–2023;
- Assessment of the application of OECD corporate governance criteria in 30 enterprises through research;
- Linking corporate governance quality assessment with the results of financial analysis and the analysis of the macroeconomic and legal framework of municipal enterprises;
- Preparation and publication of a report with the analyses;
- Organization of three educational workshops;
- Organization of one conference.

The project duration is four months, with a total approved budget of 17,978.40 EUR.

Protected Areas of Montenegro – A Common Good for All

Lead Organization:

Parks of the Dinarides – Network of Protected Areas of the Dinarides

Partners: **Agency for the Management of Protected Areas of Podgorica**

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen the capacities of CSOs to be professional, effective, accountable, independent, and visible actors in the decision-making process related to nature conservation and protected natural areas.

More specifically, the project aims to strengthen partnerships between CSOs and managers of protected areas (*local governments and public enterprises*) in the implementation and promotion of EU standards related to the management of protected areas.

Expected results:

- Improved cooperation and strengthened capacities of CSOs to be equal participants and visible actors in the development and decision-making processes concerning protected areas;
- Increased public awareness of the im-

portance and necessity of enhancing protected areas and nature conservation in the EU accession process.

Project activities include:

- Organization of the conference “Montenegro’s Protected Areas in the Context of EU Accession”;
- Organization of an exhibition and a permanent display “Protected Areas in Montenegro”;
- Preparation of the publication “Guide to Protected Areas in Montenegro”;
- Organization of Open Days in protected areas;
- Awareness-raising campaign on protected areas through social media.

The project duration is four months, with a total approved budget of 22,479.20 EUR.
