

Results achieved 2012 – 2013 through the IPA- EU Support to the coordination and implementation of Bosnia and Herzegovina's National Youth Policy

304 young people successfully trained

30 trainings were delivered in 13 different locations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The young people were trained in

1. General issues concerning developing projects and project proposals in the context of the EU youth strategy;
2. Fundraising opportunities, general issues in projects financial management and log frame design;
3. Development of Municipal Youth strategy: drafting and implementation tool

10 seminars carried out

10 seminars were carried out to increase the capacities and know-how of the Commission for the Coordination of Youth Issues in BiH, NGO's on youth issues as well as selected officials for youth issues on BiH, entity and Brcko District level.

The 10 topics were:

1. The EU youth strategy 2010 - 2018;
2. An overview of youth policies in selected EU Countries, including how the strategy is implemented;
3. Policy making and design of programme strategies;
4. Policy and strategy implementation;
5. Youth Policy Interactive Stakeholders Mapping and their role to the eight fields of action within the EU youth strategy;
6. Strengthening of interactive inter-institutional capacity of the CCYI and communication channels with stakeholders under here the open method of coordination used as a tool;

7. Financial management and fundraising strategies;
8. Grant schemes management in the context of EU youth programmes and pre-accession funds;
9. Advocacy and lobbying;
10. Council of Europe and Youth policies implementation: main findings and good practices. Lessons learned from study visits in selected EU Countries.



Two study visits to gain experiences from EU Member States

Slovenia and Germany were visited by members of the CCYI.

During the study visits valuable information were gathered about development and implementation of youth strategies in EU Member States.

Best practices the implementation of Community Programs

In the Brcko District and in the municipality of Laktasi a presentation of best practices were delivered. The main objective of the presentations was to present 3 new models of country EU community programs

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that would addresses the situation of youth in BiH in different areas and to raise awareness on importance of youth strategies at municipal and entity level.



Monitoring and evaluation system

A monitoring and evaluation system on youth has been developed to give important information about

- Developments in the situation of youth in BiH on the basis of 8 Key areas of concern
- Describing the civil society infrastructure (NGOs oriented on youth) and its development
- Describing and informing about youth (oriented) projects and programs
- Describing developments in youth legislation and the implementation mechanisms

3 new models on best practices

A description of 3 models of country specific EU community programs that would addresses the situation of youth in BiH in different areas were delivered:

The 3 models were:

Model 1 – Mix funding of projects under relevant existing EUPs

Model 2 – Mini Grants

Model 3 – (summer) Youth Job placement in social and health sectors

Plan for future activities for the CCYI

A three year work plan and time schedule for the CCYI were recommended.

Five principles for the coming work of the CCYI were proposed:

1. Higher visibility of the CCYI though public events as donor conferences, youth forums and campaigns.
2. Decentralization (bottom up). CCYI should have a coordinated role in a bottom – up approach, where a coordinated strategy for BiH should be based on experiences gained at municipality and entity level.
3. Monitoring and evaluation. The CCYI should by using the monitoring and evaluation system take responsibility for the accuracy and systematic reporting through a bottom up approach, starting from municipalities to entity level.
4. Need assessment. The CCYI should by using social data on the living situation of young people present comprehensive perspective of the processes and demands of growing up in in BiH.
5. Sector approach (crosscutting issues). A sector approach is important to set up an order of priority of the most urgent problems of the youth in BiH which should be reflected in strategies at all levels.

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Communication strategy

A communication strategy for CCYI were delivered. The strategy included

- Communication objectives
- Communication strategy outline
- Public relation activities
- Communication with media
- Internal communication

Youth Forum, "The Future I Want!"

Young people who participated in the trainings and stakeholder were invited to a Youth Forum carried out on the 5th of November 2013. The objective of the Youth Forum was to

- Promote CCYI and their work.
- Raise awareness through this visibility event, on importance of youth strategies on the local, entity, Brcko district and BiH level.
- Connect stakeholders in youth field and give ideas related to youth strategy areas.

The discussions on the Youth Forum concentrated on two main issues: What young people can do

on their self-organization and on improving their activism and what institutions can do to activate young people.



The Youth Forum turned out to be very successful. It was especially a good method to have an event where young dedicated people met stakeholders, both public and private, and in a way that gives informal discussions of the youth issues.