

CROATIA

PULA-POLA

Theme covered: Official use of language

Affected minorities: Italian

Main project objective: To strengthen policy and capacity for the implementation of recommendations on minority rights of equal official use of Italian language into practice in the City of Pula-Pola

Key minority issues tackled by the proposal:

- Affirmation of ethnic identity (Article 5 of the FCNM)
- Education, culture, media (Article 6 of the FCNM)
- Using minority language (Articles 10, 11 and 14 of the FCNM)
- Education (Articles 12 and 13 of the FCNM)
- Effective participation (Article 15 of the FCNM)
- Objectives and principles (Article 7 of the ECRML)
- Education (Article 8 of the ECRML)

Foreseen project activities:

- Translation and publication of public documents and forms used for official purposes in Croatian and Italian language - bilingual edition;
- Translation and setting up of bilingual name plates and labels in the offices;
- Setting up of bilingual traffic signs;
- Italian language course for the staff;
- Certification program for court interpreter for Italian language;
- Organisation of informative meetings and events;
- On-going media promotion.

Expected results:

- 100 public documents and forms used for official purposes are translated and published in Croatian and Italian language - bilingual edition;
- 200 bilingual name plates and labels in the offices are translated and installed;
- 20 bilingual traffic signs are installed;
- 24 employees have acquired fluency in Italian language;
- 1 employee have acquired qualification of certified court interpreter for Italian language;
- Members of the Italian national minority are encouraged to exercise the right of equal official use of the Italian language in communication with administrative bodies of the City of Pula-Pola'
- The public is made aware about the project and best practices are disseminated;

Theme covered: Active participation

Affected minorities: Czech, Italian and Serbian

Main project objective: To improve and empower the position of the Serb national minority on the territory of the City of Pakrac and connect them, with the longstanding minority communities in the City, through common social and cultural activities, and, in the same time, further connect them all with majority population.

Key minority issues tackled by the proposal:

- Prohibition of discrimination based on belonging to a national minority (Article 4 of the FCNM)
- Developing of culture and identity (Article 5 of the FCNM)
- Promotion of tolerance and intercultural dialogue (Article 6 of the FCNM)
- Free manifestation of religion or belief (Article 8 of the FCNM)
- Free access to the media (Article 9 of the FCNM)
- Free use of minority language (Article 10 of the FCNM)
- The right to education (Article 12 of the FCNM)
- The right to learn and use minority language (Article 14 of the FCNM)
- The effective participation (Article 15 of the FCNM)
- Objectives and principles (Article 7 of the ECRML)
- Education (Article 8 of the ECRML)
- Media (Article 11 of the ECRML)
- Culture (Article 12 of the ECRML)

Foreseen project activities:

- Conduct promotional and lobbying campaigns regarding minority education, national minority visibility in the local community and national minority representation in the local media through meeting the parents, organising an educational trip, creating a web portal and video reports;
- Organize joint national minorities' cultural events with the aim of encouraging the cooperation and promotion of cultural diversity by organizing cultural society meetings, presenting minority movies and literature and producing a minority cook book;
- Familiarize the representatives of the National Minority Councils and local government with the policies aimed to protect national minorities and create sub-statutory (operational) acts and programs;
- Equipping and operation of the town communal tractor

Expected results:

- Raised awareness of members of minority and majority populations, and representatives of local government on the importance of the usage of language, script and education in minority languages;
- Increased level of knowledge and capacities of elected members of the National Minority Councils and local government officials with the goal of full implementation of the Constitutional Law on National Minorities;

- Increased awareness of the inhabitants of Pakrac on the activities and needs of the national minorities;
- Increased number of cultural activities in the City of Pakrac through affirmation of multiculturalism and minority cultural creativity;
- Preconditions for reduction of social and economic exclusion of residents from areas inhabited by national minorities created.

CAKOVEC

Theme covered: Education and entrepreneurship

Affected minorities: Roma

Main project objective: To improve efficiency of participation of members of the Roma minority in the economic and social life in City of Čakovec.

Key minority issues tackled by the proposal:

- Persons belonging to national minorities may exercise the rights and enjoy the freedoms flowing from the principles enshrined in the present framework Convention, individually, as in community with others (Article 3 of the FCNM)
- Prohibition of discrimination based on belonging to a national minority (Article 4 of FCNM)
- Developing of culture and identity (Article 5 of FCNM)
- Promotion of tolerance and intercultural dialogue (Article 6 of FCNM)
- Freedom of association (Article 7 of the FCNM)
- Free access to the media (Article 9 of FCNM)
- Free use of minority language (Article 10 of FCNM)
- The right to education (Article 12 of FCNM)
- The effective participation (Article 15 of the FCNM)
- Right to participate in a NGO activities (Article 17 of the FCNM)

Foreseen project activities:

- Initiation phase of the project;
- Capacity-building/empowerment of 4 members of NGO “Romona: incubator for (Roma) women entrepreneurship” and 100 Roma and non-Roma women in Kuršanec;
- Professional training through work for 2 members of NGO “Romona: incubator for (Roma) women entrepreneurship”;
- Visibility of NGO “Romona: incubator for (Roma) women entrepreneurship” and advocacy for Roma women entrepreneurship;

