

Annex 4

Measures taken to achieve full equality

Support to National Councils of National Minorities

The funds for the financing the activities of the national councils, entered in the Register of the national councils, are provided from the budget of the Republic of Serbia, the budget of the autonomous province and the budget of local self-government units, donations and other income. The amount of funds from public sources provided for financing the activities of national councils shall be determined for each year by the Law on Budget of the Republic of Serbia and decisions on the budget of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and local self-government units.

NATIONAL COUNCIL	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Albanian national minority	16.604.420,00	16.600.502,00	13.233.963,00	13.233.963,00	12.491.000,00
Ashkali national minority	1.418.064,00	4.379.367,00	3.834.517,00	3.834.517,00	3.559.660,00
Bosniak national minority	21.015.176,00	22.107.860,00	24.851.206,00	24.851.206,00	26.256.638,00
Bulgarian national minority	7.610.588,00	7.880.533,00	8.512.506,00	8.512.506,00	7.761.553,00
Bunjevac national minority	5.856.188,00	5.798.751,00	6.014.169,00	6.014.169,00	6.972.774,00
Vlach national minority	7.482.728,00	7.486.041,00	7.749.279,00	7.749.279,00	7.378.940,00
Greek national minority	3.615.620,00	4.175.043,00	322.294,00	322.294,00	3.572.471,00
Egyptian national minority	3.636.608,00	3.594.820,00	3.851.029,00	3.851.029,00	3.669.266,00
Federation of Jewish Communities	3.983.600,00	3.901.113,00	4.039.787,00	4.039.787,00	3.615.862,00
Hungarian national minority	58.600.940,00	57.908.690,00	61.384.884,00	61.384.884,00	61.422.735,00
Macedonian national minority	6.779.120,00	6.631.474,00	6.678.437,00	6.678.437,00	7.029.376,00
German national minority	3.989.720,00	3.927.640,00	4.430.358,00	4.430.358,00	4.092.021,00
Romani national minority	16.377.656,00	16.685.606,00	22.200.078,00	22.200.078,00	22.092.023,00
Romanian national minority	13.394.108,00	13.499.383,00	14.515.839,00	14.515.839,00	13.651.862,00
Rusyn national minority	8.740.808,00	8.416.134,00	8.708.259,00	8.708.259,00	9.339.131,00
Slovak national minority	18.636.080,00	18.848.446,00	18.271.250,00	18.271.250,00	18.629.439,00
Slovenian national minority	4.772.672,00	4.851.671,00	4.836.680,00	4.836.680,00	3.942.456,00
Ukrainian national minority	4.963.100,00	4.763.209,00	18.271.250,00	18.271.250,00	4.626.892,00
Croatian national minority	13.589.300,00	14.017.680,00	13.324.549,00	13.324.549,00	13.115.041,00
Czech national minority	4.297.376,00	4.526.037,00	4.681.604,00	4.681.604,00	4.039.750,00
Montenegrin national minority					7.671.110,00
Total budget means	225.363.872,00	230.000.000,00	236.454.764,00	236.454.764,00	244.999.998,00

Source: Office for Human and Minority Rights (OHMR)

The funds provided for in the budget of the Republic of Serbia are allocated so that 30% of the funds are allocated among all registered national councils in the Republic of Serbia in identical shares and the residual value (70%) is allocated proportionally to the number of members of a national minority represented by a national council and according to the total number of institutions of a particular national minority in the field of culture, education, information and official use of language and script within the scope of activities of these institutions.

Financing the work activities of the national councils of national minorities from the budget of AP Vojvodina ¹				
NATIONAL COUNCIL	2010	2011	2012	2013
Ashkali national minority ²	330.000,00	-	-	550.000,00

¹ The funds are only allocated to the national councils that have registered seats within the territory of AP Vojvodina

Bunjevac national minority	2.090.060,00	1.752.000,00	1.696.000,00	2.428.768,00
Greek national minority ³	-	400.000,00	400.000,00	550.000,00
Egyptian national minority	330.000,00	400.000,00	400.000,00	550.000,00
Hungarian national minority	11.925.555,00	16.528.000,00	16.504.000,00	23.790.962,00
Macedonian national minority	1.800.000,00	1.900.000,00	2.204.000,00	2.456.595,00
German national minority	1.487.560,00	1.340.000,00	1.005.000,00	1.819.575,00
Romanian national minority	2.478.055,00	4.224.000,00	4.216.000,00	4.870.324,00
Rusyn national minority	1.941.555,00	2.654.000,00	2.504.000,00	3.236.114,00
Slovak national minority	4.132.055,00	5.160.000,00	5.472.000,00	6.636.922,00
Ukrainian national minority	1.541.560,00	1.412.000,00	1.400.000,00	1.954.287,00
Croatian national minority	3.428.600,00	3.028.000,00	3.024.000,00	4.230.287,00
Czech national minority	350.000,00	1.502.000,00	1.340.000,00	1.926.165,00
Total funds:	31.835.000,00	40.300.000,00	40.165.000,00	54.555.000,00

Financing the activities of the national councils of national minorities from the budget of local self-government units.

According to the Law on National Councils of National Minorities, the national councils representing a national minority that reaches at least 10% of the total population of a local self-government or whose language is in official use in the local self-government, shall be provided with the funds from the budget of local self-government units. On the basis of this law, 54 local self-government units are obliged to finance 12 national councils from their budgets, including: Albanian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Vlach, Hungarian, Macedonian, Romany, Romanian, Ruthenian, Slovak, Croatian and Czech national minority. Office for Human and Minority Rights conducted a survey, in early 2014, among local self-government units and compiled the Communication on the implementation of legal obligations of financing the national councils of national minorities in local self-government units in 2014 year. In the 2014 budgets, allocations for the activities of National Councils was done by 25 local self-government units, while 29 did not envisage funds for these purposes. Three local self-government units planned funds for financing the national councils although it was not their legal obligation, including: Backa Topola - for the national councils of the Rusyn and Slovak national minorities, Kula - for the national councils of the German and Ukrainian minorities and Novi Bečej - for the National Council of the Roma national minority.

Funds for financing the activities of the national councils from the budget of local self-government units for the year 2014.

National Council	Local Self-Government Units	Amount of planned funds)
National Council of the Albanian national minority	Bujanovac, Medvedja	900.000,00
National Council of the Bosniak national minority	Priboj, Tutin	1.600.000,00
National Council of the Vlach national minority	Boljevac, Žagubica, Petrovac na Mlavi	700.000,00
National Council of the Hungarian national minority	Ada, Bečej, Kanjiža, Kovačica, Mali Idoš, Novi Bečej, Novi Kneževac, Novi Sad, Senta, Sombor,	4.859.608,34 ⁴

² Despite the fact that the budget of AP Vojvodina provided the funds for the financing the National Council of Ashkali national minority, these funds have not been disbursed due to the unresolved issue of the representation of the Council.

³ Since 2011, the headquarters of the National Council has been registered on the territory of AP Vojvodina.

⁴ The amount refers to the 12 mentioned LGU, and five more LGU (Backa Topola, Vrsac, Kovin, Kula and Subotica) allocated funds collectively for more national councils.

