



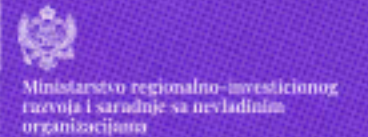
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Intersecting Issues, Identities and Barriers in Access to Healthcare, HIV Services and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights among LGBTIQ+ Persons with Multiple Identities in North Macedonia



Lead applicant:

Association for Sexual Health and Rights EGAL Skopje



Associates:

Queer Center, STAR, HOPS, Stronger Together, H.E.R.A.



Country:

North Macedonia



Duration:

6 months



Approved budget:

€15,651.88

The overall objective of the project is to promote equal, non-discriminatory and stigma-free access to healthcare for LGBTIQ+ persons with multiple identities in North Macedonia. It focuses on addressing barriers faced by LGBTIQ+ persons who simultaneously belong to other marginalized groups, including people who use drugs, sex workers and people living with HIV.

The specific objectives are to strengthen the capacities of healthcare institutions and community-led organizations as service providers, contribute to the elimination of discriminatory and stigmatizing healthcare practices, and support the development of inclusive public policies based on evidence and community needs.

Expected results: improved understanding of the challenges faced by LGBTIQ+ persons with multiple identities, development of evidence-based recommendations for improving healthcare and sexual and reproductive health

services, strengthened capacities of healthcare professionals and community organizations, and increased availability of inclusive and accessible services.

Project activities include:

- conducting research through surveys and focus group discussions with LGBTIQ+ persons with multiple identities;
- preparation of a briefing paper and policy recommendations based on research findings;
- advocacy for reducing discrimination and improving access to healthcare services;
- organization of training and capacity-building programmes for healthcare professionals and community-led organizations;
- strengthening cooperation between public healthcare institutions and civil society organizations working with marginalized communities.

COLOURS 4 YOU: Participatory Theatre and Civic Engagement for LGBTQI+ Equality



Lead applicant:
REFLECTOR THEATRE
(Centar E8)



Country:
Serbia



Duration:
6 months



Approved budget:
€16,000.00

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to increased equality and reduced discrimination against LGBTQI+ persons in Serbia through participatory theatre, civic engagement and public dialogue.

The specific objectives are to engage young people in a participatory theatre process that increases understanding of LGBTQI+ issues, challenges stereotypes and misinformation, and encourages active civic participation through audience-based advocacy actions.

Expected results: young people strengthened their knowledge, critical thinking and public engagement capacities through participation in the theatre process; one documentary theatre performance developed and presented through two public performances reaching 150–250 audience members; increased public dialogue and awareness on LGBTQI+ issues; audience participation in advocacy activities through the signing of a manifesto supporting LGBTQI+ rights; five podcast/video episodes produced

and published through the UNMUTED platform, reaching a broad online audience.

Project activities include:

- preparation and planning of the participatory theatre process;
- open call and selection of young participants;
- workshops, research activities and community-based storytelling;
- development and production of a documentary theatre performance;
- public performances followed by facilitated audience discussions;
- production and publication of five podcast/video episodes on the UNMUTED platform;
- development of a manifesto promoting LGBTQI+ rights;
- implementation of participatory advocacy actions during performances;
- collection of public support signatures and submission of the manifesto to relevant institutions.

SPIK – Stvarno Pristupačni i Inkluzivni Kvir (Actually Accessible and Inclusive Queer)



Lead applicant:
Kolektiv MANA



Country:
Serbia



Duration:
8 months



Approved budget:
€17,980.02

The overall objective of the project is to ensure that disabled and neurodivergent LGBTIQ+ young people in Serbia are fully included in queer civil society and have equal access to support, community spaces and advocacy initiatives. The project aims to strengthen the capacity of queer organizations to become genuinely accessible and inclusive toward disabled and neurodivergent queer youth.

The project addresses the lack of accessibility within queer organizations and the insufficient recognition of LGBTIQ+ identities within disability-focused initiatives. As a result, many disabled and neurodivergent queer young people remain excluded from both communities and support systems.

Expected results: increased capacities of queer organizations to implement disability-inclusive practices, establishment of a sustainable network of organizations committed to accessibility and inclusion, and greater visibility and participation of disabled and neurodivergent queer people in shaping queer civil society in Serbia.

