**Project title:**

Coalition of civil organizations - Forum of small communities in the Republic of North Macedonia

* Implementation period
* 01.01.2023 – 31.10.2023
* Budget: 3,244,900 MKD

**Organizations that are responsible for implementation**

Project lead of implementation:

* Association Initiative for Social Change InSoK;

Partners – co-implementers

* Inegra Nau Association
* Association for Social Integration and Personal Development - Center for Integration and Support Skopje

**Target group**

1. Smaller communities in the country that make up about 10% of the total number of citizens in the country.
2. Representatives of civil society organizations working on issues related to smaller communities, representatives of at least 1 Turkish CSO, 3 Roma CSOs, 1 Bosnian CSO, 1 Serbian CSO, 1 Vlach CSO;.
3. Representatives of local and central government (Parliament, LGU)
4. Representatives of state and public administration who are interested parties on the occasion of the issue of minority communities, AOPZ, KZD, Department for implementation of the Roma strategy and the One Society for All Strategy;

**Project topics**

* Cooperation of civil organizations that work with smaller communities for their contribution to reducing social polarization.
* Increasing their capacity for institutional cooperation, cooperation with relevant institutions of the state and international organizations.
* Creating conditions for good governance and social inclusion.
* Promotion of the multi-ethnic character of society.
* Building trust and coexistence between community members.
* Improvement of the environment in which civil society functions and develops, which contributes to democratic management, good governance and social inclusion.

**Users**

* The smaller communities in the country, which according to the last census make up about 10% of the total population and society as a whole;

**General purpose**

* Contribution to the social environment, in which the civil sector functions and develops, contributes to the reduction of politicization in society, multicultural cooperation and cohesion, good governance and social inclusion.

**Specific purpose**

* Building mechanisms to strengthen inter-sectoral cooperation of the civil sector and state institutions to develop inter-citizen trust and reduce socio-economic polarization at the local and national level.

**Results**

* R.1. A Forum of civil organizations was established to reduce the challenges of social and economic polarization, socio-economic dialogue and cooperation between citizens in the Republic of Macedonia.
* R.2. An interdepartmental cooperation of civil society organizations that work on issues of smaller communities and competent state institutions for realizing the rights of smaller communities in the country has been built.
* R.3. Interaction and understanding between communities has been initiated through initiatives of smaller communities that reduce social tensions and lead to reduced polarization on ethnic and social grounds.

**Activities**

* A1.1. Formation of the Forum for socio-economic dialogue and civil cooperation. (P1)
* A.1.2. Organizing 4 workshops of Forum members. (P1)
* A1.3. Workshop on capacity building of the members of the Communication and Advocacy Forum. (P1)
* A1.4. Workshop for the preparation of the strategy and action plan of the coalition. (P1)
* A2.1. Working meetings with representatives of the legislative and executive authorities to lobby and advocate for the realization of the rights of smaller communities. (P2)
* A2.2. Advocacy through social networks to reduce stereotypes and prejudices. (P2)
* A3.1 Competition and awarding of three prizes for a high school essay on the topic "My fellow citizen from the next street" (P3)
* A3.2. Organizing a national conference. (P3)