	Temerin, Čoka	
National Council of the Romani national minority	Novi Becej	250.000,00
National Council of the Romanian national minority	Kovacica	21.000,00 ⁵
National Council of the Rusyn national minority	Novi Sad	910.324,33 ⁶
National Council of the Slovak national minority	Kovacica, Novi Sad	1.479.067,33 ⁷
Collectively planned funds for financing national councils.	Bačka Topola, Vršac, Kovin, Kula, Subotica and Šid	7.900.000,00 ⁸
TOTAL		18.620.000,00

Source: Office for Human and Minority Rights

Support to the organisations of national minorities

Financial support to the organisations of national minorities in AP Vojvodina					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Ashkali	100.000,00	100.000,00	100.000,00	100.000,00	
Bosniaks					50.000,00
Bulgarians	135.000,00	2.040.000,00	100.000,00	130.000,00	130.000,00
Bunjevacs	1.080.000,00	1.130.000,00	1.100.000,00	1.100.000,00	1.100.000,00
Greeks	50.000,00	100.000,00	100.000,00	100.000,00	100.000,00
Egyptians		100.000,00		100.000,00	100.000,00
Jews	90.000,00	175.000,00	210.000,00	310.000,00	310.000,00
Hungarians	16.680.000,00	16.670.000,00	14.820.000,00	15.120.000,00	
Macedonians	680.000,00	680.000,00	680.000,00	680.000,00	680.000,00
Germans	296.000,00	296.000,00	296.000,00	296.000,00	296.000,00
Roma	3.550.000,00	1.499.500,00	1.500.000,00	1.860.000,00	1.860.000,00
Romanians	2.330.000,00	2.330.000,00	2.330.000,00	2.330.000,00	2.330.000,00
Russians	50.000,00	50.000,00	40.000,00	44.000,00	
Rusyns	1.480.000,00	1.200.000,00	1.200.000,00	1.200.000,00	1.200.000,00
Slovaks	3.130.000,00	3.160.000,00	3.130.000,00	3.130.000,00	3.130.000,00
Slovenians	110.000,00	75.000,00	230.000,00	216.000,00	200.000,00
Ukrainians	424.000,00	424.000,00	424.000,00	424.000,00	424.000,00
Croats	3.130.000,00	3.130.000,00	3.130.000,00	3.130.000,00	3.130.000,00
Montenegrins	270.000,00	270.000,00	200.000,00	250.000,00	265.000,00
Czechs	130.000,00	130.000,00	130.000,00	130.000,00	130.000,00
Multicultural projects	955.000,00	950.000,00	680.000,00	850.000,00	845.000,00

⁵ The amount refers to the above LGU, and two more LGU (Vrsac and Kovin) allocated funds collectively for more national councils.

⁶ The amount refers to the above LGU, and three more LGU (Backa Topola, Kula and Sid) allocated funds collectively for more national councils.

⁷ The amount refers to the above two LGU, and two more LGU (Backa Topola and Sid) allocated funds collectively for more national councils.

⁸ The amount refers to six LGU (Backa Topola, Vrsac, Kovin, Kula, Subotica and Sid) in which the respective funds were provided collectively for the national councils of the Hungarian, German, Romanian, Ruthenian, Slovak, Ukrainian and Croatian national minority.

Funding for associations and organizations of national minorities in AP Vojvodina, is also granted through Competition for grants to organizations of ethnic communities in AP Vojvodina, which is announced at least once a year. Only registered legal entities - organizations and associations of national minorities based in the territory of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, whose activity is based on preserving and cherishing national and cultural identity or whose activity is based on preservation and promotion of inter-ethnic tolerance, are entitled to participate in the competition.

According to a survey conducted for the purpose of preparing the **National Strategy for creating a supportive environment for the development of the civil society**, in the period from 2009 - 2014, a total of 26,042 civil society organizations were registered in the Business Registers Agency, 25,416 of which were associations and 626 foundations and endowments. Inclusive of 9 October 2015, a total of 26,198 associations were registered in the Register of Associations kept with the Business Registers Agency, while 54 representative offices of foreign associations were registered in the Register of foreign associations. Organizations of civil society are engaged and active in different segments of social life, *inter alia* the fight against discrimination, provision of healthcare and social protection services, cultural development, youth and sports development, protection and tolerance towards vulnerable social groups.

Elections for National Councils of National Minorities

In the elections for national councils of national minorities, held on 26 October 2014, 171,799 members of 17 national minorities ⁹ (Albanians, Ashkalis, Bosniacs, Bulgarians, Bujevaks, Vlachs, Greeks, Egyptians, Hungarians, Germans, Romni, Romanian, Ruthenians, Slovaks, Slovenians, Ukrainians, and Czechs) registered in special electoral rolls voted for the members of their national councils. Members of Macedonian, Croatian and Montenegrin national minorities were elected to electoral councils as members of national councils.

	Number of voters registered in Special electoral roll	Number of polling stations	Total number of voters who voted	Total number of rolls	Total number of mandates
Albanians	35.395	100	14.108	5	15
Ashkali	1.746	52	582	4	15
Bosniaks	99.259	267	35.638	2	35
Bulgarians	14.908	143	9.870	4	19
Bunjevacs	8.634	177	3.246	9	19
Vlachs	27.763	104	8.902	4	23
Greeks	2.363	115	1.528	5	15
Egyptians	1.865	494	494	3	15
Hungarians	137.111	392	55.673	4	35
Germans	2.491	225	1.191	4	15
Roma	61.755	520	17.523	10	35
Romanians	17.858	181	7.432	7	23
Rusyns	8.270	155	3.317	7	18
Slovaks	31.196	160	9.682	5	28

⁹ In the elections for national councils of national minorities, held in 2010, 237,792 members of 16 national minorities registered in special electoral rolls, used their voting right. Three national minorities elected their national council through electoral councils.

Slovenians	1.741	125	713	2	15
Ukrainians	2.818	97	1.251	5	15
Czechs	1.271	51	649	2	15

Source: Republic Electoral Commission

	Number of verified electors	Number of present electors	Number of valid ballots
Macedonians	84	84	83
Croats	132	132	130
Montenegrins	97	90	89

Source: Republic Electoral Commission

At the electoral council of the **Macedonian National Minority** there were two electoral lists that have received a total of 23 mandates, at the electoral council of the **Croatian National Minority** two electoral lists were nominated, which received a total of 29 mandates and at the electoral council of the **Montenegrin National Minority** also two electoral lists were nominated that have won a total of 23 mandates.

Support to Churches and Religious Communities

	2012	2013	2014
Catholic Church	25.630.000,00	25.630.000,00	24.029.000,00
Eparchy of the Romanian Orthodox Church "Dacia Felix"	570.000,00	1.700.000,00	1.400.000,00
Christian Reformed Church	400.000,00	135.000,00	1.3000.000,00
Slovak Evangelical Church	1.300.000,00	1.300.000,00	1.600.000,00
Islamic Community of Serbia	19.164.799,00	14.585.000,00	16.422.000,00
Islamic Community in Serbia	11.217.000,00	10.677.000,00	12.650.000,00
Jewish Community	3.625.000,00	2.090.000,00	2.080.000,00
Total	61.906.799,00	56.117.000,00	59.481.000,00

The state supports programs which support the churches and religious communities in the area of: cultural and scientific activities, protection of sacral heritage and cultural goods, information and publishing activities, construction, education and religious education, social rights of priests or religious officials (payments of contributions for pension, disability and health insurance for more than 2000 priests and religious officials of the registered churches and religious communities).

Financing of Churches and Religious Communities from the budget of AP Vojvodina					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Roman Catholic Church	8.812.000,00	6.917.000,00	6.992.000,00	6.776.000,00	6.796.000
Russian Orthodox Church	720.000,00	700.000,00	623.000,00	623.000,00	625.000
Christian Reformed Church	455.000,00	525.000,00	546.000,00	546.000,00	548.000
Greek Catholic Church	590.000,00	700.000,00	468.000,00	468.000,00	469.000

Evangelical Christian Church	390.000,00	450.000,00	468.000,00	468.000,00	469.000
Slovak Evangelical Church	850.000,00	840.000,00	874.000,00	874.000,00	877.000
Islamic Community	260.000,00	300.000,00	310.000,00	312.000,00	313.000
Jewish Community	1.620.000,00	450.000,00	468.000,00	468.000,00	469.000

Source: Provincial Secretariat for Education, Administration and National Minorities - national communities

Most of the funds for churches and religious communities is awarded through competition for grants to churches and religious communities which operate on the territory of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, announced at least once a year. One percentage of the funds which are not spent by the competition, is used for financing extraordinary and unforeseen demands of churches and religious communities.

The Ministry of Interior has continued with the implementation of **Police activities with marginalized, minority and socially vulnerable groups**, which primarily focus on the training of police officers on the rights of members of the groups and undertaking activities that will contribute that police activities are adjusted to security needs of these groups. In the area of police administration in Sombor, concrete cooperation with minority, marginalized and socially vulnerable groups was reflected in communication with the Association of citizens "Eureka", formed by a Roma women's non-governmental organization that deals with the socialization of marginalized social groups. In the area of police administration in Novi Pazar, a one-day seminar attended by 33 police officers on *Constitutional protection of human and minority rights* was held in 2012. Special attention was devoted to cooperation with the members of Roma national minority.