Project activities include:

- recruitment and engagement of 7–10 queer organizations and informal groups across Serbia;
- implementation of a training programme covering accessibility, disability inclusion, neurodivergence, digital accessibility, physical accessibility, Serbian Sign Language, and autonomy of disabled persons;
- establishment of an informal network of organizations committed to disability-inclusive practice;
- development and public launch of a collective manifesto on disability inclusion in queer spaces;
- engagement of disabled and neurodivergent experts as trainers and consultants;
- implementation of a social media campaign promoting the voices and experiences of disabled queer young people;
- organization of a final public event bringing together organizations, experts and community members.

Bringing Pride in the North 2.0



Lead applicant:
Advocacy Center
for Democratic
Culture (ACDC)



Country:
Kosovo



Duration:
6 months



Approved budget:
€16,346.52

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to a more inclusive, safe and supportive environment for LGBTQI+ persons in North Kosovo through awareness-raising activities, ally engagement, cultural expression and dialogue on equality and non-discrimination. The project seeks to strengthen understanding, acceptance and public support for LGBTQI+ rights within local communities.

The specific objectives are to improve awareness of LGBTQI+ rights and inclusion, strengthen the capacities of activists, youth workers and community actors to respond to discrimination, and create opportunities for dialogue between civil society, local institutions and the wider public. The project builds on previous initiatives implemented by ACDC and responds to the limited visibility and public discussion of LGBTQI+ issues in North Kosovo.

Expected results include increased public awareness of LGBTQI+ rights through online campaigns and ally-generated content, strengthened capacities of local activists and youth workers through training activities, and

increased visibility, dialogue and community engagement around equality and inclusion through cultural and public events.

Project activities include:

- implementation of a social media awareness campaign on LGBTQI+ rights, equality and inclusion;
- preparation and publication of a series of opinion articles (op-eds) written by allies and supporters;
- organization of a three-day training programme for activists, youth workers and community actors;
- organization of a cultural event promoting diversity, equality and inclusion through artistic expression;
- organization of a final public conference bringing together civil society representatives, institutions, media and community members;
- promotion of dialogue between stakeholders and increased visibility of LGBTQI+ issues in North Kosovo.

Queer and Present: Media, Rights and Safety for LGBTIQ+ Persons in Pollog



Lead applicant:
Centre for Equal
Opportunities
Mollekuqja Tetovo



Associates:
Citizens Association
Forum for Reasonable
Community Action
(FOCH)



Country:
North
Macedonia



Duration:
7 months



**Approved
budget:**
€15,944.40

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the protection and promotion of LGBTIQ+ rights in North Macedonia by strengthening civil society capacities to monitor, document and respond to hate speech and discrimination against LGBTIQ+ persons in the Pollog region, in line with EU non-discrimination standards and the country's EU accession commitments.

The specific objectives are to increase access to accurate information on LGBTIQ+ rights and sexual health among the general public and young people in the Pollog region, strengthen responsible reporting practices among journalists and media creators, and create safe community spaces for LGBTIQ+ persons through regular gatherings, film screenings and facilitated discussions.

Expected results: increased availability of reliable and accessible information on LGBTIQ+ rights and sexual health through multilingual media content, establishment of an anonymous hate speech reporting mechanism and LGBTIQ+ resource directory, improved institutional accountability through documented reporting of hate speech cases, and strengthened community engagement through regular gatherings and educational activities.

Project activities include:

- production and publication of 42 trilingual articles covering LGBTIQ+ rights, safety, discrimination, sexual health and HIV prevention;
- production of three video LGBTIQ+ news bulletins;
- monitoring of hate speech in media and public discourse and publication of reactive articles;
- development and launch of an anonymous hate speech reporting mechanism and LGBTIQ+ resource directory on the Mollekuqja platform;
- compilation and submission of an institutional report on hate speech cases to relevant national institutions;
- organization of seven monthly community gatherings with film screenings and facilitated discussions;
- development, publication and distribution of a bilingual handbook on responsible reporting and communication on LGBTIQ+ topics for journalists and media professionals.

Together For LGBTQI+ Equality: Empowering Rights and Privacy



Lead applicant:
Social Workers
Union of Kosovo
(UPSK)



Country:
Kosovo



Duration:
8 months



Approved budget:
€15, 437.85

The overall objective of the project is to increase the health safety and legal protection of the LGBTQI+ community in North Kosovo through targeted digital education, improved access to reliable health information and safe community engagement. The project focuses on addressing barriers related to confidentiality concerns, lack of information and limited trust in health and social service providers.

