

## LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCY FOR CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN SERBIA – LDACSS

### Activities in January:

#### *First three weeks:*

- Preparation of INTERREG CARDS application documents together with City Hall in Kragujevac and Nis for the joint project

#### *Sponsors and partners:*

City of Nis, City of Kragujevac, ALDA, LDA

- Communication with CODESS Sociale about future project funded by the Veneto Region. Preparation of information for the project development of social cooperative in Kragujevac in order to define future project.

#### *Sponsors and partners:*

Social Cooperative "Vivere", CODESS Sociale, LDACSS

#### *Last two weeks:*

- Preparation of International Conference on Micro-credit for small and middle enterprises. The International Conference about "The Right to Economic Initiative for a Local Sustainable Development: The Micro-credit Potential; **Achievements and challenges in Serbia**" to be held in Nis on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006

- 23.01.2006. Meeting with representatives of City Hall about content and technical issues of the conference

- 25.01.2006. Meeting with Dragan Ognjanovic, Deputy Director of Employment Office, discussion about their work and agreed participation of their representatives on the conference

- 27.01.2005. meeting with Suzana Jovanovic, Vice-Chef of Department for economy, sustainable development and environmental protection, about participation on the conference Meeting with Jovan Jovanovic from CHF about their presentation on the conference.

#### *Sponsors and partners:*

LDA Zavidovici, ALDA, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, City of Nis, LDA

#### *Last week:*

- Making contacts with the Banks and key stakeholders from Nis and Belgrade, Ministries and relevant institutions about participation on the conference

- Work on documents for building consortium with MHW (World Wide International Consulting Company), unit for building of capacity for local administration, unit in Belgium. Preparing needed documents reports, application for partnership on future project presented to the European Agency for Reconstruction

#### *Sponsors and partners:*

MHW, Belgium, LDASCC



## Activities in February

### *Whole month:*

- Preparation of International Conference on Micro-credit for small and middle enterprises. The International Conference about "The Right to Economic Initiative for a Local Sustainable Development: The Micro credit Potential; Achievements and challenges in Serbia" to be held in Nis on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

### *Sponsors and partners:*

LDA, ALDA, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, City of Nis



### *07<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> February, Vicenza*

International training for delegates organized by the ALDA on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February in Vicenza, Italy

### *15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February, Sarajevo, B&H*

- 15<sup>th</sup> February: coordination meeting for the Trans-border cooperation and interethnic dialogue

- 16<sup>th</sup> February: 3<sup>rd</sup> steering committee of ALDA/ANCI, Capacity Building for Local Authorities and Civil Society, All LDA's and partners programmes

- 17<sup>th</sup> February: Networking meeting for LDA's and ALDA  
All LDA's, ALDA

### *14<sup>th</sup> February, Belgrade*

- Focus Group on the Project Mahlde Net, Emilia Romagna Regions headquarters

Project Mahlde.net 's presentation, Graziano Lorenzon, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region

Emilia-Romagna Region/ Presentation of the role of Emilia- Romagna Region in the project - Antonio Cinti

Presentation of the specific issue: Industrial reconversion

Presentation of experiences about local development in the Emilia-Romagna Regione. The study-case of the province of Ferrara, Silvia pulvirenti, Sipro SPA

Presentation of experiences about industrial reconversion by local partners, Nis, Kragujevac, Subotica.

The meeting was followed by open debate and conclusions for future actions



### *23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February, Dublin, Ireland*

Meeting with representatives of Development Cooperation Ireland (DCI) and the Director of the ALDA Mrs Antonella Valmorbidia, Delegates of the LDA Kosovo (Steve Dushene), LDA CSS (Milijana Merdovic) and LDA Niksic (Kerim Medjedovic) on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2006 in Dublin to present the final report on the three-years Irish Program and to discuss the possible future project

## Activities in March

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March:

Part of Newspaper article - "Narodne Novine" - 07.03.2006

Conference about Sustainable Local Development  
**SMALL FIRMS FOR SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT**