In 2011, within a joint project of the Ministry of Interior and the Republic of Hungary, in Novi Sad and Subotica, a six-month course in the Hungarian language was completed, as part of the learning of languages of national minorities in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina. The course in the Hungarian language was attended by 40 police officers from police departments in Novi Sad and Subotica and the Regional Centre of Border Police at Hungarian border.

Police officers of the Police Administration for the City of Belgrade established cooperation and contact with the leaders and members of the Roma and their associations "Democratic Association of Roma", "Roma Children's Center" and others. In the area of police administration in Prokuplje a round table was held, organized by the Association of Roma on the topic of "Youth, for and against" In the area of police administration in Leskovac, in the premises of the Hall of the City Council, a meeting was held between members of the police and the representatives of Roma national minority on the topic of current security problems in the areas where the Roma live. At this meeting, it was stated that the cooperation between the police and Roma population is at a satisfactory level and it was proposed that the Security Council of the City of Leskovac engages the representatives of the Roma national minority. With the support of the OSCE Mission, the Ministry of Interior implemented, in 2012 and 2013, several local smaller projects aimed at preventing discrimination against minority communities.

The involvement of the **Basic Police Training Center in Sremska Kamenica** on the integration of the members of national minorities in the police and the Ministry of Interior, takes place, both on their own initiative and the initiative organized by or with the support of the Ministry of Interior, the Office for Human and Minority Rights, other government bodies,

educational institutions, non-governmental and international organizations, representatives of local authorities - and can be grouped into several areas:

- Promoting the profession of police officer, the Ministry of Interior and the Basic Police Training Center, information on training, the activities of the Centre, the requirements for admission and announced competitions through different media:
 - Multilingual information campaign since the very founding of COPO, 2007, to mark the first competition for enrollment of students for training (brochures, posters, competition ads). Information material printed in nine languages, the most common of national minorities (Albanian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Romani, Romanian, Ruthenian, Slovak, Ukrainian and Croatian).
 - Through the electronic media - website of COPO: www.copo.edu.rs and the page on the Facebook social network.
 - Audio and video promotional material: For the campaign of the 2008 competition, a radio ad in the languages of national minorities and a promotional film were recorded. Within the project "Support for greater inclusion of national minorities in the police service" which began in 2012 and was completed in 2013, a 30-minute documentary informational and promotional film "School of Open Doors" was recorded on the inclusion of minorities in the police service (with the english/albanian subtitles) - shown in 2013 at the RTS 2 in the series "The Citizen" dedicated to the life of national minorities in Serbia as well as a promotional 8-minute film about the Basic Police Training Center, for general purposes.
- The possibility of taking a part of the entrance examination for admission to basic police training - psychological test and a test of general knowledge in the languages of national minorities - These two tests have been translated into 8 languages of national minorities (Albanian, Hungarian, Romani, Romanian, Ruthenian, Slovak, Ukrainian and Croatian). With a wish to mitigate the aggravating factors and provide all candidates in the selection with the maximum of equal guaranteed conditions, the candidates from national minorities were enabled to take psychological test and test of general knowledge in their mother tongue. These two tests have been translated into eight languages of most prevalent minority ethnic communities (Albanian, Hungarian, Slovak, Romani, Romanian, Ruthenian, Ukrainian and Croatian). Testing of candidates on computers and complete automated processing of data allows a more objective, faster and better selection of candidates for basic police training.
- Promotional stands of the Basic Police Training Center in the areas where there in a large number of members of ethnic minority communities:
 - In February 2013, debates were held in Bujanovac, Vranje, Surdulica and Vladicin Han. In June 2013, debates were held in Sremska Mitrovica, Sombor, Subotica, Kikinda, Pancevo, Zrenjanin and Bor. In addition to the OSCE Mission, support in the implementation of the debates was also provided by the above police departments.
 - In March 201, the representatives of the Basic Police Training Center in cooperation with the OSCE Mission and the Bureau of International Cooperation and European Integration of the Ministry of Interior, as well as the authorized representative of the Roma, held promotional debates for the entry of potential candidates of Roma into the Basic Police Training Center. Debates were implemented in the presence of local media in Subotica (25 candidates), in Bujanovac (25 candidates), in Presevo (32 candidates), in Sremska Mitrovica (50 candidates), in the Police Department for the City of Belgrade (150 candidates), in

Uzice (120 candidates), in Valjevo (93 candidates), Bor (43 candidates), in Kladovo (52 candidates), in Pozarevac (211 candidates) in Kikinda (around 150 candidates). The realization of the debates have also been supported by the above police administrations.

The aim and assignments of these activities are introducing the potential applicants to the characteristics and requirements of the profession, providing information about the Basic Police Training Center, duration and characteristics of the training, introducing people to the competition conditions and detailed information on the selection procedure (duration, selection phases, possibilities for preparation for the entrance exam). Encouraging Roma, Albanians, Romanians, Hungarians and women to apply for admission to the Basic Police Training Center is particularly emphasized.

- Promotional and preparatory workshops for the Basic Police Training Center which aim at better preparation of potential candidates for the entrance examination (psychological test, a test of general knowledge and Serbian language) - Evaluation of selection of first and second-class students of BPTC, showed that candidates from the majority of the environments with a larger number of minority ethnic communities, achieve relatively low pass rate in the admission exam compared to the average achievement and that such proportionally lower achievements cannot be attributed to less developed relevant basic skills, but to the lack of experience in test situations, as well as the fact that the candidates - members of ethnic minority communities, are mostly educated in their own language and that, unfortunately, have insufficient knowledge of the Serbian language. Basic Police Training Center has, in the past few years established a program for better information of members of national minorities interested in enrolling in the Basic Police Training Center in order to ensure higher pass rate during the selection of candidates.
 - The workshops in November and December 2012 were realized in Presevo and Bujanovac - with the support of the OSCE Mission in Serbia.
 - The workshops in March 2015 were realized within the project Inclusion of Roma men and women in the security sector of the Republic of Serbia the holder of which is the Police Association "European Roma Police Officers" with its headquarters in Belgrade. The funds for the project were provided through the Government of the Republic of Serbia - Office for Human and Minority Rights in the amount of 600,000 dinars. Six one-day promotional workshops were implemented in the Basic Police Training Center (11. 3. 2015), Belgrade (18. 3. 2015), Bor (23. 3. 2015), Kraljevo (24. 3. 2015), Pirot (25. 3. 2015. 2014) and in Nis (26. 3. 2015) Two press conferences aimed at informing the public and affirmation of the Project were held - one at the beginning of the Project realization in Belgrade and one at the end of its realization in Nis.
- Participation at education fairs:
 - The Basic Police Training Center has continued the tradition of SSUP, and has been participating in the Fair of Education "Guidelines" in Novi Sad for years, which was held in late February and early March in recent years.
 - The stock market of secondary schools (in the areas with a large number of members of national minorities): The Basic Police Training Center introduced in March and April 2013 to the students of primary and secondary schools in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina (Rumenka, Kikinda and Subotica) and in 2014 in Kanjiza, with the significant presence of minority ethnic communities.

These events were organized within the project "Vocational guidance in Serbia - the stock market of secondary schools".

