

**Partner:**

Gragansko Opstestvo

Facts & Figures:**Budget:**

€ 600,000

8 Grant Projects
signed**Projects Duration**16 January 2012 -
15 March 2013**Civil Society:****European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights****PROMOTING DEMOCRACY AND
HUMAN RIGHTS: NEW GENERATION OF
GRANT PROJECTS**

The European Union believes that democracy and human rights are universal values that should be vigorously promoted around the world. They are integral to effective work on poverty alleviation and conflict prevention and resolution, in addition to being valuable bulwarks against terrorism. Having come into force on 1 January 2007, the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) is the concrete expression of the EU's intention to integrate the promotion of democracy and human rights into all of its external policies.

Under the 2010 European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) Call for Proposals, eight grant projects were selected for financing among 103 submitted grant proposals. The Call envisioned three lots, one for each thematic priority, as follows: Lot 1: Pursuit of common agendas for human rights and democratic reform; Lot 2: Initiatives to enhance the inclusiveness and pluralism including enhanced democratic participation in the electoral processes; and Lot 3: Social rights, including minorities and in particular the Roma. All projects are in duration between 12 to 14 months, absorbing close to 600.000 of available co-financing from the Delegation of the European Union.



More information on the programme can be accessed at:

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/the_former_yugoslav_republic_of_macedonia/index_en.htm
and <http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid>

Short Description of the selected EIDHR grant projects:**Thematic Priority (Lot 1):****The pursuit of common agendas for human rights, democratic reform, freedom of expression and independent media****Project Title:****"Access to Information- Source for Better Information Quality"**

(Contract amount € 77,843 / EU Contribution: €73,632)

The Center for Civil Communications - Skopje aims at strengthening the role of media in democratisation of the country by pursuing fact based and substantiated reporting in order to increase the quality of public information.

Project partners: Balkan Investigative Reporting Network Macedonia & Access Info Europe Spain

Project Title: "Which Gender is the Ohrid Framework Agreement?"

(Contract amount € 76,842.05 / EU Contribution: € 72,231.53)

The Association for Democratic Initiatives - Gostivar aims at mainstreaming the gender concept in the process of implementation of OFA.

Project partners: Center for Community Media Development



Thematic Priority (Lot 2):

Enhancing political representation and participation of civil society in developing and implementing public policies

Project Title:

“Improving Participation in the Democratic Processes of the Ethnic Communities Smaller than 20%”

(Contract amount € 99,775 / EU Contribution: € 89,000)

The Helsinki Committee for Human Rights- Skopje works on empowering the rights of the smaller ethnic communities (under 20%) on local level.

Project partners: Roma Association AVENA - Kocani

Project Title: “Government Mirror: Public Participation in Legislation Preparation Procedures”

(Contract amount € 84,487 / EU Contribution: € 77,610)

The Macedonian Center for International Cooperation – Skopje aims at improving the participation of the civil society by inclusive environment in developing and implementing public policies and decision making.

Project partners: Balkan Civil Society Development Network, Skopje
Center for Information Services Cooperation & Development of Ngos, Slovenia

Thematic Priority (Lot 3):

Promoting non-discrimination, social inclusion and social rights, including minorities and in particular the Roma

Project Title: “Achieving Gender Equality in Rural Communities”

(Contract amount € 72,600/ EU Contribution: €67,947)

The Association for Rural Development – Tetovo aims at improving the gender equity in rural communities on local level (4 municipalities)

Project Title: “Mozaik-Model for Multicultural Education in Macedonia”

(Contract amount €103,008.90 / EU Contribution: € 85,570)

The Centre for Common Grounds – Skopje contributes towards promotion multicultural education approach through models of cross ethnic cooperation in the public educational system.

Project Title: “Exchange of EU best practices in the area of anti-discrimination legislation enforcement”

(Contract amount € 106,546 / EU Contribution: €71,620)

The Center for Economic Development – Bulgaria contributes towards sharing EU best practices in enforcement anti-discrimination legislation and increased civil society involvement in law implementation and eventual improvements.

Project partners: Center for Research and Policy Making, Skopje

Project Title: „Developing indicators for social inclusion in housing”

(Contract amount € 65,989/ EU Contribution: € 62,389)

The Habitat for Humanity – Skopje contributes towards enhancing the social inclusion in the field of housing to serve for further improvements in the related fields of education, health, employment and gender equality.

