

ACTAC



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ACTAC in 2016 continued the ongoing and project activities, in compliance with the decisions from the last board meeting of ACTAC and the General operational and project plan.

THE WORK OF ACTAC in 2016 took place in a couple of general directions:

Support of efforts of insiders for adoption of a better Strategy for economic reforms,

Monitoring of the implementation of reforms of the judiciary and the action plan for the reform

Strengthening the human capacities and supporting programs for youth and volunteering

Youth education for self-presentation and a system of long-term career building

Creating counseling programs for young people for early professional orientation

Simultaneous education of young people from NGOs, political parties for mastering skills and acquiring knowledge for cooperative, non-conflicting and non-violent solving of planning problems (from personal level, to the level of creation of municipal strategic plans).

Education of young people about the importance of multiculturalism and multiethnicism in society, school, work, etc.

Staff Education for Community Reporting, IR Technologies, Editing and Mounting Video

Staff education for the new methods: Peer learning pals, Storytelling and Young Journalism

Democracy and civil society

Encouraging young people's motivation for organizing in interest and generational groups, for easier accomplishment of influence upon the decision makers.

Support of the EU accession process:

Trainings for specific target groups, for using pre-accession assistance from IPA

Strengthening the image of Macedonia in the region and Europe, as a country of culture, art, specific types of tourism.

Supporting the decentralization process in the area of improvement of human capacities for planning of the improvement of services toward the citizens, designing new ones or improving the old procedures for providing services to the citizens.

Assistance to the rural municipality in the planning - on all levels and purposes and opening of the municipality towards the citizens

Support to decentralization in culture; Supporting national institutions for the improvement of the process of planning and staff planning; Supporting these institutions in acquiring knowledge and skills to manage and sustainable problem solving concerning space maintenance

Projects:

- **Project:** "Demystifying the interethnic conflicts"

Implementing organization: ACTAC

Project partners: YCC - Bitola, ADI - Gostivar, Zenith - Skopje, IRZ - Tetovo, Multiethnicum - Dolneni

Time of realization: August 2016 - September 2017

Location of the project: Prilep, Dolneni, Skopje, Tetovo, Gostivar

Framework of the project: Reduction of the tensions and conflicts between ethnic communities in Macedonia by building personal rather than collective identity among high school youth, and the change will be reflected by increased individuality and personal responsibility among students and the increase of the student's resistance toward manipulative political techniques.

General Objective: The project aims at reducing inter-ethnic and inter-confessional tensions and conflicts among high school youth in Macedonia and their substantial and sustained relaxation, through demystification of the general political climate and political manipulation, as well as through a new vision for peacekeeping as "our job" .

Results: The project should contribute to understanding and expanding the views of young people for their future, in which they will start as potential, independent and motivated individuals, ready for new challenges in their future career.



Visit of the Ambassador of The U.S. in Macedonia in the ACTAC's premises



Press conference followed by a comic "shock" performance "Pillow fight"



Press conference: Prof. D-r. Besa Arifi, Aleksandar Cvetkoski - president of ACTAC, Prof. D-r Violeta P. Beska



The team of "Zevzekmanija" on the workshop for video shooting and editing

- **Project:** PalsTV - Strengthening the youth through Community Reporting and Peer learning

Partners in the project: ACTAC - Macedonia, INTRAS-Spain, CCN - Nepal, DEJAVATO - Indonesia and SODEJU-Guatemala).

Time of realization: November 2015 - July 2017

Location of the project: Macedonia, Spain, Nepal, Indonesia and Guatemala

Project Frame: Pals TV focuses on building community capacities and encouraging innovation, entrepreneurship and capacity for change, by (stimulating) encouraging development and uncovering unused potential within youth communities. Through communication in mother tongue, cultural awareness and expression with the help of community reporting techniques, digital competence through the use of media and ICT, learning to learn, as well as social and civic competences through the peer learning methodology, the rise of the key competences of young people with limited opportunities will be achieved. In addition, community reporting will improve their external communication, involvement in their communities and cooperation with stakeholders.

General Objective: The project "Pals TV - Youth Strengthening through Community and Peer Learning" aims to train young people, has a goal to train young people, which in the future will be a sustainable youth community in the sphere of media work in the local community, and also it needs to provide a working model for the overall strengthening of the youth activism, grounded in the media work of the community, which will help them to better adapt to the learning and application of foreign languages, experience in working with modern video equipment and mounting of attachments for themes that are useful to society, gaining the skills to communicate with people from different environments and different background, skills which in the future will be of great role in employment, self-realization and building one's own personality.

Results: The knowledge gained from this project will help the involved people to improve their key

learning skills how to make business planning, promoting their involvement in the labour market. In addition, community reporting is a powerful tool for involving people in their communities by increasing their active participation and social compromise. In addition, the needs of disadvantaged youth communities will shape their voice in appropriate media, exchange those experiences, and learn from other youth groups around the world, improving their social inclusion.