- Open day:
 - The Basic Police Training Center is visited by potential candidates who wish to get acquainted with the requirements for applying, selection of candidates, qualification exam as well as training and living and work conditions in the Basic Police Training Center. Special emphasis is placed on the visits of members of national minorities in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina (2009, 2012 and 2014), the Roma community (2009 and 2011) and the Albanian minority members in Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja (2011. and 2012).
- Serbian language classes for students of the Basic Police Training Center from the ranks of national minorities to enable them to follow the training at the Center more easily: Since it has been reported that some of the participants of the Albanian and Hungarian nationality due to insufficient knowledge of the Serbian language had difficulties to follow the training, Serbian language classes have been organized for them.
- Regional conferences/meetings in the context of the subject of this report:
 - The Basic Police Training Center with the support of the Department for Democratization of the OSCE Mission in Serbia, have organized the international conference "Integration of minority ethnic communities in the police service" - held in the Basic Police Training Center from 27 to 29 May 2013;
 - Representatives of the Basic Police Training Center took an active part in the international conference "Human Dimension Implementation Meeting" in Warsaw from 28 to 30. September 2014;
 - Representatives of the Basic Police Training Center took an active part in the regional conference "Interagency cooperation and prosecution of hate crimes in South-East Europe", Belgrade, 3 December 2014, organized by the Government of the Republic of Serbia - Office for Human and Minority Rights, the OSCE and the ODIHR.
 - Representatives of the Basic Police Training Center participated in the second coordination meeting of the representatives of the state authorities in order to establish a future mechanism for the fight against hate crimes in the Republic of Serbia, Vrdnik, 10 and 11 March 2014. Office for Human and Minority Rights of the Republic of Serbia with the help of the OSCE Mission.
 - Representatives of the Basic Police Training Center participated in the third coordination meeting of the representatives of the state authorities in order to establish a future mechanism for the fight against hate crimes in the Republic of Serbia, Aradjelovac, 25 and 26 November 2014. Office for Human and Minority Rights of the Government of the Republic of Serbia with the support of the OSCE mission in Serbia;
 - Representatives of the Basic Police Training Center took an active part in the Round Table "Treatment of persons deprived of their liberty and prevention of torture" held in the Assembly of the Autonomous Province Vojvodina, Novi Sad, 18 March 2014);
 - Representatives of the Basic Police Training Center took an active part in the Presentation of research relationships of the criminal police towards discrimination - Implementation of anti-discrimination policies of the Ministry of Interior (KPA Zemun, 19 June 2014).

- Education of the Basic Police Training Center in the context of the subject of this report:
 - A regional seminar Inclusion of national minorities in the police service has been organized;
 - Seminar "Gender-sensitive actions in cases of gender-based and sexual violence against women" (Novi Sad, 20-21 February 2014);
 - Seminar "Training of police officers on implementation of anti-discrimination policies" (realized in the Basic Police Training Center, 19-21 March 2014);
 - "Training of police officers on implementation of anti-discrimination policies", (19-21 March 2014);
 - Seminar "Police officer profession, ethics and police subculture" (Belgrade, on two occasions: 14 March and 24 April 2014);
 - Integration of national minority communities in the police service (in the Basic Police Training Center, 27-29 May 2014, with the support of OSCE);
 - Seminar "Standards in the field of human rights in police training", organized by TAIEX Department of European Commission Directorate General for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy - 2 representatives (Brussels, from 2 to 3 July 2014).
 - Training for conducting interviews by the PEACE model, organized by the OSCE Mission in the Republic of Serbia and the National Swedish Police Board, - a total of four representatives of the Basic Police Training Center (Kovacic, two occasions: from 03 to 06 November 2014 and from 18 to 21 November 2014.);
 - Advanced seminar on gender equality and non-discrimination - December, 2014.
- Improvement of the NPP and training in the Basic Police Training Center in the context of the subject of this report:
 - On the platform for e-learning "Moodle", subdomain the Basic Police Training Center, the contents were updated and testing of students conducted in 2014, within the module Community policing and human rights and police ethics, and the subject Communicational skills in connection to this topic;
 - In April 2014 within the module Human rights and police ethics, 237 participants of eleventh class responded to the questions of the electronic survey on discrimination on the platform for e-learning "Moodle" subdomain Center;
 - Project "Gender perspective of human security," realized in the partnership of Autonomous Women's Center, ASTRA and Women in Black, with the support of the US Embassy in Belgrade - in the working group for monitoring and coordination of activities in cases of domestic violence, during 2014, engaged one woman representative of the Center. The guidelines intended for police officers who handle cases of violence against women were created within the Project. The document is a contribution to the efforts and activities undertaken by the Ministry of Interior for the adoption and implementation of the Special Protocol on Conduct of Police Officers in Cases of Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence against Women;
 - Participants of the 10th and 11th paid special attention, in 2013/14, during basic police training module "Community policing" and thematic areas of "Respect for equality" to the teaching unit of Equality - police work in multiethnic and multicultural environment. From the subject Police ethics within the part dedicated to human rights units closely related to the topic covered by the Convention have also been elaborated, namely PE1.1: The concept of human rights, PE1.2: Guaranteeing human rights and fundamental freedoms of man,

- protection systems and the role of the police in the protection and respect for human rights and PE1.3: Limitation of human and minority rights;
- According to the proposal of the new 2015 Curriculum, and in accordance with the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, new teaching units in the subject Police ethics - human rights, have been introduced. These are teaching unit PE1.9: Prohibition of torture (Special attention is paid to situations with the highest likelihood and threat of torture or similar methods. For example, the first hours and days of arrest (preliminary investigation), while the person deprived of liberty is under the jurisdiction of the police.) and PE1.10: Sex and gender equality;
 - According to the proposal of the new 2015 Curriculum in the subject Communication Skills, in 2015 a teaching unit VK 8.4 Linguistic intolerance and discrimination was introduced;
 - According to the proposal of the new 2015 Curriculum, the teaching topic - a special circumstance for assessment of sentence for committed offense of hatred Article 54a of the RS CC is taught within the teaching unit 1.9 on penalties from the criminal and criminal procedural law;
 - According to the proposal of the new 2015 Curriculum, within the module of police powers, in part on requesting the notification, the PEACE model in which an emphasis is on non-discrimination and tolerance of police officers in communicating with citizens was introduced.
- The implementation of the second part of the training for emergency patrols (1-6th class) from the module Mental-tactical training, on the basis of a Training program for intervention patrols and Plan for the implementation of training for emergency patrols, organized by the Directorate for Education, Professional Development and Science and Police Administration in the Ministry. In training, special emphasis is placed on respecting human rights. The first part of training is implemented in the NC in Kula, and the second part at the Basic Police Training Center. In 2014, trainees were the police officers from the following municipalities: Police Administration for the City of Belgrade (four students), Police Administration in Novi Sad (four students), Police Directorate in Zrenjanin (two students), Police Administration in Kikinda (two students), Police Administration in Pancevo (two students), Police Administration in Sombor (two students), Police Administration in Sremska Mitrovica (two students) and Police Administration in Subotica (two students), Police Administration in Bor (20 students), Police Administration in Zajecar (20 students), Police Administration in Pirot (20 students), Police Administration in Prokuplje (20 students), Police Administration in Sombor (20 students), Police Administration in Subotica (20 students) and Police Administration in Cacak (20 students). Providers of the training are the trainers and co-trainers of the Basic Police Training Center and one police officer from the PI SDI, Police Administration of Novi Sad.

The above promotional and information activities of the Basic Police Training Center contribute significantly to the positive image of the police in the community - especially among members of minority ethnic communities, as well as better information on the work of the Basic Police Training Center, the requirements for admission and selection of candidates. This is confirmed by the response of candidates, especially members of national minorities in the police administrations in the Republic of Serbia, where there is a large number of members of national minorities (Police Administration of Novi Sad, Police Administration in

Novi Pazar and Police Administration in Prijepolje, at the competition in 2012). The same trend continued in the competitions announced in March 2014.

Activities within the improvement of the Curriculum, training of students at the Basic Police Training Center in Sremska Kamenica as well as during practice of the students in participants in police administrations, activities in the field of education of employees in the Basic Police Training Center, as well as their participation in the education of the employees of the Ministry of Interior - the Basic Police Training Center aims to contribute to the improvement of work activities of the Ministry of Interior and the quality of the execution of the police tasks.

The Coordination Body of the Government of the Republic of Serbia for the municipalities of Preševo, Bujanovac and Medveđa

The budget of the Coordination Body for Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja in 2014 amounted to RSD 434,514,000.00. For the programs aimed at improving social conditions, which include providing support to vulnerable categories of the population and interventions in the field of education (student scholarships, scholarships for studying, buying school equipment for the first grade pupils of primary school) in the amount of RSD 43,750,000.00. The following was invested in the infrastrukturne projects in 2011: 232,855,683.00 RSD; in 2012: RSD 222,080,840.33; in 2013: RSD 224,630,000.00; in 2014: RSD 246,602,000.00.

On the basis of the Program of measures for distribution and use of funds for subsidies for enterprises in the private ownership in the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, the Coordination Body announced, as of 2012, a competition for grants and subsidies for small and medium-sized enterprises, entrepreneurs and agricultural cooperatives. At the competition in 2014, a total of RSD 49,756,286.30 was awarded for the incentive and development of 20 companies from three municipalities. Since the beginning of the program that encourages economic development and employment, RSD 149,338,418.10 RSD was invested in 57 companies with a projection of over 150 new jobs for the period of three years.