The specific objectives are to improve awareness of health rights, HIV/STI testing opportunities and PrEP therapy through secure digital outreach, while also providing direct psychosocial and medical support through a professionally facilitated health and well-being session. The project aims to empower LGBTQI+ persons to make informed decisions regarding their health and access available services without fear of exposure or discrimination.

Expected results: production and dissemination of digital materials on health and privacy rights, improved knowledge among participants regarding physical and mental health, collection of evidence on barriers to healthcare access through anonymous surveys, and publication of an evidence-based report containing recom-

mendations for future interventions and service improvements.

Project activities include:

- development of a "Mini Health & Rights Guideline" covering health rights, HIV/STI testing options and PrEP therapy;
- creation and dissemination of digital educational materials through targeted online outreach;
- implementation of a digital awareness campaign through social media and community-specific online platforms;
- organization of an inclusive health and well-being session facilitated by a social worker and a medical doctor;
- implementation of anonymous community research on barriers to accessing health and social services;
- collection and analysis of survey data and qualitative insights;
- preparation of an evidence-based report with practical recommendations;
- dissemination of findings to civil society organizations, healthcare providers and relevant stakeholders.

FOR EQUALITY: through culture and gathering



Lead applicant:
Association
Spectra



Partners:
NGO Pogon



Country:
Montenegro



Duration:
8 months



Approved budget:
€17,149.50

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the improvement and promotion of the human rights of LGBTIQ+ people in Montenegro, with a particular focus on transgender, gender-diverse and queer persons' right to self-determination, autonomy and civic participation. The project seeks to strengthen the inclusion of trans and queer people in public life through culture, public dialogue and awareness-raising activities.

The specific objective is to increase the inclusion of transgender and queer persons in public spheres through their active participation in public discussions, cultural events and initiatives promoting awareness of transgender and queer-related issues. The project responds to increasing anti-gender narratives, shrinking public spaces for discussion and the need for stronger civic participation and visibility of LGBTIQ+ communities in Montenegro.

Expected results: increased participation of trans and queer people in civic and public discussions, stronger visibility of queer and trans perspectives within Montenegro's cultural scene, and greater public awareness of LGBTIQ+ human rights, particularly the right to legal gender recognition based on self-determination. The project aims

to directly engage more than 100 participants in public discussions, organize four film screenings and three workshops, and reach at least 50,000 people through awareness-raising and communication activities.

Project activities include:

- organizing four public discussions on self-determination, autonomy and civic participation;
- organizing four film screenings featuring queer and transgender themes;
- implementing a series of three creative workshops entitled "Film Diary – the Personal as Political";
- creating, publishing and distributing educational materials on legal gender recognition based on self-determination;
- producing and promoting content related to LGBTIQ+ human rights and the inclusion of trans and queer people in public life;
- facilitating dialogue between community members, civil society organizations, decision makers and the wider public;
- strengthening visibility of queer and trans culture through public cultural events and community engagement activities.

Visible Families, Protected Rights



Lead applicant:
LABRIS – Lesbian
Human Rights
Organization



Country:
Republic
of Serbia



Duration:
8 months



**Approved
budget:**
€15,999.71

The overall objective of the project is to improve the social position and legal protection of rainbow families in Serbia. The project seeks to address the legal invisibility and institutional barriers faced by same-sex couples and their children, while promoting more inclusive family policies and equal access to rights and services.

The specific objectives are to strengthen the legal and institutional framework for the protection of rainbow families, provide direct legal support and counselling services to rainbow families, and develop a comprehensive Strategy for Inclusive Family Policies in Serbia. The project combines research, advocacy, legal assistance and stakeholder consultations to improve both legal recognition and practical protection of diverse family forms.

Expected results: the development of policy recommendations and proposed amendments to relevant legislation, direct legal assistance provided to at least twenty rainbow families, creation of practical legal tools and template documents for family protection, and preparation of a Strategy for Inclusive Family Policies based on consultations with civil society organizations, experts, institutions and community members. The project will also strengthen public awareness

and policy dialogue regarding the needs and rights of diverse family forms in Serbia.

