

## CIVIC SOCIETY AND DEMOCRACY

PLATFORM OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS IN  
MACEDONIA (PGO)

## CIVIC WORLD (GSV)

The goal of the program is establishing a mechanism that will contribute to an improved enabling environment for the civic organizations.

**Target group** of the program are the civic organizations in Macedonia, the public, media, public sector, private sector and the international organizations and agencies. The Civic Platform of Macedonia (GPM) was established in 2004. The bodies of GPM were organized: Council, Committee and Secretariat. The Council is made of 33 organizations that are founders of GPM, while the members of the Committee are 11 organizations and 3 individuals.

8 projects were implemented in the course of 2004.

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## Together For Transparency

"Transparent work is necessary", think the representatives of the civic organizations in Macedonia. They have decided to start with themselves and voluntarily and for the first time they have published together their annual reports, financial reports and independent audits on there reports. The Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI), Gostivar; Macedonian Enterprise Development Foundation (MEDF); Macedonian Centre for International Co-operation (MCIC); First Children's Embassy in the World "Megjasi" (FCEW); Association of Women's Organizations of Macedonian (SOZM); Foundation Open Society Institute Macedonia (FOSIM) and the Centre for Civic Initiatives (CSI), Prilep published their reports in part of the dailies.

Nansen Dialogue Centre was involved in this initiative, via publishing its annual report at their web site [www.ndc.net.mk](http://www.ndc.net.mk).

"The publishing of these reports is one of the basic ways of strengthening the accountability," think the organizations that published their reports. They called other civic organizations, local self-government units, public institutions, central government, political parties and all other entities to give their contribution to strengthening the accountability and publish their annual reports, financial and independent audit opinions.

Projects Of Civil  
Organizations In  
Macedonia

The second issue of the publications Projects of Civil Organizations in Macedonia has covered projects of the organizations implemented in the course of 2002 and 2003.

The publication offered an answer to the questions: what the civil organizations work, who their activities are intended for, how much the described activities cost, and also, what number of people is involved in the

implemented activities and the number of beneficiaries.

The publication presents 658 projects of civil organizations.

The publication should contribute for bigger visibility of the work of the civil organizations, providing transparency and accountability of the whole civic sector.



Launch of the Civic Platform of Macedonia



Eight organizations presented their annual reports and audits



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<p><b>STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF WOMEN NGO-S (JZN)</b></p>	<p><b>CAPACITY BUILDING OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS (GKG)</b></p>	
<p>The <b>goal</b> of the program is to develop skills and knowledge at the women associations for application of the concept of gender equality in the communities through developing, promotion and conducting initiatives adequate for their target group.</p> <p><b>Target group</b> of the program are women from rural and suburban areas, with a special accent upon different ethnic minorities.</p> <p>In order to increase the knowledge of the eight women organizations involved, and broaden their awareness of possibilities, resources, and initiatives related to gender equality in Macedonia, 6 thematic workshops were organized with experts on various areas and five issues of "Perspective" bulletin were published. The workshops covered 101 participants.</p>	<p>The <b>goal</b> of the program is strengthening the organizational capacity of the civic organizations in Macedonia.</p> <p><b>Target group</b> of the program are the civic organizations in the Republic of Macedonia, registered according to the Law on Associations of Citizens and Foundations, including the professional organizations, organizations with religious background, trade unions, sport associations, culture and education associations, recreational associations, and local teams of foreign NGO-s.</p> <p>The 2004 program covered a total of 145 participants in the training, 33 of whom in the standard courses, and 112 in the tailor-made courses and workshops.</p>	
<p><b>Training For Future Female Councilors</b></p> <p>In order to promote the concept of gender equality in local self-government and to strengthen the capacities for advocacy and lobbying, for equal participation of men and women in the decision-making processes and in view of the upcoming local elections, in the past period 3 cycles of two-day workshops/trainings were undertaken in eight municipalities: Karbinci, Rosoman, Rostushe, Jegunovce, Saraj, Staro Nagorichane, Dolneni and Lozovo.</p> <p>The topics of the trainings were: gender relations and development, women in politics and public life, advocacy and lobbying. Trainings included a total number of 130 women that passed through all three cycles of the training.</p> <p>Training was focused on women who are potential candidates for the councilors' lists. The project was implemented by the Association of Women's organizations in Macedonia supported by MCIC.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Planning</b></p> <p>"It is a pleasure to be a participant at such training, organized by MCIC because it enables participants to grasp certain practical knowledge and skills. I can now perceive the weaknesses and strengths of my organization and its position within the external surrounding which is a basic precondition for undertaking steps and creating development interventions for strengthening and successful development, Svetlana Milenkova from Women's Centre pointed out.</p> <p>The aim of the training was to provide knowledge and skills for managing civic organizations which would contribute to developing the capacities of civic organizations and their improved functioning.</p>	
		
<p><b>Training team on identification mission in Staro Nagorichane</b></p>	<p><b>New knowledge and skills on managing for representatives of civic organizations</b></p>	