The Coordination Body for Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja annually allocate the funds for projects and incentives of civil society aimed at promoting inter-ethnic cooperation, encouraging youth activism, improving the living conditions of persons with special needs and resolving other issues important to the citizens of the three municipalities.

The Coordination Body for Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja announced in 2011 three competitions for the allocation of funds for civil society projects, approved RSD 13,723,027.00 and supported 28 projects of the associations. In partnership with PBILD program of the United Nations, a four-day training was organized in the first week of June 2011, for the representatives of non-governmental organizations from the region of Presevo, Medvedja and Bujanovac. The focus was on the organizations whose projects deal with solving and addressing youth issues. In 2012, three competitions were announced for the funds to support civil society projects and the media, RSD 7,789,880.00 was granted and 22 projects supported. In 2013, RSD 698,500.00 was approved and two projects supported. The associations have, with the support of the funds received in the competition, organized theater performances and workshops, training of journalists, study visits and many other activities that have improved the quality of life in Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja.

Also, the projects which promoted the development of education in southern Serbia were funded through the tenders. Two organizations from Bujanovac received the amount of RSD 797,500.00. 279

students from the fifth to eighth grade of elementary school *Branko Radicevic* in Bujanovac, of mostly Roma nationality, were given free textbooks. About 200 members of the Roma national minority students of secondary and primary schools in Bujanovac and Presevo were trained and enrolled in the secondary schools and faculties of their choice. One of the trainees enrolled at the Faculty in Novi Sad and became a scholar of the Coordination Body Service.

The European Partnership with Municipalities - EU PROGRESS, is a development program supported by the EU and the Government of Switzerland worth EUR 18.1 million for the period 2010 - 2013, with the aim to contribute to strengthening stability and socio-economic development of 25 municipalities in the south and southwestern Serbia. The program promotes participatory, accountable and transparent governance through the establishment of partnerships between civil society and local government institutions, the establishment of advisory services for citizens, support to local self-government by organizing public hearings during the preparation of the budget, information and funds transfer to municipalities and enhancement of ethnic and gender equality of the decision-making process.

Support in the field of culture

Financing activities of the members of national minorities in the field of culture is done from several public sources. In accordance with the Law on Culture, in addition to financing and co-financing of cultural programs in the institutions founded by the Republic of Serbia, autonomous province or local self-government, financing and co-financing of projects in culture and art projects, or professional and scientific research in culture at all levels of government is done from the budget of the founder and through annual tenders. The main holders of financing cultural activities are the Ministry of Culture and Information, Provincial Secretariat for Culture and Public Information, as well as local self-governments.

I. Financial support from the Republic budget

Ministry of Culture and Information in the allocation of public funds from the national budget allocates respectively the funds for the projects **in the field of cultural activities of national minorities**. The projects received to the announced competition shall be taken into consideration by an expert committee composed of the representatives of national minorities. The national councils of national minorities are also involved in the decision-making process by giving their opinions on these project. In addition to co-financing the projects in the field of cultural activities of national minorities, the Ministry of Culture and Information co-finances the projects, on the basis of the announced competition, *inter alia*, in drama arts, literature (events and awards) and audiovisual creation (film festivals, manifestations, workshops and colonies), the original national and amateur creativity, scientific research and educational activities in culture. The competition is open to institutions, organizations and other legal entities and individuals, including members of national minorities.

Co-financing projects in the field of cultural activities of national minorities from the budget of the Republic of Serbia					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Albanians	500.000,00	500.000,00	500.000,00	500.000,00	500.000,00
Bosniaks	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	1,550,000.00	1,340,000.00
Bulgarians	815.000,00	550.000,00	550.000,00	700.000,00	540.000,00

Bunjevacs	300.000,00	200.000,00	200.000,00	200.000,00	500.000,00
Vlachs	210.000,00	250.000,00	250.000,00	250.000,00	400.000,00
Greeks	50.000,00	50.000,00	50.000,00	50.000,00	100.000,00
Jews	200.000,00	100.000,00	100.000,00	175.000,00	250.000,00
Hungarians	960.000,00	1.050.000,00	1.050.000,00	1.200.000,00	2.040.000,00
Macedonians	315.000,00	250.000,00	250.000,00	300.000,00	550.000,00
Roma	1.010.000,00	1.250.000,00	1.250.000,00	1.050.000,00	2.255.000,00
Romanians	305.000,00	250.000,00	250.000,00	260.000,00	500.000,00
Rusyns	-	200.000,00	200.000,00	300.000,00	450.000,00
Slovaks	630.000,00	550.000,00	550.000,00	500.000,00	1.080.000,00
Ukrainians	-	100.000,00	100.000,00	100.000,00	150.000,00
Croats	570.000,00	500.000,00	500.000,00	600.000,00	1.130.000,00
Tzintzars	50.000,00	-	-	-	-
Czechs	50.000,00	150.000,00	-	125.000,00	100.000,00
Multicult.	200.000,00	250.000,00	350.000,00	340.000,00	1.150.000,00
Total	7.965.000,00	8.000.000,00	7.950.000,00	8.200.000,00	13.035.000,00

Source: Ministry of Culture and Information

Expenses of guest performances in the country and abroad of the theatres *Suno e Romengo theater - Pozorište Romski san* in Novi Karlovci, performing the plays in Romani language are funded from the Republic Budget. In 2010 and 2011, the amount of RSD 3,740,000.00 was allocated for this purposes.

Financial support for the multicultural projects under the tenders in the field of cultural activities of national minorities			
2010	Cultural and art events	1	200.000,00
2011	Cultural and art events	3	250.000,00
2012	Cultural and art events	3	350.000,00
2013	Literary events	1	150.000,00
	Cultural and art events	3	190.000,00
2014	Cultural and art events	6	1.150.000,00

Source: <http://kultura.gov.rs/cyr/konkursi>

Ministry of Culture and Information announced a special **tender for the purchase of publications for public libraries**. The tender commission made an extensive list of supported literary works, with prior opinion of the national councils of national minorities, and then the libraries chose titles that are a priority for them. Thus, not only libraries, but also publishing houses and authors are supported. Hence, RSD 481,367 was allocated on the basis of the tender called in 2014 for the publications from 2013 by 14 authors.

Author	Tender called in 2011 for the publications from 2010	Tender called in 2012 for the publications from 2011	Tender called in 2013 for the publications from 2012	Tender called in 2014 for the publications from 2013
Arka (Smederevo)	140.720,00	78.220,00	23.520,00	34.080,00
The Institute for Culture of Vojvodina Hungarians - Vajdasági Magyar Muvelodési Intézet (Senta)	94.230,00			86.720,00
Életjel Könyvek (Subotica)				48.320,00

Zetna (Senta)				45.690,00
Jewish Municipality Zemun (Belgrade)	34.554,60			
Libertatea (Pancevo)	44.998,20	31.671,00		
Rusko slovo, Newspaper Publishing Company (Novi Sad)	22.356,00	24.840,00	6.680,00	6.000,00
Slovak Publishing Center (Backi Petrovac)	13.895,00			27.281,00
The Institute for Culture of Vojvodina Slovaks				31.700,00
Historical archive of Senta				13.760,00
Matica Slovakia				14.360,00
The Institute for Culture of Vojvodina Croats				9.920,00
Hrvatska rijec, Newspaper Publishing Company (Subotica)	21.276,00	13.203,00	16.500,00	11.800,00
Center for Bosniak studies (Tutin)	72.410,00			
Forum, Publishing Institute (Novi Sad)		64.781,10		96.152,40
Newspaper Publishing Company "Macedonian Information and Publishing Center" ltd. (Pancevo)		35.977,50		
Rrominterpress			76.500,00	
Rrom produkcija				12.384,00
Faculty of Philology, Belgrade (Curriculum framework of learning Romani language)				43.200,00

Source: <http://kultura.gov.rs/cyr/konkursi>

Protection, preservation and presentation of intangible cultural heritage

Bearing in mind that cultural heritage and its multifaceted form make an important part of modern identity of local communities and that it plays an important role in fostering cultural diversities, development of intercultural dialogue and protection of the cultural heritage of national minorities, the Ministry of Culture, fully respectful towards the prominent principles of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the diversity of cultural expressions, has particularly focused on this aspect of cultural heritage in the recent period. In the period **2010-2014**, the Ministry of Culture co-financed projects in the field of cultural heritage¹⁰ that encourage multiculturalism and projects of national

¹⁰ Projects in the field of cultural heritage relate to projects in the field of protection, conservation and presentation of: immovable cultural heritage, archaeological heritage, heritage from museums, archive material, intangible heritage, old and rare library materials in the field of library and information work and activity.

minorities in the field of cultural heritage. Due to the large number of projects only some of them were given.

