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Women, Integration, Crafts and Networking (WI-CaN)

Kick Off Meeting

Vejle, Denmark

9-12 November 2011

Presentation of the Bulgarian Partner

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
MUNICIPAL CLERKS IN BULGARIA





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GENERAL INFORMATION

The National Association of Municipal Clerks in Bulgaria (NAMCB) is a non-profit organization uniting civil servants working in municipal and regional administrations throughout Bulgaria.

The organization has more than 150 active members and more than 1,500 volunteers all over the county.

The priorities of NAMCB are in the field of transparency in local government, civil participation at the local level, ethical standards, and professional qualification of municipal personnel.



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MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Six editions of an annual international conference “The European City – Municipal Governance” (urbanization and architecture, security and finance)
- Two editions of a seminar “Lobbying in the European Institutions”
- Five editions of thematic workshops on Bulgarian-Macedonian Municipal Cooperation, carried out on 29th March 2011
- Projects implemented at the national level:
 - * Active Civil Society for Successful and Transparent Administration
 - * Transparent Government in Bulgaria at the Central and Local Levels:
Raising Administrative Capacity and Enhancing Cooperation to Reduce Corruption Risks and Practices in Public Procurement Management



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PARTICIPATION IN EU PROJECTS

ITER Project

The ITER project (Police's itineraries in the multi-professional network for the prevention of juvenile delinquency) is a project, financed by the European Commission, under the program Security and Safeguarding Liberties /Prevention and fight against crime/ Call for proposals “Action Grants” 2007. The project increased the police corps’ capacity with regard to the prevention of juvenile violence, improving the relationship and promoting better coordination among different actors in the process, redefining the interactions between policemen and families of conflicting young people, and developing and implementing concrete actions to prevent cases of juvenile violence.

Iceberg Project

NAMCB is beginning a new project financed by the European Commission under Specific Programme Daphne III (2007-2013) to Prevent and Combat Violence Against Children, Young People and Women and to Protect Victims and Groups At Risk. The aim of the project is to create and develop local coalitions for the prevention of gender violence against women as well as networks for social support to the victims, supported by the Community Police. This objective will be reached through the development of professional competences (knowledge, abilities and skills) among the Local Police officials to identify and evaluate risk situations and help the prevention and integral recovery of the victims.



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ACTIVITIES UNDER THE WE-CaN PROJECT

Target group:

The target group in Bulgaria is migrant and Roma women living in Sofia City Municipality. We will use role models who are ethnic Bulgarians, Bulgarians from Roma and/or Turkish origin, and successful female foreigners in the country.

International partner meetings:

We will participate with exhibits of locally made crafts and products and we will organize a visit to a festival of municipal centre not far away from Sofia, combined with a visit to a nearby monastery and a famous monument.

Development of materials:

Picture book (to be discussed)



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LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Club evenings:

We will arrange club evenings every month in a suitable reception hall of Sofia City Municipality. The hall is in a two-stories building located in the city centre. The gatherings will be held after business hours or in the weekend. Some gatherings will be hosted in other locations and venues, depending on the particular theme and occasion.

Recruitment of participants:

We will use our good contacts with the State Refugee Agency and more specifically with the Registration & Reception Centre and the Integration Centre (both located in Sofia), the country offices of UNHCR and IOM, the Bulgarian Red Cross, and other partner NOGs to identify and select the representatives of the target group (migrant women). The Roma women will be recruited with the assistance of Roma NGOs and the mayors of the districts of Sofia that have concentrated population from this ethnic minority. After we select the initial group, we will rely on face to face recruitment and dissemination of information by word of mouth. We'll popularize the activities of the club by the media.

Fundraising:

We plan to raise additional funds for securing the club's activities through the support of organizations as the International Diplomatic Women's Club, embassies, charity organizations, and suitable donor programs.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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