Project activities include:

- collecting experiences of rainbow families regarding access to institutional protection and services;
- conducting research and consultations with representatives of public and private institutions;
- preparing policy recommendations and proposed amendments to family and related legislation;
- organizing consultations and meetings with stakeholders and decision makers;
- providing direct legal assistance and counselling to rainbow families;
- developing template legal documents related to family relations, inheritance, property rights and parental protection;
- organizing five regional consultative meetings across Serbia;
- developing and promoting a Strategy for Inclusive Family Policies;
- conducting media outreach and public advocacy activities aimed at increasing visibility of rainbow families and their rights.

Beyond Stereotypes: Everything We Don't Know



Lead applicant:

Centre for Promotion of Civil Society (CPCD) – Objavi.ba



Country:

Bosnia and Herzegovina



Duration:

7 months



Approved budget:

€17,499.70

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to greater equality, inclusion and social acceptance of LGBTIQ+ persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina by improving public understanding of their rights, lived experiences and the barriers they face in accessing equal treatment and protection. The project aims to bridge the gap between formally guaranteed rights and the everyday experiences of discrimination, exclusion and limited institutional protection faced by LGBTIQ+ persons.

The specific objectives are to increase the availability of accurate, ethical and rights-based media content on LGBTIQ+ equality, raise public awareness and challenge stereotypes and misinformation through diverse media formats, and support civil society advocacy and institutional dialogue by documenting barriers and developing recommendations for relevant stakeholders.

Expected results: the production and dissemination of analytical articles, investigative stories, video interviews and social media content focused on LGBTIQ+ equality, increased public visibility of LGBTIQ+ lived experiences through a documentary film, strengthened dialogue between civil society, institutions and media actors, and wider public access to reliable information that counters stereotypes and

misinformation. The project aims to reach at least 500,000 people through online dissemination, social media promotion and partner networks.

Project activities include:

- preparation of an editorial plan and ethical framework for content production;
- production and publication of five analytical articles on LGBTIQ+ equality and human rights;
- production and publication of five investigative stories focusing on barriers faced by LGBTIQ+ persons;
- production of five video interviews or podcast episodes featuring community members, experts and institutional representatives;
- production of a documentary film of at least 30 minutes highlighting lived experiences and systemic challenges;
- implementation of a digital awareness campaign through Objavi.ba, social media channels and paid promotion;
- organisation of a public screening of the documentary film followed by a panel discussion;
- development and dissemination of recommendations for institutions, media actors and civil society organisations;
- project coordination, monitoring and reporting.

Spaces We Remember: Queer Histories of Skopje



Lead applicant:

Association for Feminist Production, Expression and Action – Meduza Platform Skopje



Associates:

Queer artistic initiative
Butchkuruzh



Country:

North Macedonia



Duration:

8 months



Approved budget:

€14,548.75

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen LGBTQI visibility and community belonging by reconstructing and publicly sharing the histories of erased queer-friendly cultural and social spaces in Skopje. The project responds to the disappearance of alternative and inclusive spaces that historically served as places of community-building, cultural expression and safety for LGBTQI persons, particularly queer youth and FLINTA communities.

The specific objectives are to document community memories related to former queer-friendly spaces, engage LGBTQI individuals through participatory and site-specific activities, and produce accessible cultural outputs that reconnect past and present queer experiences. Through these activities, the project seeks to preserve community memory, strengthen intergenerational exchange and increase public awareness of LGBTQI histories in North Macedonia.

Expected results: a community-based archive documenting queer-friendly spaces in Skopje, strengthened community engagement through four participatory workshops, production and

distribution of an experimental bilingual zine (300 copies), development and implementation of a guided city tour of former queer-friendly spaces, increased public awareness through media content and outreach activities, improved visibility and networking of existing queer-friendly spaces.

Key activities include:

- launching an open call for memories, photographs, videos and testimonies;
- conducting interviews with individuals connected to former LGBTQI-friendly spaces;
- organizing four participatory site-specific workshops;
- developing and publishing an experimental zine featuring archival materials and contemporary queer-friendly spaces;
- creating and delivering a guided city tour in cooperation with an external expert;
- producing media content and storytelling through Meduza's platform;
- organizing a final public event and distribution of project materials.