Beneficiary	Project	Allocated funds
Promoting multiculturalism		
Ethnographic Institute SANU	Intangible cultural heritage in multi-ethnic communities of Banat, 1 st phase	461.000,00
Library "Veljko Petrovic", Backa Palanka	"We connect people," promotion of multiculturalism in the municipality of Backa Palanka	400.000,00
Association of Vojvodina Archivists	Multilingual Reference Dictionary for Archivists	100.000,00
Belgrade Archbishopric	Restoration of the statue of the Virgin Mary assumed into Heaven	310.000,00
Cultural and Educational Center "Jovan Šerbanović" Žagubica	Preserving the colorful heritage of Serbs, Vlachs and Roma	600.000,00
International Fund Ethno Center Babka Kovačica	Conference "Oral traditions of national minorities as part of the intangible heritage of Serbia".	880.000,00
Tourist Organization of Medvedja Municipality	Ethnic and cultural mosaic of the municipality of Medvedja	150.000
Tourist Organization of Medvedja Municipality	Medvedja - mosaic of cultural treasures	400.000,00
Tourist Organization of Medvedja Municipality	"Saved from Oblivion" - a revised edition of the publication on folk customs of Serbs, Albanians and Roma in the municipality of Medvedja	305.000,00
House of Culture "Oslobodjenje" Novi Pazar	Discreet Charm of the Culture (common tradition) - intensifying cultural activities in Novi Pazar	900.000,00
Cultural Center of Novi Pazar	Novi Pazar, Meeting of Civilisations	1.670.000
Association of Citizens Urban In	Cultural heritage - Lien for Future	370.000
Multimedia Centre in Tutin	Time for Culture - promotion of cultural life in Tutin	450.000,00
Multimedia Centre in Tutin	Heritage -yesterday, today, tomorrow	1.850.000
National library "Ejup Musovic" Tutin	"Multiculturalism in Words"	395.000,00
Albanian national minority		
Association for Heritage and Cultural Heritage, Presevo	Our heritage, our business - we know our heritage, our treasure	50.000,00
Association for Heritage and Cultural Heritage, Presevo	Meet and learn about our heritage	100.000,00
Bosniak national minority		
National library "Dositej Obradović", Novi Pazar	Manuscript legacy of Nazif Susevic (1860-1923)	220.000,00
Museum <i>Ras</i> , Novi Pazar	Exhibition of traditional costumes of Novi Pazar region	1.890.000
Cultural Charity Gajret	Maktub (records) of silence	585.000,00
JU Multimedia Center	Multimedia Center for all	3.600.000,00
Cultural Center of Novi Pazar	"Legacy of Sandzak"	4.800.000,00
Citizen's Association <i>Impuls</i> , Tutin	"Youth Cultural Impulse"	400.000,00

Cultural Charity Gajret	Works on Bajrakli Mosque in Belgrade	2.900.000,00
Gajret, Belgrade	1001 nights	120.000,00
Gajret, Belgrade	Meeting friends	120.000,00
Cultural Charity "Gajret"	Calligraphy of nice letter of the infinite	300.000,00
Cultural Charity "Gajret"	Our temples, our legacy	310.000,00
Cultural Charity "Gajret"	Exhibition of Islamic art	450.000,00
Cultural Charity Gajret	Gajret Library	150,000
Bosniak Cultural Community <i>Preporod</i>	Archive of tradition, history and culture <i>ATIK</i> - publishing riddles and collecting material	400.000,00
The Committee of the Islamic Community of Tutin	Restoration of Oraše Mosque	1.900.000,00
The Committee of the Islamic Community of Tutin	"Religion and Culture"	1.800.000,00
The Committee of the Islamic Community of Tutin	Religious and cultural heritage	680,000
Cultural institution of Sjenica	Sjenica custodians of cultural heritage and traditions	2,471.000
The Committee of the Islamic Community of Sjenica	Importance of religion in the conservation of heritage	680,000
The Committee of the Islamic Community of Sjenica	Religion, culture, heritage	590,000
Merhamet Sandzak	Heritage for all	380.000
Riyaset of Islamic Community of Serbia	Islamic room	1.000.000,00
Bulgarian national minority		
National library "Detko Petrov" Dimitrovgrad	Custodians of the past, digitization and presentation of written cultural treasures of Dimitrovgrad	200.000,00
Bunjevac national minority		
KUD "Bunjevka" Subotica	Conference "Interpreting national treasure, customs and traditions of the Backa Bunjevci"	190.000,00
Jewish national minority		
Inter-Municipal Institute for Protection of Cultural Monuments of Subotica	Reconstruction of the facade on the building of the synagogue in Subotica	6.800.000,00
The Jewish Historical Museum of the Association of Jewish Communities of Serbia	Collection of 10 studies archive of memoirs about Jews of Serbia and former Yugoslavia	200.000,00
The Federation of Jewish Communities of Serbia -Jewish Historical Museum	Conservation and research of archive material of the Jewish Historical Museum in Belgrade	150.000,00
Union of the Jewish Communities of Serbia and the Jewish Museum	Digital processing of the microfiche collection	445.000,00
Inter-Municipal Institute for Protection of Cultural Monuments of Subotica	Continued conservation works on the reconstruction of the facade of the building of the synagogue in Subotica (removal and mounting of facade elements)	1.000.000,00

Hungarian national minority		
Municipal Museum in Subotica	Presentation and recognition of the intangible cultural heritage of Hungarians in Vojvodina	150.000,00
KUD "Petofi Sandor" Kanjiza	Books and we - Rural women and children	100.000,00
Library "Jozsef Atila" Kanjiža	Digitization of Literary Fund	90.000,00
Hungarian-cultural association "Petefi"	Festival of Hungarian folk customs and folklore "Đendešbokreta"	180.000,00
Romani national minority		
Roma Community Center April 8 - for the Museum of Romani art	Material culture of the Roma in Serbia - permanent exhibition	850.000,00
Museum of Roma Culture	Common Law	1.000.000,00
Museum of Roma Culture	Virtual Museum of Roma Culture	300.000,00
Museum of Roma Culture	Common Law as an element of intangible culture of the Roma community	500.000,00
Citizen's association Stari Zvuk, Nis	Roma musical heritage	150.000,00
Association "Roma youth today - RYT"	Roma library in Srem	100.000,00
Researchers of the Roma	Roma children's poetry - collection and systematization of materials	100.000,00
Slovak national minority		
"International Fund Ethno Center" Babka Kovačica	Celebrating World Mother Tongue Day declared by UNESCO on 21 February 2010 (10 th anniversary)	180.000,00
The Institute for Culture of Vojvodina Slovaks	<i>Bursovanje</i>	100.000,00
Matica of Slovaks in Serbia	Slovak National festivities	141.000,00
Croatian national minority		
Croatian Cultural and Educational Society Tomislav, Golubinci	Short Film - Srem Croatian wedding	75.000,00
Intermunicipal Institute in Subotica	Conservation and restoration activities on the wall paintings and decoration in the interior of RKC Holy Trinity in Coka	800.000,00
The Institute for Culture of Vojvodina Croats	Baroque painting in the 18th century in the Roman Catholic churches in Vojvodina	270.000,00
Cultural and Educational Association of Croats Šokadija Sonta	Sokci national costumes	100.000,00
The Institute for Culture of Vojvodina Croats	Baroque painting	308.000,00
Czech national minority		
"Skola plus" - Dositej Obradovic, Bela crkva	Ethno-dialect research and promotion of Czech culture on the territory of Serbia	419.000,00

Source: <http://www.kultura.gov.rs/cyr/konkursi>

Ministry of Culture and Information announced as well a **tender for the translation of works of local authors into foreign languages**. A large number of foreign publishers interested in the translation of works by local authors apply for the tender, including the publishers of the country of the core ethnic

minorities living on the territory of the Republic of Serbia. In this way, members of national minorities are allowed to have access to these works in their own language. Also, the Provincial Secretariat for Culture and Public Information announces a tender for co-publishing, which includes, among other things, translating important works from the Serbian and foreign language into minority languages.