"..The Right to Economic Initiative for a Local Sustainable Development - achievements and challenges in Serbia" is a topic of the two-days International Conference in City Hall. The conference is organized by Local Democracy Agency - LDA under the patronage of Association of the Local Democracy Agencies, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and City of Nis. On this International assembly, significant for entrepreneurship development, attendant Ms. Martial Paris, representative of the Association of the Local Democracy Agencies - ALDA, Milijana Merdovic from the Local Democracy Agency for Central and Southern Serbia - LDACSS, Mr. Jon Steinar Ostgard - General Manager of Business Innovation Programs of Norway, than Mr. Petar Pavlovic - Vice Minister for Economy and Privatization, Dejan Radulovic - Director Deputy of Republic Agency for SME and Entrepreneurship Development, Ljiljana Jovanovic - Executive Director of Department for SME and entrepreneurs; Development Fund of Serbia and other respectable experts for this area. The moderator of the Conference is Mr. Dragan Ognjanovic - Director Deputy of National Department for Employment, Filial in Nis. On the opening the Mayor of the City of Nis Mr. Smiljko Kostic addressed to guests:



"Local Democracy Agency became recognizable in Nis and whole region by its work in area of building the network of local and international partners, spreading a support to a process of regionalization and European integration, developing of multiculturalism and upgrading local society-economic development. An aim of the Conference is presentation of potential funds and micro credits within sustainable local development which accords to strains that the City of Nis invests in

entrepreneurship development especially in small and middle enterprises as a base for development of the whole society.." - sad the Mayor Kostic.

The participants had an overview of accomplish results and changes by now and they defined new challenges. The topics which are significant for entrepreneurship development in Nis and strategy of employment were also discussed. .."

Part of Newspaper article - "Narodne Novine" 08.03.2006

**STUDENT ENTERPRISES - EXPERIMENT FOR THE FUTURE**

Youth - target group for developing of creative business ideas

In next tree years 10 schools will install entrepreneurship as a pilot project of Norwegian BIP

"...The second day of the Conference was about problems related with the role of entrepreneurs in economic development, importance of the micro credit for small and middle firms, settling funds for this purpose, possible cooperation in this aria and recovering balance in these business relationships.

General Manager of BIP - Business Innovation Programs of Norway Mr. Jon Steinar Ostgard talked about role of entrepreneurship and micro credit in Local Economic Development based on Norwegian example and experiences in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Balkan countries.



"Our main program is based on developing of business ideas, partnerships relations, training, financing and inspiring of actions. Regarding to that, most adequate is establishing of student enterprises, which aim will be to animate entrepreneurship developing with young people from 17 to 21 year old. That is interactive way of work - sad Mr. Ostgard - because students are establishing real enterprises in which they could develop their own businesses, ideas and products that they can put on market, sell actions and make profit. After one year they need to make a report, close enterprise and share the profit.

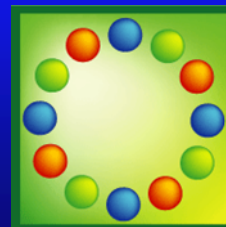
This is the way to teach students to use their own creative ideas, to organize the work of the firm and on most functioning way to provide sources of financing, which means that they have to learn how to provide credits and other. Of course, before this first goes agreement with responsible Ministry, schools, teachers and local coordinators that need to motivate students to participate in this project. With Minister of Education and Sport, with who I have great relationship, is made the agreement about pilot project which will be realizing in next three years. The word is to install entrepreneurship in the curriculum as a theme in 10 schools in Serbia "- sad Mr. Jon Steinar Ostgard.

### *Throughout March*

- Work on documents for cooperation with CODESS Sociale, Italy for project proposal "Handicap and Integration". Executive planning and intervention redefinition.

*Sponsors and partners:*

CODESS, LDACSS



### *End of March*

- Finalizing the project proposal for "Promotion of reproductive health, better sexual and reproductive health with young people"

*Sponsors and partners:*

LDACSS, Health Promotion Center

### Planned activities for next period

- meeting with Mr. Jan Luis Testud, ALDA lead partner from Suresness, and Mr. Dobrica Milovanovic, President of City Hall of Kragujevac and Vice-president of ALDA
- signing of contract with Codess Sociale for project Handicap and integration and beginning of activities
- Conference Cities for Peace and Democracy in Europe organized by ALDA, Budapest, Hungary
- ALDA Assembly in Budapest, Hungary



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