

# BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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## BOSANSKA KRUPA

*Theme covered: Education*

*Affected minorities: Roma, Serbian returnees*

**Main project objective:** To increase the number of children belonging to national minority and returnee populations from rural and remote areas attending pre-school education. Rural areas included in the project are Veliki Radic, Mali Radic, Vranjska, Ivanjska, Ljusina and Krcana. Children from Roma and Serbian (returnee) population will be the main target groups.

**Key minority issues tackled by the proposal:**

- Right to education (Article 12 of the FCNM).
- Articles of the ECRML are not addressed
- In addition to considering the rights of the Roma national minority to pre-school education, the proposal from Bosnaska Krupa includes the Serbian population living in minority status on the territory of the municipality. Although Serbs represent constituent people on the territory of the whole of Bosnia and Herzegovina, treating their problems as suggested in the proposal is fully compliant with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

**Foreseen project activities:**

- Purchase of van and required equipment;
- Development of work plan for activities with children;
- Development of work plan for activities with parents;
- Workshops and trainings of children and parents;
- Reporting and project evaluation.

**Expected results:**

- Increased number of children from Roma national minority attending preschool education;
- Improved inter-ethnic relations between Roma and non-Roma parents/children;
- Raised awareness within the Roma national minority, and the wider community, on the importance/benefits of pre-school education.

## GRADISKA

*Theme covered: Language and media*

*Affected minorities: Roma, Ukrainian, Polish, Montenegrin and German*

**Main project objective:** To increase visibility of the existing national minority associations in

Gradiška municipality, raise awareness of all citizens of Gradiska about their existence and activities and promote the use of minority languages;

***Key minority issues tackled by the proposal:***

- Freedom of information in minority languages (Article 9, paragraph 1 of FCNM and ECRML Article 10 paragraph 2 a: use of minority languages within the framework of the local authority)
- Use of minority languages (Article 11, paragraph 3 of the FCNM and Article 10, paragraph 2, point g of the ECRML);
- ECRML provision concerning the use of traditional place names in minority languages and the related recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the ECRML (ECRML (2013)5)
- Rights to participate in non-governmental organizations activities (Article 17 of the FCNM) as well as ECRML Article 7, paragraphs 1 e, 3 and 4.

***Foreseen project activities:***

- Design of modern website of the Municipality;
- Design of the part of the website dedicated exclusively to updated information about activities of minority associations, including information in their respective minority languages;
- Translation of the municipal website into 5 minority languages (Romani, Ukrainian, Polish Montenegrin and German) and 2 foreign languages (English, Italian);
- Production and display of boards with topographic indications in minority languages (cemeteries, churches, public offices);
- Design of interactive online map with places of special cultural, historical or religious importance for national minorities;
- Purchase of five IT sets for national minority associations (laptop, projector);
- Establishment of the IT support unite to help national minority associations implement project activities.

***Expected results:***

- Increased level of utilization and visibility of languages of national minorities from the area of municipality Gradiška;
- Increased media presence of the associations of national minorities from Gradiška municipality;
- Increased capacity of minority associations from Gradiška to actively participate in publishing the news regarding their work on the Municipal web site
- Increased amount of informative materials on national minorities from Gradiška municipality

## SARAJEVO

*Theme covered: Culture*

*Affected minorities: Albanians, Czechs, Italians, Jewish, Hungarians, Macedonians, Polish, Slovenian and Roma*

***Main project objectives:***

- To promote, maintain and preserve elements of national minority identity, tradition and cultural heritage;
- To promote intercultural dialogue, mutual respect, understanding and cooperation among all persons living in the City of Sarajevo, with focus on national minority associations.

***Key minority issues tackled by the proposal:***

- Promotion of culture and preservation of identity (Article 5 of the FCNM, Article 12 ECRML);
- Promotion of tolerance and intercultural dialogue (Article 6 of the FCNM, Article 7.1.e ECRML);
- Right to participate in NGO activities (Article 17, paragraph 2 of the FCNM).

***Foreseen project activities:***

Activities will be implemented over a period of 12 months. The main project activity is the organization of ‘Days of National Minorities’ in March, June and November 2015. During these three events, the culture, tradition and art of the national minorities will be presented. Each minority will have their own booth where they will present traditional food, handcrafts, national costumes, poetry, etc. A multilingual cookbook will be printed and the traditional food of national minorities will be served during the events. Funds will be provided under the project for the purchase of cooking ingredients and material needed to produce handcrafts. The event to be organized in June will present the traditional dance of national minorities living in Sarajevo, and will be organised in cooperation with the Cantonal Council of National Minorities, and with guests from the cultural associations of national minorities across Bosnia and Herzegovina. Each event will include awareness raising activities on the need to establish a permanent centre (‘House of National Minorities’) in the City of Sarajevo where associations of minorities could hold their meetings and events. Active participation and support to the events is expected from the Embassies of the kin-states.

***Expected results:***

- General population of City of Sarajevo introduced to the culture and tradition of national minorities living in the city;
- Raised awareness on necessity for a House of National Minorities (premises where minority organizations would operate free of charge) that will contribute to development of minority culture in the city.

