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**ACTIVE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS**  
**- SUCCESSFUL GRANTEES**

In the framework of the project "Improving the Macedonian CSO's active participation in decision-making process through the empowerment of grass-root CSO's", a total of **20** civil society organizations from Macedonia received support from the European Union through the Small Grants Facility Programme launched by PREDA Plus and the German organization ASB. The approved grants and projects will be implemented throughout Macedonia.

The Small Grant Facility Programme, with the slogan "**Activate**", was launched last year. This programme was promoted by PREDA Plus Foundation and ASB with support from

the European Union and their instruments for EU pre-accession assistance.

The main purpose of the small grants is to strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations and to provoke change or solution to some economic and social problem in the community. The action model remains as a matter of choice of the grantees. They will choose what is the most appropriate for them in order to implement the project. It can be implemented through a partnership with local or central government, lobbying/advocacy or monitoring of their work.

In the next 8 to 10 months these civil society organizations will implement activities in 27 municipalities through Macedonia and contribute in the communities where they are active. The topics are various such as youth activism, firefighting services, tourism, handcrafting, youth farmers etc.



Implemented by:

## LIST OF THE GRANTEES

- ✓ Coalition of Youth Organizations **SEGA**, Prilep
- ✓ Association for Culture and Development of the Creative Industries **KULT TRANZEN**, Strumica
- ✓ Association for Voluntary Firefighting **ZORA**, Kicevo
- ✓ Association **Multikultura**, Tetovo
- ✓ Association for Development of Civil Education and Civil Society **GANIMED**, Bitola
- ✓ Humanitarian Association for Help and Support of the People with Special Needs **BRAVURA KOOPERATIVA**, Delcevo
- ✓ Environmental Association **PLANETUM**, Strumica
- ✓ **Center for Cultural Decontamination**, Bitola
- ✓ Association of Citizens for Promotion of Art Craftsmanship and Handcrafting **MATA**, Skopje
- ✓ Association Civil Center for Sustainable Development **EGRI**, Kriva Palanka
- ✓ Association **Center for Sustainable Community Development**, Debar
- ✓ Association **Regional Advocacy Center**, Delcevo
- ✓ Citizen Association for Democratic Development **INITIATIVE FOR EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE**, Skopje
- ✓ Association **Young Farmers Network** – Meseista, Debarca
- ✓ Association CREATIVE CENTER – **RURBANKULT**, Struga
- ✓ Association for Promotion of Equal Opportunities for All **WORLD FOR ALL**, Skopje
- ✓ Association of Citizens Center for Research and Analysis **NOVUS**, Strumica
- ✓ Macedonian Association of Metal and Electrical Industry **MAMEI**, Skopje
- ✓ Organization of Women **VIZIJA**, Kavadarci
- ✓ Association for Citizen Movement for Sustainable Socioeconomic Development **GLOBAL**, Bitola

### FACTS ABOUT CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN MACEDONIA

There are 5490 registered CSOs in Central Registry of the Republic of Macedonia. In the survey conducted in July 2017, 3115 from these organizations were contacted. The representative sample was questioned and we came to the following conclusions:

#### Areas of action

The largest part from the organizations are in the following areas:

- Education and research – 27%
- Health, social work and humanitarian work – 21%
- Culture/Art – 18%

#### Annual income

Most of the organization (36%) had annual income from EUR 2500, on the other hand 21% from the organization did not have any annual income.

#### Employment

33% from the CSOs don't have regular employees, 18% has between two and five regular employees.

*Quotes from  
Baseline Study, July 2017*