

The project *Strengthening Mechanisms for Gender Equality in the Niava District* was approved for funding under the program *Swiss Government Support to Municipal Development through Improving Good Governance and Social Inclusion-SwissPRO*. The project is funded by the Swiss Government and implemented by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). The overall goal of the project is to contribute to improving the operational capacity of local gender equality mechanisms to actively address gender equality policies and gender issues in the community by educating members of local gender equality mechanisms in the Niava District. The specific objectives of the project are: strengthening the capacity of seven local mechanisms for gender equality in the City of Niava by holding three two-day trainings for at least twenty participants on project writing and project cycle management, good governance

governments to establish an efficient and cost-effective glass packaging management system and the project also aims to contribute to improving the implementation of laws and regulations in the field of environmental protection which is also a direct contribution to further EU accession and

is the adoption of the annual plan. In 2020, the City of Ni decided to set the planned systemic changes through the most important planning document – the Development Plan of the City of Ni for the period from 2021 to 2027. The benefits of

on energy transition in the City of Ni (mPOWER Exchange), prepared a documentary on energy transition in Ni City which serves as educational material for cities attending the course within this phase (mPOWER Digital), and a joint application with the City of Burgas for the project of establishing energy cooperatives (mPOWER Activate).

The Government of Sweden-funded United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Project Platform for Responsible Public Financial Management will work to strengthen partnerships between local government units and civil society by building a more transparent approach to funding civil society organizations from local government budget in accordance with local needs. The project will also contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Development Agenda. In accordance with the principles of

transparently, that is, to apply transparent criteria and procedures in the allocation of public funds and to allow a participatory approach in defining local priorities

by the European Union within the program Europe for Citizens. The aim of the United Europe-Security, Solidarity and Stability for All Project is the cooperation of local authorities in Sliven (Bulgaria) with the cities of Nis (Serbia) and Bydgoszcz (Poland) in European contexts and promotion of solidarity in times of crisis, their mutual cooperation in economy, education, health, social activities, tourism and the arts, as well as intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding. The project leader is Sliven Municipality, Bulgaria, and the partners in the project are

development of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) within the framework of the EU Program for Support to Local Self Governments EU-PRO. The overall goal of the project is to improve the capacity of the City of Nis as the local

within the EXCHANGE 5 Program is implementing the project Effective and Efficient Property Management in Nis and Cuprija through the Introduction of the Geographic Information System within which legal bases for the development of GIS will be established, which implies the adoption of agreements and protocols on cooperation between institutions, the members of GIS, then the development of a software solution for the basic GIS, which will establish a basic GIS system (which involves the purchase of appropriate licenses, the procurement of hardware components, training as well as the input of currently available data.) The layer property will be created where the data on real estate in the ownership of the city will be entered as well as the base of investment potentials of the city with the display of locations. With the project Improvement of the GIS of the City of Nis, the activities of upgrading the GIS will be realized by introducing new layers from the priority areas: spatial and urban planning; improving public infrastructure; local economic development and investment promotion; tourism and cultural and historical heritage; preservation and valorization of natural, cultural, architectural and civil heritage, emergency situations, environmental protection, agricultural and rural development, creation of GIS layers for the presentation of land classification and parcel classification and development of new tools and functionalities (development of 3D analysis modules and visualization of data, development of support for online background layers, development of GIS tools for geo-referencing of raster data) as well as creation of an android mobile application for access to the Geographic Information System. The proposed value of the project is EUR 105,700.00. Participation of the EU Program for Support to Local Governments EU-PRO in financing the implementation of the project is 81.55% and the City of Ni is 18.45%

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and the project is fully funded by the European Union. The value of the project for the City of Nis is 79,198.75 euros.

The focus of the Together for the Community 2019 programme, implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of the

others who are interested in using this data creatively. Opening of the data owned by public institutions for their reuse is a strategic commitment of the Government of the Republic of Serbia and it is reflected in the Strategy for e-governance development in the Republic of Serbia for the period from 2015 to 2018 and in the Action plan for the implementation of the international initiative Open Government Partnership (OGP) in the Republic of Serbia for 2016 and 2017. The project follows the recommendations set out in the Open Data Readiness Assessment conducted by UNDP and World Bank. On a wider scale, the project will contribute to efficient implementation of the Public Administration Reform Strategy and bring Serbia closer to the best European and global practices in the field of good governance. The purpose of the cooperation of the City of Nis in the Project is to raise

