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Introduction

The Annual programme of Coalition SEGA was fully implemented in 2012 with support of the CIVICA Mobilitas programme, implemented in the Center for Institutional Development and financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. In 2012 SEGA continued to implement activities from the Action Plan for implementation of the National Youth Strategy, and therefore commencing process for creation of Local Youth Strategy for the city of Skopje. From the process for support for local self-government in the development of local youth strategies (2010 – 2011), such strategies were prepared in 13 municipalities in the Republic of Macedonia.

In 2012 the cooperation with the region Lower Normandy continued through the implementation of the project for decentralized cooperation between the region Lower Normandy – France and The Republic of Macedonia. Within the project we organized two study visits in France “Voluntarism as a factor of social cohesion” and “Easier access or return to the labor market” and two seminars for “New access for youth employment” and “Intermunicipal cooperation for encouraging social cohesion of youth”.

Within the implementation of the children rights, in 2012 we continued with the implementation of the monitoring for implementation of the Convention on the rights of the child in Macedonia. We established the model child ombudsman in 5 new primary and 5 secondary schools also a new model for election of a class president was implemented as well as establishment of student organizations.

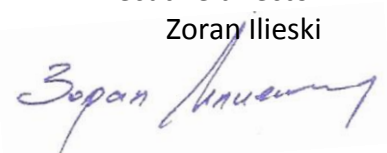
In the field of youth information in the Republic of Macedonia we continued with the implementation of the project Youth Informative and Counseling Centre INFO SEGA. In 2010 this center was opened in partnership with the Agency for youth and sport and the Local self-government.

Through the activities in 2012, directly 12 427 citizens were included (representatives of youth organizations, municipalities, national institutions and youth from informal groups). Regarding the presence of SEGA in the public, through the mediums were established 176 articles in the international, national and local mediums (news, live guesting, interviews, columns in printed or internet newspaper).

СЕГА и во 2013 година ќе се залага за подобрување на статусот на младите, ќе работи на подобрување на младинското информирање, учеството на младите во процесите на одлучување и донесување одлуки како и воспоставување на механизми за заштита на детските права и учество на децата во училиштата.

SEGA in 2013 will also stand for improvement of the youth status, improvement of the youth information, participation of youth in the decision making process as well as establishment of mechanisms for protection of child rights and participation of children in the schools.

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Youth policy

Project “Creation of Local Youth Strategy for the City of Skopje

The project “Creation of a Local Youth Strategy for the City of Skopje” was implemented in the period of October – December 2012 with financial support of the City of Skopje. The aim of the project was to increase the active participation of youth in the political, social, economic and cultural life in the local community through creation of a local youth strategy for the City of Skopje.

Aiming to ensure successful coordination and more efficient implementation of the project activities, the project team organized three coordinative meetings with the manager of the Department for cooperation with NGOs and the City of Skopje. At these meetings the activities and expected results of the project were presented and a detailed plan for implementation of the activities was made. In 2012 within this project we organized conference “Youth policy for the City of Skopje” and we started to create the working groups for creation of a Local Youth Strategy.

Within the Conference were presented the several researches for young people in Macedonia and France, i.e. the research for youth trends in Macedonia and “The condition of youth and youth policy in France and Lower Normandy” was presented. Then the participants were divided in 4 working groups in accordance of the priorities of the National Youth Strategy in the Republic of Macedonia:

- Education and Youth self-employment, support before employment
- Quality of living and Health and prevention
- Participation of youth and Youth Information
- Culture and Local youth work

The aim of the working groups was to gain inputs from the relevant stakeholders regarding the important needs and possible solutions in the youth policy field which will further be used for the preparation of the Draft document Local Youth Strategy.

Project “Implementation of the Convention on the rights of child in Macedonia”

The project “Implementation of the Convention on the rights of Child” is a 9-year project, financed by the Pestalozzi Children’s Foundation. The aim of the project is to enable children and youth in Macedonia actively to exercise their rights and obligations prescribed with the Convention on the rights of the child. In 2012 SEGA continued to work in the cities Prilep, Kumanovo, Tetovo, Debar and Kavadarci and started to work in new 5 cities as well (Bitola, Shtip, Struga, Ohrid and Gostivar).

The project is divided in three components. In 2012 with the first component SEGA continued to implement the System for Monitoring and Evaluation of the implementation of the Convention on the rights of the child in Macedonia for the articles referring the child participation. Also a model of child ombudsman for the first time is established in ten new primary and secondary schools. Through the second component of this project the functionality of the models for participation in the primary and secondary schools was strengthened, including the process of the election of class presidents in the schools.

Project “Project for decentralized cooperation between the region of Lower Normandy – France and the Republic of Macedonia”

Within the project for decentralized cooperation between the region of Lower Normandy – France and the Republic of Macedonia, led by the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA), Coalition SEGA is managing the Action 2 which specifically refers to Helping of the local authorities to define and implement sustainable and participative youth policies

During the 2012 were organized the following activities:

- **Study visit “Volunteering as a factor for social cohesion”**

In the period of 24-27 April 2012 in Caen – France, Coalition of youth organizations SEGA and the Europe House from Caen organized study visit on the subject “Volunteering as a factor for social cohesion”. In this study visit the mayor of the municipality Tearce and the manager of the Education department of the City of Skopje took participation. The study visit enabled the participants to be introduced with the organizations that work with young volunteers from Lower Normandy. They met with representatives of organizations that work with volunteers, as well as with institutions and nongovernmental organizations which are responsible for the implementation of the programme of Service Civique (Civil Service)

- **Study visit “Easier access of return of the labor market”**

Coalition of youth organization SEGA again in cooperation with the European House from Caen – Lower Normandy, France organized study visit on the subject “Easier access or return of the labor market” in the period of 20 – 23 June in Caen – France. The study visit included representatives of institutions which work on the field of youth unemployment in the Republic of Macedonia (The Agency for employment of The Republic of Macedonia, My Career and Yes project). The aim of the visit was to exchange experiences for institutional solution of the problem with unemployment of the young people for easier access to the labor market through creation and implementation of qualitative and efficient policies for employment. The representatives of the Macedonian delegation during the study visit had opportunity to meet with their colleagues from France who work on the same field.

