
Project BGLD-2.001-0004 Establish a Youth Centre in the city of Montana

Project promoter: Municipality of Montana

Partner: Hringsja vocational and educational center, Iceland

Budget: 1 938 284.00 евро (3,790,895.85 BGN)

Start of the implementation: October 20th, 2020

Duration of project implementation: 42 months

Project description: The main objective of the project is to improve the quality of life of young people on the territory of Montana including those at risk and disadvantaged people, by establishing a Youth Center in Montana, which will provide comprehensive services for youth related to innovative, educational and non-formal trainings, psychological help and support, forums on youth problems and challenges, cultural, civic and sports initiatives. The activities are focused to a wide range of educational modules, trainings and clubs based on informal methods. The ultimate objective is to build key competencies and skills for personal and professional development in young people. The activities are aimed at supporting the multicultural approach, protecting the democratic values and promoting the active participation of youth, both in public life and in the activities and initiatives of the Youth Center, which will meet the highest standards for youth work according to the quality requirements of the Council of Europe; exchanging experience and building long-term relationships with the project partner organization in the field of youth policy and work under the project and after its completion.

The target group is youth between 15 and 29 years of age; pupils at risk of dropping out or who have dropped out of the education system; youth at risk from ethnic minorities; young people at risk living in small and remote settlements or in economically less developed areas; young people who are unemployed or are outside the education or training system (the so-called NEETs); pupils and youth with one parent; pupils and youth from families with low level of education; young people struggling with various addictions; children, parents, teachers and community representatives.

The expected general and specific results are related to improving the social and economic development of the Municipality of Montana resulting from investment and development of the potential of each child; improved and expanded access of young people to a variety of services that meet the modern expectations; fruitful cooperation established with the partners from Iceland; attracting youth and people of different ages; capacity building of the MC employees.