making on the rehabilitation of buildings and developing the capacities of relevant stakeholders. The overall goal of the project is to improve energy efficiency in the Republic of Serbia. The specific objective of the project is to increase energy efficiency in public buildings with a focus on 6,500 schools and kindergartens in Serbia. The expected results of the cooperation for the City of Nis are as follows: improved legal framework conditions for increasing energy efficiency; the City of Nis will be able to strategically plan the renovation of schools and kindergartens and adopt investment decisions based on instruments for estimating the costs and benefits of measures of increasing energy efficiency; expertise and advisory services related to the possibilities of increasing energy efficiency in the building; capacity building for the implementation of these measures in public buildings; the janitors in schools and kindergartens will be able to maintain energy efficient systems and thus contribute to the energy management system in municipalities. The planned duration of the project is until December 2019.

In order to increase the efficiency and transparency of the public administration through the improvement of property management, the City of Nis will, in partnership with the Municipality of Cuprija, implement the project Efficient and Effective Property Management in Nis and Cuprija through the Introduction of the Geographic Information System. The goal of the project is to create conditions for improving property management through the inventory and legalization of public property in Nis and Cuprija and increasing the transparency of

public administration work, introducing and developing the Geographic Information System and creating an application for GIS. In this way public administration will be closer to the citizens and the business community. Both Nis and Cuprija have

be a reduction in costs and an increase in revenues from property owned by two local governments. The beneficiaries of the project are, first of all, the administrations of the local self-governments of Nis and Cuprija, i.e., the departments and services dealing with public property management, as well as the competent republic authorities. The project should contribute to the acquisition of new knowledge

Administration Reform in Serbia . The overall objective of the Project is to strengthen the capacity of the City of Nis Administration to manage resources and raise the quality of services it provides to citizens, while respecting the principles of good governance. The specific objectives of the project are: the City of Nis Administration, through the development of the good governance index, will have at its disposal operationalized indicators of good governance and learning tools; administrative efficiency and effectiveness, through the implementation of support packages for improving the administrative efficiency and effectiveness of the city administration. In the realization of this Project, the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities (SCTM), within the Support Package for Improving Administrative Efficiency, provides expert support and expertise in the areas of improving efficiency and effectiveness, standardization of administrative procedures and processes, organizational development for the full implementation of the Law on General Administrative Procedure, the Law on Electronic Administration, organizational development for the establishment of a single administrative support and advancement of existing or development of new procedures and acts in accordance with developed models and best practices. The project is being implemented in the period from 27/11/2018 until 30/06/2019.

The project Development of Planning Documents for Multifunctional EXPO Center was approved for financing in the framework of the call for submission of project proposals for the development of economic infrastructure projects within the framework of the European Union Support Program for Municipal Development EU PRO. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the development of an economic infrastructure that has the potential to facilitate investment in industry

and business development. The specific objectives of the project are: improving the capacity of the City of Nis administration in providing adequate support to economic development; overcoming the obstacles for the introduction of the infrastructure project Multifunctional Expo Center Nis through the development of project documentation. The goal of building the Multifunctional Expo Center is to ensure that Nis could be an ideal suitable host for a wide range of events, such as fairs, congresses, meetings, shows and sports events. The EXPO Center will generate gradually new economic activities in terms of consumption, jobs, salaries and tax revenues for the community. The project foresees as the main activity the production of technical documentation for the construction of Multifunctional Halls EXPO CENTER NIS at the location Lozni kalem with total area of 13.500 m² consisting of two completely appropriate areas: congress area of 5.400m² and central fair/ multifunctional space on the ground floor of 8.100m². The project implies: preparation of the Terms of Reference for the development of the project documentation; preparation of the preliminary design; preparation of the urban planning project; development of the project for building permit; development of the Study on Energy Efficiency and Fire Protection; technical control project; preparation of detailed design project. The total proposed value of the project proposal is EUR 70,600.00 excluding VAT. The donation amount is EUR 30,000.00 (3,750,000.00 dinars), while the participation of the City of Nis amounts to 48,720.00 euros (6,090,000.00 dinars).