## PRNJAVOR

*Theme covered: Language and media*

*Affected minorities: Italian, Ukrainian, Czech, Polish, Roma and Slovakian*

**Main project objective:** To promote the language, culture and tradition of national minorities from the Municipality of Prnjavor

**Key minority issues tackled by the proposal are:**

- Teaching in and of minority languages (Article 14 of the FCNM and ECRML Article 8 1) b.iv, g - Learning of minority languages and teaching of history and culture reflected by the national minorities;
- Use of minority languages (Article 10 paragraph 2 of the ECRML);
- Freedom of information in minority languages (Article 9, paragraph 1 of the FCNM);
- Rights of persons belonging to national minorities on use of their languages in the media (Article 11 of the ECRML).

**Foreseen project activities are:**

- The organisation/scheduling of the online classes with the full participation of the respective minority communities;
- Meetings organised between representatives of the local government and schools, and the respective minority groups/associations;
- Purchase of the equipment for language classes;
- Organisation of activities for Europe Day (9 May 2015) and the European Day of Languages (26 September 2015);
- Organisation of Sixth Festival of National Minorities of the Municipality of Prnjavor;
- On-going media promotion of the classes through TV shows and TV and radio programs, articles in local newspapers, as well as through announcements and news published on the municipal website.

**Expected results:**

- At least two events dedicated to learning of minority languages will be held; on the occasion of Europe Day and the European Day of Languages;
- Quality of spoken language used by national minorities in the Municipality of Prnjavor will be improved;
- Communication and cooperation between national minority associations from the Municipality of Prnjavor and the associations and organizations from their kin states will be improved;
- Cooperation with cultural and other institutions from kin states will be strengthened.

## JABLANICA

*Theme covered: Active participation*

*Affected minorities: Roma*

**Main project objective:** To increase participation of the Roma minority in all aspects of social life within the Municipality.

**Key minority issues tackled by the proposal:**

- Effective participation (Article 15 of the FCNM);
- Freedom of association (Article 7 of the FCNM);
- Rights to participate in non-governmental organizations activities (Article 17 of the FCNM);
- Promotion of tolerance and intercultural dialogue (Article 6 of the FCNM);
- Right to education (Article 12 of the FCNM).

**Foreseen project activities:**

- Conducting needs assessment and development of social maps of Roma population in Jablanica;
- Coordination meetings with Roma population in Jablanica;
- Study visit and experience exchange;
- Design and implementation of training programmes;
- Grant actions in Roma community;
- Training and socialization of Roma children and youth;
- Cultural Dialogue event in Jablanica;
- Project evaluation and press conference;

**Expected results:**

- Social map of Roma population developed with all relevant statistical data included;
- Good practice examples of Roma integration exchanged with relevant institutions/organizations during a study visit;
- At least 20 Roma participated in trainings aimed at their empowerment;
- Two volunteer actions implemented within the Roma community;
- At least 10 Roma children involved in day-care centre activities;
- Equal opportunities for Roma pupils enabled through scholarships, purchase of books and computers;
- Intercultural dialogue and social capital enhanced through organization of the Cultural Dialogue in Jablanica.

## PRIJEDOR

*Theme covered: Culture, language and media*

*Affected minorities: Ukrainian*

**Main project objective:** To increase media and public presentation of the Ukrainian national minority in daily life and social events in Prijedor and increased awareness of members of minorities about their affiliation.

**Key minority issues tackled by the proposal:**

- Promotion of culture and preservation of identity (Article 5 of the FCNM);
- Right to education (Article 12 of the FCNM and Article 8, paragraph b, point iv of the ECRML );
- Use of minority languages (Article 11, paragraph 3 of the FCNM and Article 10, paragraph 2, point g of the ECRML);
- Use of minority languages in media (Article 9 of the FCNM and Article 11 of the ECRML);
- Promotion of tolerance and intercultural dialogue (Article 6 of the FCNM).

**Foreseen project activities:**

- Introduce the cultural and religious life of Ukrainians of Prijedor to the wider public, through media coverage of traditional religious and cultural events;
- Replace the equipment (traditional costumes and musical instruments) in the Ukrainian association "Kozak" which presents the Ukrainian culture in Prijedor and beyond.
- Improve conditions for teaching Ukrainian language, as optional subject, in Trnopolje elementary school "Ćirilo i Metodije" ("Cyril and Methodius") through procurement of equipment for the school cabinet;
- Two scholarships for students belonging to the Ukrainian minority who do not have possibilities to finance further education;
- Signposting to Ukrainian facilities;
- Setting up an info tourist board (multilingual);
- Sign a contract with TV and radio Prijedor, whereby at least monthly, the journalists would visit the different associations of national minorities in the City and produce programmes on topical issues relating to the activities and the cultural/traditions of the national minorities. This will include programmes produced in minority languages.
- Effective participation of national minorities in project planning and implementation and through a dialogue in the local media.

**Expected results:**

- Improved conditions for teaching of minority languages in schools,
- Improved conditions for cultural presentation of the Ukrainian and other national minorities,
- Gained knowledge of citizens on the culture and traditions of the national minorities.