Co-financing the maintenance of cultural and art events of contemporary and traditional creations of national minorities

Co-financing of cultural and art events of contemporary and traditional creations of national minorities in AP Vojvodina in the period from 2010 to 2014										
National minority	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	No. Prog.	Amount of funds	No. Prog.	Amount of funds	No. Prog.	Amount of funds	No. Prog.	Amount of funds	No. Prog.	Amount of funds
Ashkali	1	30,000.00	-	-	1	30,000.00	-	-	-	-
Bulgarians	3	190,000.00	1	50,000.00	1	50,000.00	1	50,000.00	1	70,000.00
Bunjevacs	4	190,000.00	3	460,000.00	3	300,000.00	8	600,000.00	11	750,000.00
Greeks	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	50,000.00	-	-
Jews	4	1,400,000.00	3	171,000.00	4	350,000.00	4	150,000.00	3	180,000.00
Hungarians	57	4,946,000.00	30	3,439,000.00	21	1,680,000.00	107	7,200,000.00	111	9,665,000.00
Macedonians	2	330,000.00	3	170,000.00	3	160,000.00	5	200,000.00	6	300,000.00
Germans	1	70,000.00	2	143,000.00	2	60,000.00	3	150,000.00	2	180,000.00
Roma	8	1,930,000.00	4	490,000.00	11	835,000.00	4	300,000.00	4	400,000.00
Romanians	11	1,010,000.00	13	1,670,000.00	14	1,620,000.00	22	1,200,000.00	20	1,600,000.00
Russians	-	-	1	30,000.00	1	30,000.00	1	50,000.00	-	-
Rusyns	9	955,000.00	4	1,050,000.00	6	730,000.00	13	1,050,000.00	13	1,500,000.00
Slovaks	9	1,570,000.00	17	1,990,000.00	14	1,590,000.00	10	1,900,000.00	27	2,300,000.00
Slovenians	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	50,000.00	2	80,000.00
Ukrainians	1	300,000.00	3	270,000.00	3	510,000.00	5	250,000.00	5	300,000.00
Croats	7	2,420,000.00	9	3,300,000.00	7	1,070,000.00	30	1,220,000.00	33	1,900,000.00
Montenegrians	-	-	-	-	2	120,000.00	1	50,000.00	2	130,000.00
Czechs	2	125,000.00	2	120,000.00	1	50,000.00	1	150,000.00	1	100,000.00
Sokci	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	50,000.00
Total	119	15,466,000.00	95	13,353,000.00	94	9,185,000.00	218	14,620,000.00	240	19,505,000.00

Source: Provincial Secretariat for Culture and Public Information

The National Councils take into consideration the applications to the announced annual tender and in accordance with their own determined cultural policy, they propose to the Provincial Secretariat for Culture and Public Information, the programs and projects to be co-financed in the current year, in accordance with the budgetary possibilities. At the same time, funds from the provincial budget, in the total amount over RSD 72,000,000.00 are used for co-financing the maintenance of total 766 programs of cultural and art events in the field of literature, art, theatre, music and musical-theatrical creations of 19 national minorities in Vojvodina. The largest share by the programs held in this period is of the Hungarian national minority (326 programs), followed by Croatian national minority (86 programs), Romanian (80 programs) and Slovak national minority (77 programs).

Supporting information in the languages of national minorities

Competent authorities at all levels of government provide support to the realization of rights of national minorities to information in their own language and enrichment of the media in minority languages. The Ministry of Culture and Information has, in the financial reporting period, supported

these activities by calling the tender for co-financing of projects / programs in the field of public information in the languages of national minorities, by subsidies and through allocation of funds to individual projects. Provincial Secretariat for Culture and Public Information, on the basis of regulations and tender, allocated among other things, the funds for financing of newspapers of provincial interest, for co-financing projects of encouraging public information for the technical and technological advancement in the media and for improving the professional standards of public information. In the process of making decisions on the allocation of budget funds that support media and information in the languages of national minorities, active participants are the national councils of national minorities who give their opinions on the applicants' projects. Radio and TV stations whose founders are local governments are financed in its entirety or partially from their budgets.

Co-financing projects/programs in the field of public information in the languages of national minorities from the budget of the Republic of Serbia					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Albanian	625.779,00	3.620.532,00	285.000,00	470.000,00	1.943.000,00
Ashkali	-	-	-	-	100.000,00
Bosnian	760.680,00	4.302.528,00	1.214.000,00	2.169.342,00	1.683.500,00
Bulgarian	1.608.973,00	4.903.828,00	1.397.500,00	840.000,00	680.000,00
Bunjevac	-	-	422.000,00	160.000,00	300.000,00
Vlach	1.504.266,00	1.317.600,00	1.475.000,00	1.342.309,00	1.680.000,00
Gorani	-	-	-	-	180.000,00
Jews	-	516.333,00	224.000,00	176.000,00	230.000,00
Hungarian	3.236.735,00	1.963.640,00	2.466.058,00	3.475.080,00	4.806.500,00
Macedonian	-	165.000,00	-	-	-
German	-	-	224.000,00	-	-
Romani	7.157.593,00	10.987.345,00	4.238.150,00	4.404.428,00	6.440.000,00
Romanian	885.326,00	535.100,00	620.000,00	955.600,00	420.000,00
Rusyn	449.600,00	376.650,00	250.000,00	160.000,00	600.000,00
Slovak	863.000,00	757.500,00	536.100,00	787.860,00	1.082.000,00
Slovenian	160.000,00	-	60.000,00	-	-
Ukrainian	204.500,00	130.000,00	214.500,00	153.000,00	240.000,00
Croatian	192.000,00	290.500,00	745.000,00	541.000,00	492.000,00
Czech	-	220.500,00	313.000,00	150.000,00	-
Multilingual	5.655.450,00	3.754.517,00	3.282.692,00	2.904.917,00	4.123.000,00
Total		35.000.000,00	20.000.000,00	18.689.536,00	25.000.000,00

Source: Ministry of Culture and Information

In 2010, on the basis of a special tender called for financing of print media in the languages of national minorities in central Serbia 3 newspapers were co-financed with a total of RSD 17,806,549.00. In 2011, because of the need of rationalizing the national budget, the funds intended for these newspapers and co-funding of programs/projects in minority languages on the territory of the Republic were consolidated. The funds in total amount of RSD 15,642,650.00 have been allocated for four newspapers.

Measures to facilitate access to the media to increase tolerance and cultural pluralism

In order to encourage the production of media content that promotes respect for differences due to specific ethnic, cultural, linguistic or religious identity, the tender for financing projects / programs in the field of public information in the languages of national minorities includes, among others, the following criteria: contribution to the diversity of media content and pluralism of ideas and values, as well as the programs of multi and intercultural content with the aim of developing a culture of dialogue, better understanding and understanding among different communities. The tendency of an increasing number of media and productions that compete with multilingual and intercultural events was noted in the reporting period.