People, Not Labels: From Personal Stories to Legal Protection



Lead applicant:
Foundation
Wings of Hope



Partners:
Association of
Independent
Creators and
Activists "Geto"



Country:
Bosnia and
Herzegovina



Duration:
6 months



Approved budget:
€16,134.95

The overall objective of the project is to improve the protection of human rights and social acceptance of LGBTIQ+ persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina by increasing the visibility of their lived experiences, strengthening legal awareness, and advocating for improved institutional responses to discrimination and violence. The project seeks to bridge the gap between legal protections and the everyday experiences of LGBTIQ+ persons through research, public engagement and policy advocacy.

The specific objective is to enhance public understanding of the challenges faced by LGBTIQ+ persons and strengthen legal and institutional responses through qualitative research, public events, legal information activities and the development of evidence-based policy recommendations.

Expected results: improved understanding of the lived experiences of LGBTIQ+ persons through qualitative research, increased public awareness and engagement through the organisation of Human Library events and exhibitions, strengthened access to legal information and support mechanisms, and the development of policy recommendations aimed at improving

institutional responses to discrimination and violence.

Project activities include:

- development of a research methodology and interview guidelines;
- recruitment of LGBTIQ+ participants and relevant stakeholders;
- conducting in-depth interviews and qualitative research;
- transcription, analysis and preparation of a research report;
- organisation of Human Library events in Sarajevo and Banja Luka;
- preparation and presentation of a public exhibition featuring photographs, quotes and personal stories;
- engagement of a legal expert to analyse research findings;
- provision of legal information and consultations during public events;
- development of a policy brief based on research findings;
- organisation of a final presentation of findings and recommendations to relevant stakeholders and institutions.

Safe Access



Lead applicant:
Association HEP
Montenegro



Partners:
Association
"Partnerships
in Health"



Country:
Montenegro



Duration:
8 months



Approved budget:
€17,005.30

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the promotion of equality and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ persons in Montenegro by improving community and institutional responses to discrimination in access to health and social support services. The project focuses particularly on individuals affected by health-related stigma, substance use, hepatitis and mental health challenges, who often face multiple barriers when seeking support and protection.

The specific objective is to strengthen the capacities of civil society organisations and community-based support actors to advocate for and facilitate non-discriminatory access to health and social support services for LGBTIQ+ persons. The project seeks to improve cooperation between community actors, institutions and service providers while promoting a rights-based and stigma-free approach to support services.

Expected results: strengthened capacities of CSOs and community-based support actors to provide LGBTIQ+-sensitive, stigma-free and rights-based support, improved availability of practical tools and referral information, and increased awareness among LGBTIQ+ persons and stakeholders regarding available services and rights protection mechanisms. The project

will also contribute to stronger cooperation between civil society organisations, institutions and service providers.

Project activities include:

- mapping available health, social and community-based support services relevant to LGBTIQ+ persons;
- organising a three-day capacity-building training for CSO and community-based support representatives;
- practical manual for working with LGBTIQ+ clients in health and social support settings;
- developing and disseminating an information guide on available services and rights protection mechanisms;
- implementing the "Safe Access" public awareness campaign;
- organising advocacy and networking meetings with relevant institutions and service providers;
- strengthening referral pathways and cooperation between community actors and formal support services;
- promoting non-discriminatory, confidential and rights-based access to health and social support services.

Future Commons: Queer Memory, Care and Resistance



Lead applicant:

Coalition "Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities"
– MARGINS Skopje



Associates:

Meduza Platform



Country:

North Macedonia



Duration:

8 months



Approved budget:

€14,268

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen community resilience, networking and alliance-building among LGBTIQ+ people and their allies in North Macedonia in response to increasing anti-gender narratives, social exclusion and weakened community bonds. The project aims to create sustainable spaces for community engagement, collective reflection and solidarity.

The specific objective is to strengthen the resilience, sense of belonging and political agency of the LGBTIQ+ community by creating inclusive spaces for collective learning, care, memory work and public storytelling that challenge anti-gender narratives and contribute to future advocacy efforts.

Expected results: strengthened community spaces for belonging, care and political reflection through community forums, queer cultural events and psychosocial support activities, as well as increased visibility of community-rooted narratives on queer histories, everyday LGBTIQ+ realities, anti-gender narratives and conversion practices through publications and digital campaigns.

