

**Project** BGLD-2.001-0001 Establishment of Youth Center in Pernik-a model for high standards of youth work

**Project promoter:** Municipality of Pernik

**Partners:**

- Intermezzo Ungdomsorganisasjon, Norway;
- Vojvodina Environmental Movement, Serbia

**Budget:** 1,894,465.00 евро (3,705,194.65 лева)

**Start of the implementation:** October 20th, 2020

**Duration of project implementation:** 40 months

Project description: The main objective of the project is to provide effective activities aimed at social inclusion and personal development of young people in the municipality with a special focus on vulnerable groups, develop quality youth activities and policies at local, national and international level, and build appropriate infrastructure. The main mission of the Center is to serve the youth sector and young people, encourage their active participation in the formulation of educational programmes and policies at a local and national level. Priority in the project implementation will be to provide activities that will meet the identified needs of young people in Pernik and ensure their active participation in the activities of the Center. The Youth Center in Pernik will provide opportunities for non-formal education in the areas of democratic values, human rights, youth participation and social rights and will provide educational support for young people in need. The Center will develop activities in several key areas, including social inclusion activities, training and education modules, developing the international relations with organizations with a similar vision and mission.

The target group is young people aged 15 to 29; young people from vulnerable groups, representatives of ethnic minorities, youth from social institutions, those who are at risk and/or have dropped out of the education system, as well as those who are at risk of social exclusion. The Youth Center will work with equal concern for all young people, regardless of their ethnic, social, cultural and religious backgrounds, with a view to making a lasting change in their lives.

**Specific objectives:** build a Youth Center with the appropriate infrastructure, furniture and equipment; recruit internal educational staff directly related to the implementation of educational and other activities

at the Youth Center; perform regular educational activities based on non-formal educational methods, as well as activities aimed at personal development and improved inclusion of vulnerable groups; create civic commitment among young people; promote volunteering and the Council of Europe values and human rights; information, participation and active involvement of youth from and outside vulnerable groups in the Youth Center activities; create and develop innovative activities for young people; achieve national standards for youth centers; ensure sustainability of the project activities.