2013		
The Association of Journalists of Serbia, Belgrade	Updating and maintenance of the website "Neighbourhood News" (languages n/m in Serbian)	390.000,00
The Independent Association of Journalists of Serbia, Belgrade	Translation of the Code of Journalists of Serbia in minority languages (Hungarian, Ruthenian, Romani, Romanian, Bulgarian, Albanian, Slovak, Croatian, Bosnian)	371.712,00
Beta Press Ltd., Belgrade	Service news in minority languages (Hungarian, Romani, Albanian ..)	626.703,00
Ad for the newspaper publishing industry "Zrenjanin", Zrenjanin	Expanding network of correspondents in Hungarian, Slovak and Romanian languages and educational training for associates from the municipalities of Secanj, Zitiste and Nova Crnja (Hungarian, Slovak, Romanian)	150.000,00
Public company for information activities, Radio and television of the Municipality of Kovačica, Kovačica	Spravy, stiri, hirek (Slovak, Romanian, Hungarian)	135.000,00
Radio Bus, Kovin	We still walk, in different voices (Hungarian, Romanian, Romani)	113.500,00
RUV-RTV, Channel 2, TVNS, Novi Sad	"Paleta", translated materials from the languages of national minorities into Serbian	250.000,00
RTV Panonija, Novi Sad	Multiethnic - Hungarians in Vojvodina (Hungarian, Serbian, languages of other minorities)	180.000,00
Center for Training and Education, Novi Sad	Informing national minorities (Ruthenian, Romani)	243.333,00
Channel 9, Novi Sad	Intercultural events (Slovenian, Ruthenian, Slovak, German)	133.069,00
The Association for the protection and development of environment and architectural heritage "Protego", Subotica	The development of a unified information system in minority languages (Hungarian, Croatian, German, Ruthenian, Romani, Hebrew, Slovenian ...)	142.600,00
Yu Eco Ltd., Subotica	Live To Gether (Serbian, Hungarian, Bunjevci, Croatian)	169.000,00
2014		
The Association of Journalists of Serbia, Belgrade	Improving Intercultural Dialogue in reporting	540.000,00
Beta Press Ltd., Belgrade	Service News in minority languages	720.000,00

Media Center / Computer Center, Bor	Affirmation of actions of the Roma organizations in the media in three languages	100.000,00
Ad for the newspaper publishing industry "Zrenjanin", Zrenjanin	"Banat Forum," workshops for the pages in the Hungarian, Romanian and Slovak language	360.000,00
Radio Bus, Kovin	Wealth in votes in 2014	323.000,00
Association "RTV Bum 018", Nis	018 in the minority languages	370.000,00
Radio City, Nis	Djelem, djelem, Migrations as fate	160.000,00
Centre for Democracy and Development of South Serbia, Leskovac	Information services in the Albanian, Romani and Bulgarian language 330,000.00	330.000,00
Channel 9, Novi Sad	Intercultural events	100.000,00
RTV Panonija, Novi Sad	Multiethnic	400.000,00
Women's Forum of Prijepolje - TV Forum, Prijepolje	Strengthening of expert capacities in informing national minorities	400.000,00
The Association for the protection and development of environment and architectural heritage "Protego", Subotica	Affirmation of culture of dialogue and tolerance	320.000,00

Source: Ministry of Culture and Information

Besides through the tenders, the Ministry also supports individual projects estimated to improve quality of the public information system in the Republic of Serbia significantly.

Office for Human and Minority Rights announced, on the basis of the Law on Budget of the Republic of Serbia for 2013, Decree on the Means of encouraging programs or missing part of funds for financing programs of public interest realized by the associations (2012) and the Program for the use of funds for projects and programs of associations to promote and protect human rights in the Republic of Serbia for 2013, a tender for allocation of funds in the total of RSD 14,279,887.00 for the associations for project proposals for the realization of the following objectives: 1. Prevention and assistance in the implementation of policies in the field of asylum and readmission, with a special focus on the Roma population; 2. More efficient implementation of existing strategic documents concerning the position and status of Roma, through the creation of relevant reports and surveys 3. Improvement of quality of life of the Roma population through the creation and promotion of integrated local services/programs (inter-sectoral and inter-municipal) 4. Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking through innovative local programs and by raising awareness of the existing forms of human trafficking, with the focus on the Roma population. 5. Encouraging the positive action of the general society towards representatives of the Roma population, as a socially vulnerable population in the field of migration - national, regional and the European Union. 15 civil society organizations were supported through the tender.

Within the program *"Fight against discrimination and improvement of the position of vulnerable categories of the population"* Office for Human and Minority Rights, on the basis of a public tender in 2013, allocated funds from the budget of the Republic of Serbia for 22 civil society organizations with the aim of improving the position of vulnerable categories of the population in the amount of RSD 20.963.381. The projects included all vulnerable social groups, the most significant projects being the objective media reporting, Festival "Free Zone" on improving the position of LGBT people, support for asylum seekers and returnees under the Agreement on readmission, etc.

The contest *"Promotion of tolerance and equality aimed at improving the position of vulnerable groups"*, in 2014, the funding from the budget of the Republic of Serbia in the amount of RSD 16,693,772.50 was awarded to 22 civil society organizations for the implementation of activities to promote the following objectives: encouraging positive action of the society towards certain vulnerable social groups and towards individuals from these groups, such as co-members of ethnic minorities, women, LGBT people, people with disabilities, the elderly, children, refugees, internally displaced persons and other vulnerable migrant groups, persons whose health may be the grounds for discrimination, and towards multi discriminated persons; combating discrimination and raising public awareness about the importance of tolerance, equality and respect for diversity; promotion and enhancement of respect for the principles of equality and equal rights in order to prevent, or minimize all forms and special cases of discrimination of persons belonging to vulnerable categories of the population, who are often faced with multi discrimination persons, through the implementation of a series of activities to contribute the improvement the position of certain groups/minorities, promotion of the values and principles of inalienability of fundamental human and minority rights, in accordance with the program

The contest *"Implementation of anti-discrimination policies in the Republic of Serbia in order to implement the Strategy of prevention and protection from discrimination"* in 2015 supported 34 civil society organizations with the funds from the budget of the Republic of Serbia in the amount of RSD 18,927,000.00. The basis for defining the prioritization of the contest were the measures and activities envisaged by the Strategy of prevention and protection from discrimination ("Official Gazette of RS", No. 60/2013), Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategy of prevention ("Official Gazette of RS", No. 107/2014).

In the contest for associations' projects for the improvement of the position and status of Roma in Serbia, 15 associations were supported by the funds of RSD 14,226,837.00, which implemented the activities from December 2013 - March 2014, where three projects were aimed at inetsectoral connection in order to improve the position of Roma men and women in the local community, 5 projects to deal with the problem of readmission, 3 projects - human trafficking, 2 projects - encouraging positive actions of the community; 2 projects - improvement of healthcare protection in the informal settlements.

The contest for associations' projects for the improvement of the position and status of Roma in the Republic of Serbia, 24 associations were supported by the funds of 19.961.108,00, whose activities were implemented from November 2014 to March 2015. The following areas were covered: employment, healthcare protection, safety, education, readmission, forced marriage, domestic violence and violence against women, information campaigns on raising public awareness and encouraging positive action towards the citizens of Roma ethnicity.

The contest for associations' projects for the improvement of the position and status of Roma in the Republic of Serbia, 34 associations were supported by the funds of the budget of the Republic of Serbia in the amount of 17,000,000.00, whose implementation began in December 2015. The basis for defining priorities of the contest were the recommendations arising from the Operational conclusions from the Seminar on social inclusion of Roma men and women in the Republic of Serbia held in June 2015 .

The Ministry of Youth and Sports and the OSCE Mission in Serbia, with the professional support of the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights in 2012 started the implementation of certified educational course for local coordinators of the youth office (YO) on the topic - Working with vulnerable young people and the principles of non-discrimination to provide support for the realization of one of the standards of the activities of YO - inclusive youth policy. The course was in the period from 2012 to 2015 attended by over 150 youth office coordinators of YO, their associates and representatives of youth associations and young people throughout Serbia. The Guide for working with vulnerable groups of the youth and the principles of non-discrimination was published in 2015.

Council of Europe Office in Belgrade in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Office of the Commissioner for Protection of Equality has been implementing the project "Live Library" in the Republic of Serbia since 2012. Live Library works exactly like a real library, where readers come and borrow "books" for a limited time. There is a single difference - books in the Live Library are people representing the groups frequently confronted with prejudices and stereotypes and who are often victims of discrimination, prejudice and social exclusion (people from disadvantaged minority groups, the Roma, people living with HIV, people with disabilities and others). Books and readers have the opportunity to make a real dialogue.

In accordance with the National Strategy for Youth (2008) and the action plan for its implementation from 2009 to 2014, the Ministry of Youth and Sports from 2011 to 2014 financially supported (over 11 million dinars) 18 projects implemented by the associations whose users are Roma and other ethnic minorities, aimed at their informal education, volunteering, strengthening the spirit of entrepreneurship, employment and spending quality free time.