Project activities include:

- organising five thematic Community QForums focused on collective learning, political dialogue and intergenerational exchange;
- organising two artist-curated Queer Night community events combining culture, artistic expression and community engagement;
- providing group-based psychosocial support through facilitated workshops and LGBTIQI-affirmative therapeutic approaches;
- producing and publishing three in-depth texts on everyday LGBTIQ+ realities, queer histories and social challenges;
- developing accompanying educational and advocacy materials, including social media carousels;
- producing three public campaign videos and implementing a digital awareness campaign;
- promoting narratives of care, resistance, community memory and resilience as responses to anti-gender movements and discrimination;
- strengthening cooperation between activists, artists, cultural workers, mental health professionals and broader civil society actors.

From initiative to movement: Empowering LGBTIQ+ communities in B&H



Lead applicant:
Sarajevo Open
Centre (SOC)



Country:
Bosnia and
Herzegovina



Duration:
8 months



**Approved
budget:**
€18,000

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life, social inclusion and well-being of LGBTIQ persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina through strengthened community support mechanisms, increased visibility and enhanced capacities of grassroots actors. The project seeks to strengthen local community structures and decentralised support systems that respond directly to the needs of LGBTIQ persons and their families.

The specific objective is to strengthen community-based support, grassroots capacities, and access to relevant knowledge and resources for LGBTIQ persons and their families in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Expected results: strengthened grassroots LGBTIQ groups, initiatives and cultural actors through mentorship, networking and decentralised support, expanded community-based support mechanisms for LGBTIQ persons and

their families, and development of a practical community-led guide on gender transition in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Project activities include:

- organisation of peer-support gatherings for the parents' support group GRID Zagrljaj;
- development and dissemination of informational materials for parents through LGBTI.ba;
- networking and capacity-building of LGBTIQ cultural actors, including members of the drag community;
- outreach and strengthening of cooperation with activists and organisations in Mostar;
- support to community-led initiatives that improve the quality of life of LGBTIQ persons;
- development of a practical guide on gender transition in Bosnia and Herzegovina led by the trans collective Merlinkina djeca.

Bolette and Marie: A Traveling Exhibition and Public Dialogue on Gender, Identity and Queer Histories



Lead applicant:
Center for
Queer Studies



Associates:
Come Out
and Kolektiv+



Country:
Serbia



Duration:
8 months



Approved budget:
€11, 005.55

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the decentralization of cultural production in Serbia and promote gender equality and LGBTQI+ inclusion through contemporary art and public dialogue.

The specific objective is to increase access to inclusive cultural content and stimulate public dialogue on gender equality and LGBTQI+ issues in Novi Sad and Niš through a traveling queer feminist photography exhibition and accompanying public programs.

Expected results: strengthened local cultural ecosystems, increased access to queer and feminist cultural content outside Belgrade, and fostered inclusive public dialogue on gender, sexuality, and alternative cultural histories through two exhibitions successfully implemented in Novi

Sad and Niš; two public discussions on gender equality and LGBTQI+ issues organized; at least 100 visitors reached through exhibitions; at least 15 media and online publications; social media reach exceeding 1,000 users; all project-related materials published online.

Key activities include:

- Project preparation and coordination;
- Preparation and implementation of exhibitions in Novi Sad and Niš;
- Organization of public discussions accompanying each exhibition;
- Media promotion and communication campaigns;
- Online publication of project materials; Evaluation and reporting.

Over the Rainbow



Lead applicant:

Youth Press Association in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ONA in B&H)



Country:

Bosnia and Herzegovina



Duration:

8 months



Approved budget:

€16,297.10

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to reducing homophobia, biphobia and transphobia among young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina through diverse media content on LGBTIQ+ human experiences and activities that promote coexistence, tolerance and social acceptance.

The specific objectives are to increase the representation of young LGBTIQ+ voices through the youth media platform Karike.ba, strengthen queer culture and art through media and public engagement, and promote stories and poems as tools for visibility, inclusion and support for marginalised voices.

Expected results: creating safer and more inclusive media spaces, increased visibility of queer experiences and strengthened dialogue, understanding and social acceptance of LGBTIQ+ persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina through 15 young queer correspondents engaged in creating inclusive media content; 30 media texts, stories

and personal narratives published; 10 local queer artists involved in artistic production; creation and publication of the book Over the Rainbow; one live dialogue event involving youth, media professionals and civil society representatives; and one public book promotion event with at least 25 participants.