Support to Integration of Roma and Other Vulnerable Groups into the Labor Market in the Waste Management Sector Pilot Project in the City of Nis as a sub-project within the

objectives aim to decrease poverty levels among economically vulnerable groups, increase access to labour market in Serbia for the former prisoners, and contribute inclusion of Roma into Montenegrin society. Through in-kind grants, educational/vocational training, networking and mentoring the project activities will lead to economic empowerment of the targeted group, decrease the level of poverty, and mic

online payments. UNDP's pilot involves participation of up to 200 recipients and senders of remittances, who have been selected through a public call to voluntarily take part in this initiative. The recipients will get digital voucher ID cards, and they will be able to use the funds that they receive to pay for utilities and purchase groceries in three transparently chosen local retail stores in Niš. The expected value of all the participant transactions is estimated at \$20,000. Tracking what people buy is part of the testing, so that in the future potential senders could automate money transfers to pay for utilities and merchandize directly. All the data gathered for the purpose of testing will be used with the consent of the participants and with the consent of the city of Niš local authorities, while taking into consideration the Law on Personal Data Protection. The pilot anticipates that it would be possible to track the type of items purchased, but not by whom they were purchased. Administrators will be able to view the aggregated data showing where the funds are being directed via blockchain digital assets, e.g. 50% of all the funds sent to Niš will be used to pay for utilities and 50% for the merchandize. The use of open-source blockchain platform provided pro-bono by AID: Tech Ltd, is expected to bring several benefits, for a number of beneficiaries: ensure traceability and transparency of the inflows of diaspora remittances into Serbia; channel diaspora remittances towards socially responsible purchases; enable easier and cheaper money transfer for the remittance senders, by avoiding the intermediaries. The goal is for the transaction costs to be less than 3% in average, compared to the existing, much higher costs paid via traditional banking sector and/or financial service companies; secure the privacy of individuals, since personally identifiable information is held off-chain in accordance with the GDPR, while individuals are identified on the blockchain through unique digital identifiers; enable creation of digital IDs that can be used for other money transfers (such as, for example, social welfare) and other purposes. The total proposed value of the

project proposal is \$ 85,000. The project is fully funded by the UNDP Project Office in Serbia. The time of realization of the proposed project is in the period from 15/07/-15/10/2018. More detailed information is available on the portal www.sigurnoilako.rs.

The project *The Great Cities of World History - Emperors of Carnuntum Have Changed the World* is an international, historically based cultural project that has been implemented and financed since 2009 with the support of the Government of Lower Austria and the Austrian Ministry for European and Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with partner cities. The project leader is the cultural association ART CARNUNTUM (Austria), founded by Professor Piero Bordin, and the partners of the project are the City of Nis and the City of Izmit (Turkey). The goal of the project is to establish broken links between European cities that played a significant role in the Roman Empire, above all in the life of Emperor Constantine the Great. The main concept of the project is the monitoring of major historical events that changed the course of world history and formed the foundations of today's European culture, from a distance of almost 1700 years, marking significant dates related to Roman emperors with appropriate symbolic art events and promoting the cultural and historical heritage of cities participants. At the initiative of the Ministry of Culture of Serbia, addressed by Mr. Bordin, the City of Nis has been included in the project since 2009. Thanks to the participation in this project, international cooperation within the network of cities and historical sites was established: Carnuntum Petronel - Vienna (Austria), Nis (Serbia), Izmit - Ancient Nikomedia (Turkey), as the main

(Italy). At the symposium in November 2017, it was decided to hold the international exhibition "Constantine and Licinius returning to Nis" in the framework of the City Celebration program in Nis, in the presence of the delegations of the partner cities from Austria and Turkey. It is an exhibition of photographs that were created during the previous cooperation of the mentioned cities and photo review of facts related to the history of human rights. The exhibition is prepared on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the UN

selected for cooperation within Project Component 1 preparation of technical documentation in the area of Roma housing and Project Component 2 social inclusion of the Roma population. Component 1 includes support to relevant local

of Programs as prescribed by the Ministry of Finance. The Project will last until April 2019.