Expected results:

- 4 members of NGO “Romona: incubator for (Roma) women entrepreneurship” enhanced their employability and socio-economic inclusion;
- 100 Roma and non-Roma women better informed on their rights and how to access them;
- NGO “Romona: incubator for (Roma) women entrepreneurship” recognized as an example of good practice by the national / local institutions and population;

- Local community in Međimurje informed about positive example of Roma women entrepreneurship/activism;
- Enhanced political participation and involvement of Roma women into local political life (policy level);
- NGO “Romona: incubator for (Roma) women entrepreneurship” registered and functioning;
- 100 Roma and non-Roma women from Kuršanec enhanced their skills regarding Women’s basic rights and advocacy; Management of household budget and nutrition; Health, child care and growth; and Entrepreneurship;
- NGO “Romona” applied to at least 3 EU/national calls;
- 2 members of NGO “Romona: incubator for (Roma) women entrepreneurship” hired during 3 months in ACT Čakovec for enhancing their professional skills in seam (first member) and printing on textile (second member);
- Visual identity of Romona developed.

BOGDANOVCI

Theme covered: Media and language

Affected minorities: Ruthenian and Ukrainian

Main project objective: To preserve the minority languages and cultural identity of national minorities

Key minority issues tackled by the proposal:

- Free access to the media (Article 9 of the FCNM)
- Free use of minority language (Article 10 of the FCNM)
- Media (Article 11 of the ECRML)

Foreseen project activities:

- Organization of two round tables; these roundtables will introduce the rights of national minorities in accordance with the Constitutional Law and the FCNM and ECRML;
- Three day workshop for municipal staff and councilors on the rights of national minorities in accordance with the FCNM and ECRML;
- Setting up an internet radio;
- Planning and preparing the radio program;
- On-going visibility of the project and radio station.

Expected results:

- Functional internet radio station;
- Radio programs in Ruthenian language - Promotion of national minority languages;
- Radio programs in Ukrainian language - Promotion of national minority languages;
- Radio programs in Croatian language - Younger generation of national minorities use their respective minority languages and are aware of their cultural identity and heritage;
- Members of local government and general public became aware of the rights of national minorities in accordance with the Constitutional Law, FCNM and ECRML.

KNEŽEVI VINOGRADI/HERCEGSZÖLLŐS/КНЕЖЕВИ ВИНОГРАДИ

Theme covered: Language and media

Affected minorities: Hungarian, Serbian, German and Boyash Romanian

Main project objective: To promote the language and cultural identity of national minorities in Kneževi Vinogradi municipality

Key minority issues tackled by the proposal:

- Developing of culture and identity (Article 5 of the FCNM)
- Free use of minority language (Article 10 of the FCNM)
- Minority language use in local and regional self-government units (Article 10 of the ECRML)
- Cultural activities and institutions (Article 12 of the ECRML)

Foreseen project activities are:

- Translate the website of the Municipality, including key documents (statute, etc.) into Hungarian and Serbian languages;
- Create a bibliographic database on the website of the Municipality;
- Purchase IT equipment needed for the categorization process and manage the bibliographic database;
- On-going project promotion and visibility.

Expected results:

- Translated official website of the municipality into Hungarian and Serbian;
- Bibliographic database on the website of the municipality with a categorization of all literature held by the Councils of National Minorities;
- Members of national minorities, and particularly young persons, are actively involved in the preservation of their language and literature.

GRACAC

Theme covered: Active participation

Affected minorities: Serbian

Main project objective: To improve the respect for minority rights and integration of minorities in Gracac municipality

Key minority issues tackled by the proposal are:

- Prohibition of discrimination based on belonging to a national minority (Article 4 of the FCNM)
- Promotion of tolerance and intercultural dialogue (Article 6 of the FCNM)
- The effective participation (Article 15 of the FCNM)

Foreseen project activities are:

- Round Table on the role of national minorities in the work of Local government;
- Produce a brochure on the rights of national minorities;
- Training of local officials and representatives of the Council of the Serbian national minority;
- Study tour for representatives of national minorities and the Municipality of Gracac;
- Establishing a legal aid and information office;
- Project promotion and visibility.

Expected results:

- Two Round tables held - Presentation of the rights of national minorities in accordance with the Constitutional legislation, FCNM and ECRML, and discussion regarding the implementation of these rights in Gracac municipality;
- Brochure designed and printed (800 copies);
- One study tour organized in Croatia - Established partnership with the city of Daruvar and the municipality Končanica and continued exchange of experiences;
- A two-day training for local officials – Awareness raising on the importance/benefits of minority protection and integration, and familiarization with the rights of national minorities in accordance with the Constitutional legislation, FCNM and ECRML;
- Legal aid and information office established – Office space in Srb village identified by local government, fully furnished and equipped, and agreements signed between local government, NGO Legaline and the Council of the Serbian minority on the use of the office;
- Provision of legal assistance (36 days in office in Srb);
- Improved relations and dialogue between local officials and minority communities.