Key activities:

- Open calls and selection of queer correspondents and artists;
- Four-day educational training camp;
- Mentorship and editorial support;
- Production and publication of media content;
- Creation of queer-inspired artistic contributions;
- Development and publication of the book Over the Rainbow;
- Live dialogue event on LGBTIQ+ inclusion and media representation;
- Public promotion of the publication and dissemination of project results.

We Go Deep – Discovering Hidden Narratives of Montenegrin Queer Reality

**Lead applicant:**

Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM)

**Partners:**

Centre for Investigative Journalism (CIN-CG)

**Country:**

Montenegro

**Duration:**

8 months

**Approved budget:**

€ 17,976.18

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the promotion of equality and full inclusion of LGBTIQ persons in Montenegro by strengthening evidence-based advocacy, public awareness and institutional responsiveness.

The specific objective is to strengthen evidence-based advocacy and public understanding of LGBTIQ issues in Montenegro through media monitoring, research on lived experiences and production of impactful media content through generating evidence-based knowledge on the experiences of LGBTIQ persons, improved media representation through investigative journalism and televised content, and encouraged institutions to engage more actively in promoting equality and inclusion.

Expected results: Research on the position and representation of LGBTIQ persons in Montenegro, including media monitoring and collection of personal experiences, completed and accompanied by a policy paper with

recommendations for improving public policies; Increased visibility and understanding of underrepresented LGBTIQ narratives through investigative stories and televised content; Strengthened public and institutional dialogue on LGBTIQ rights through dissemination of findings, public events and advocacy activities.

Key activities include:

- Monitoring the media history of LGBTIQ topics in Montenegro;
- Research on personal stories of LGBTIQ persons and development of recommendations for improvement;
- Production and publication of four investigative stories on underrepresented LGBTIQ experiences;
- Organisation of a televised round table “Montenegro Between Then and Now”;
- Organisation of a press conference presenting project findings and recommendations.

We Shape Inclusion: Student Initiative for LGBTIQ+ Equality



Lead applicant:
NGO Juventas



Country:
Montenegro



Duration:
8 months



Approved budget:
€17,400

The overall objective of the project is to enhance inclusion and tolerance in academic environments by actively engaging students in creating and promoting content that supports diversity and non-discrimination.

The specific objective is to strengthen the capacities of students and student organizations to actively promote inclusion and non-discrimination through research, awareness-raising and a student-led campaign.

Expected results: Improved evidence-based understanding of stigma, discrimination and exclusion towards LGBTIQ+ persons in higher education institutions through research and analytical

reporting; Strengthened capacities of students and student organizations to promote inclusion and non-discrimination; Development and implementation of a student-led digital awareness campaign on LGBTIQ+ inclusion and equality.

Key activities include: Formation of the project team; Planning and implementation of focus groups with students from the University of Montenegro; Analysis and summarization of focus group findings; Organization of two workshops with student organizations; Development and implementation of a digital awareness campaign; Production of campaign materials; Organization of a final event presenting project results and campaign outcomes.



Life Outside of Belgrade



Lead applicant:
Group "COME
OUT", Serbia



Partners:
Da se zna!,
L*Communio



Country:
Serbia



Duration:
8 months



**Approved
budget:**
€ 16,000.00

The overall objective of the project is to improve the health and wellbeing of transgender persons in Serbia by increasing access to gender-affirming healthcare services and promoting the decentralization of trans-specific healthcare.

The specific objective is to make healthcare services for transgender people more decentralized and accessible, particularly for individuals living outside Belgrade.

Expected results include: Research data collected on the experiences and needs of transgender persons in the Serbian healthcare system; Mapping of healthcare services available to transgender persons outside Belgrade, with a focus on Vojvodina and Southern Serbia; Strengthened advocacy and awareness-raising capacities of transgender persons and their allies; Increased empowerment of transgender persons in Novi Sad and Niš to advocate for their health

and wellbeing; Improved public understanding of the need to decentralize healthcare services for transgender persons in Serbia.

Key activities include:

- Research on the experiences and healthcare needs of transgender persons living outside Belgrade;
- Desk research and mapping of healthcare services for transgender people in Novi Sad and Niš;
- Training for transgender persons and allies on public advocacy and awareness-raising methods;
- Community-building activities and psychosocial support for transgender persons;
- Advocacy campaign including public events, institutional meetings, petitions and online awareness activities.