Encouraging improvements in the area of youth work and cooperation with stakeholders. Peer education and community reporting training develop the socio-professional profiles of young workers through informal methods, including media and IT skills.

Development of new and innovative methods and tools for working with youth, youth work curriculum, and training modules: Peer education, Community reporting and sustainable planning.



Training with students from the High school "Riste Risteski - Ricko"



ACTAC in Nepal with the members from the Indonesian organization



Event for giving Diplomas to the participants



With the officials involved in the project, Director, professors and the president of ACTAC

• **Project:** The facade holds - the foundation sank

Partners in the project: Youth Cultural Center (YCC) from Bitola

Time of realization: February 2016 - November 2016

Location of the project: National

General Objective: Promoting the accountability and transparency of government officials and institutions through public pressure on the government to improve the reforms and the work of the institutions.

Framework of the project: Promoting the accountability and transparency of government officials and institutions, through public pressure on the government to improve the reforms and work of the institutions, which will be achieved through media uploads of the results of the research of the citizens' trust in the institutions of the system through comic TV campaign and through public presentation of the situation in which our institutions are moving. All of this will contribute to the rise of the public awareness of the importance of the triple separation of powers and the need of independent institutions

Results: Achieving a mutual understanding of the institutional institutional concept, the triple separation of powers and the merit system in which institutions should be set up, and establishing civic solidarity against the politicization of institutions, as well as the development of the "sense of ownership" of the institutions.



Debate for Democratic values in Macedonia, Participants: Saso Ordanoski - moderator, Aleksandar Cvetkoski - moderator, Ljubomir Danailov Frckovski, Besa Arifi, Gordan Kalajdjiev, Tanja Ivanova, Aleksandar Nikolov, Mersel Biljali, Zdravko Saveski, Branislav Geroski



A survey presentation of the diplomatic corps in Macedonia was organized, with the assistance of German Embassy in Macedonia.

- **Project:** To see myself with your eyes

Partners in the project: High school „Gjorche Petrov“ - Prilep, High school „Rilindja“ - Dolneni

Time of realization: December 2016 – August 2017

Location of the project: Municipalities of Prilep and Dolneni

Framework of the project: The basic problem targeted by this project is the minor involvement of young girls in decision-making processes at the local level (not only in the world of politics, the media, but also in territorial communities, schools, civil organizations, etc.), all of which pre-empthatically provokes a declination in the gender values in the community.

General objective: The project aims to contribute to greater involvement of young women in decision-making processes at the local level, by increasing the public sensitivity of local communities to gender issues and raising awareness of women's special human rights. This will be achieved through the education of high school girls who will directly work to achieve these goals, thus becoming "community reportes" for gender rights, facilitators and moderators for gender-sensitive initiatives. They will be trained with "Peer Learning Pals" and "Community reporting" methods and techniques with which documents - reports on gender issues in the public will be placed.

Results: Increased interest for gender sensitive issues in the public, increased awareness of the importance of the women's rights and the consequences of women's minority in politics, increased number of women opinion leaders and young community leaders, more women in politics, improved public awareness on the

need for a debate on the gender component in politics and public policies.



ACTAC's team signing agreement with the officials of High school "Gjorche Petrov" for cooperation in the project



A workshop with participants from several high schools from Macedonia



Trainings for Community reporting, Storytelling, Shooting and editing videos and ITC

Other engagements:

Besides the projects that are implemented by ACTAC, in 2016, we were engaged by the business sector, NGOs and other institutions.

ACTAC, within the Pals Web TV project - funded by the Erasmus + program, has participated in training in Valladolid - Spain, where key personnel were trained on the Community Report techniques and its large swing on the European scene as one of the most commonly used methods in the project working, young journalism, media, etc. As part of the training, the ACTAC team was trained in the methods of Peer Learning, Storytelling, practical use of pocket technology, editing video and is a part of the great online network of the Pals TV project, which uploads videos from different countries including Spain, Guatemala, Indonesia, Nepal and normally - Macedonia.

In cooperation with the municipality of Dolneni, a series of trainings (project cycle, organizational strengthening, fundraising ...) were delivered to the NGO Network of Dolneni and the employees of the municipality for utilizing funds from various donations, strengthening the capacities of the municipality itself and the Network Of NGO Dolneni.

ACTAC as a partner organization together with seven primary schools from Prilep and the Bureau for Development of Education participated in the implementation of the Project of the NI Institute and Museum - Prilep "Museums in the schools or schools in the museums". This year ACTAC has participated in the preparation of part of the school performance and the methodology for work.

Project applications:

ACTAC in 2016 has applied with 5 projects from different sectors, and the potential donators were: NED, UNDEF, EU, IPA- Macedonia - Albania, CIVICA, EWI, The U.S. Embassy in Macedonia, IDSCS, EIDHR.