Effectiveness of Employment Policy towards Vulnerable Groups according to the contract signed with the Delegation of the European Union in Serbia, within the National Program for the Republic of Serbia, IPA Component I 2012. The overall goal of the project is increasing the effectiveness of employment policy towards vulnerable groups, con r o rds ts the

of the project are: 1) improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable Roma families; 2) equalization of the living conditions of a part of the Roma population with the average living conditions of the majority population of the city. The project envisages: infrastructure equipment of the location (water supply, sewage, street lighting, pavements and sidewalks, transformer station), construction of residential buildings for 50 Roma families, selection of families as future tenants, which will be conducted on the basis of the competition ranking according to previously defined criteria, establishing council of citizens, educational workshops on the

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German Development Bank (KfW). to increase investments in energy efficiency in public buildings and utility services within the competences of municipalities in order to improve their energy and cost efficiency. Specific project objectives: establishing an enabling legal framework for introduction and efficient operation of the energy management system in LSG and implementation for relevant EE measures; establishing the institutional framework, or functional central and local units to support the energy management system with built capacities for implementation of the Energy Management Information System and implementation of EE projects; implementation of at least 10 demonstration energy efficiency projects, identified and implemented within the energy management system with the use of Energy Management Information System signing of the Energy Efficiency Charter by towns and municipalities by 80% of local governments in Serbia in order to raise public awareness and capacities for implementation for the energy management system and increase investments in energy efficiency. As a part of project activities two-day training course was delivered in a Regional Center for Professional Development in Education in Nis to all users of the energy management information system (EMS) in public buildings in competence of the City of Nis. During the training, seventy five users from primary and secondary schools, kindergartens, city administrations, public and utility companies, local communities, cultural institutions in the territory of the City of Nis received training in collecting and entering data into the energy management information system (EMS). Data entered in the system will be used to monitor energy consumption and costs as well as to help local self-government to produce an annual energy consumption report and to monitor the realization of the energy savings target set on an annual basis by the Government of the Republic of Serbia. Trainees are persons who are, on behalf of budget users of the City of Nis, in charge of collecting and entering data on consumption and costs of energy, energy sources and water in the facilities which they

have been assigned for. This is the third training course for this category of system users.

The European Union defines public administration reform as one of three pillars of enlargement for the countries of the Western Balkans, together with the rule of law and economic governance, and therefore, for several years now, public administration is the fundamental reform area in our country. The Council of Europe and the European Union recognized the challenges that local governments in the Republic of Serbia

So far the chosen cities and municipalities have adopted human resources management policies; a set of training for employees in the field of human resources management was held; the rules on internal organization and job classification and other relevant documents have been improved; municipalities and cities for the first time started the process of analyzing the needs for professional development and planning of employee capacity development.

The feasibility study for the project of the wastewater collection and treatment plant in Nis was prepared. The study, worth 100,000 Euros, is funded from donor development aid by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and implemented by the International Management Group (IMG). The preparation of the Feasibility Study is supported by Environmental Infrastructure Support Program (EISP) overall objective is to provide the Depar

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exchange of experience and good practice in preserving heritage. The goal of the City of Nis is to learn from the City of Arles in order to valorize historical heritage and create a tool for valorization and economic development, respecting sustainable urban development. The components that will be targeted are the management of the city funds, working with different target groups and the development of a tourist offer around the architectural heritage. The project aims to favor a greater share of revenues derived from economic

the City of Nis after a period of punishment in their intentions for starting or developing business activities. The support includes 10 individual donations in the form of equipment and/or materials of average value up to 2,400.00 euros. The business trainings will also be organized for at least 30 prisoners, as well as vocational training for a total of 25 convicts and employees of the Penitentiary Correctional Institute in Nis. Business and professional training will be organized in accordance with the needs of the prisoners and will include business counseling. Psychosocial support will be provided to the families of prisoners who are beneficiaries of the project in cooperation with the NGO Center for Human Rights from Nis, which has the necessary expertise in this field. The total value of the project component is 165,000 euros. Total direct investments in the territory of the City of Nis are EUR 79,625. This project component is funded by the German Government with 100,000 Euros, the Penitentiary Correctional Institute of Nis with 20,000 Euros, and the City of Nis, the City of Vranje and the Vranje County District with

The project Support in the preparation of the local waste management plan is realized within Exchange 4 Programme Technical Support Components in the partnership of the City of Niš with the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities. The overall goal of the program is to contribute to the process of strategic change at the local level through the improvement of administrative capacities and the efficiency of providing services in local government units in Serbia. The support in the development of a local waste management plan is the improvement of strategic waste management planning through the preparation and adoption of the audit of the Local Waste Management Plan in the territory of the City of Niš. The Law on Waste Management (Official Gazette of RS, No. 36/2009 and 88/2010) prescribes the obligation of the local self-government to eB to

activities related to expert support from the European Union.
The project is expected to last from 2014 to March 2015.