- **Seminar “New access for youth employment”**

Coalition of youth organizations SEGA and the European House from Caen in the period of 09-11 July 2012 in the Hotel Gligorov, Strumica organized seminar of the subject “**New access for youth employment**”. On this seminar took participation representatives and organizations that treat the issue of youth employment in the Republic of Macedonia, as well as guests from Lower Normandy – France. The seminar aimed to develop debate for the contemporary economic condition of the youth in the Republic of Macedonia and the region Lower Normandy-France, as well as to exchange experiences for innovative access in the solution of the problem with the youth unemployment. Also the seminar provided opportunity for relevant carriers of the programmes and policies for youth employment to offer solutions for decreasing the rate for youth unemployment in the Republic of Macedonia.

- **Seminar “Intermunicipal cooperation for encouraging social cohesion of young people”**

In the period of 11-13 July 2012 a seminar on the subject “**Intermunicipal cooperation for encouragement of the social cohesion of young people**” was organized in the Hotel Gligorov, Strumica. On the seminar took participation representatives from the local self-governments (Skopje, Delcevo, Strumica, Tearce, Kisela Voda, Kavadarci, Veles and Radovis), representatives from My Career, The Ministry for labor and social policy and the National Agency for European

educational programmes and mobility from the Republic of Macedonia as well as guests from Lower Normandy – France. The seminar aimed to influence the improvement of the social cohesion of youth, through institutional cooperation of the local and national authorities. The seminar provided opportunities for exchange experiences and good practice between the participants in the Republic of Macedonia and the region Lower Normandy – France.

Project “Monitoring of the implementation of the Convention on the right of the child in Macedonia”

During the period of January-February 2012 SEGA prepared report for implementation of the recommendations from the including notes for the Convention on the rights of the child in Macedonia. The report aimed to analyze the current condition with the implementation of the Concluding Observations by the responsible institutions in specific fields.

The report was prepared on the basis of the collected data at the local and national level. At the local level the data were collected by 16 local coordinators in the period of October-November 2011. At the national level the data were collected by the team of SEGA.

The report contains findings which are based on the Concluding Observations from 2010 prepared by the UN Committee on the rights of the child. The baseline data for comparison of this report are used from the Alternative report from the implementation of Convention on the rights of the child in Macedonia in 2009 by SEGA, Comparative review of the legislation of the Republic of Macedonia and the Convention on the rights of the child as well as the findings included/incorporated in the Concluding Observations.

Youth participation

Project “Encouraging youth participation in the political processes”

In 01 October 2012 Coalition SEGA commenced the project “Encouraging youth participation in the political processes” financed by the National Endowment for Democracy – NED. The project will be implemented till 31 March 2013 in the following municipalities: Prilep, Kisela Voda, Ohrid, Tetovo, Stip, Strumica, Kavadarci and Kumanovo. Within the project the following activities were implemented:

- Workshop for facilitating focus groups
- Local focus groups “What are the expectations of the young people from the political leaders and are they motivated to vote?”

During the period of November – December 2012, 32 focus groups were implemented (4 focus groups in each city encompassed in this project). The subjects of the focus groups were based on the priorities of the National Youth Strategy:

- Education and youth unemployment
- Health and quality of living
- Youth participation and youth information
- Culture and local youth work.

The aim of these focus groups was to provide data which will reflect the expectations of the young people from the political leaders. With the focus groups SEGA encompassed 590 young people aged 15-30 from different profiles (secondary school students, students, unemployed, representatives from political youth wings and civil associations). In 2013 SEGA will prepare a document with recommendations “Youth solutions”, and will be organized national press-conference, also a campaign “Get out and Vote” will be implemented (short video will be created, creation and dissemination of informative leaflets and radio programmes will be organized as well).

Project “Macedonian Model of the United Nations (MMUN)”

In 2012 Coalition of youth organizations SEGA introduced new programme in its work – Macedonian Model of The United Nations (MMUN). The programme was implemented in the cooperation with the Peace Corps volunteers in Macedonia, and with financial support by the Embassy of the United States in Macedonia. The model of the United Nations includes youth in the process of examination and discussion of global issues, encourages development of the life skills such as research, writing, public speech, building consensus, conflict resolution and reaching compromise and cooperation.

The main product of this programme was the organization of annual national conference of MMUN on 05 May 2012 in the Faculty of Economics, University Goce Delcev – Shtip.

More than 170 people from: Prilep, Bitola, Ohrid, Struga, Kicevo, Gostivar, Tetovo, Skopje, Kumanovo, Kriva Palanka, Kocani, Berovo, Delcevo, Radovis, Stip and Veles, in role of delegates, represented the views of 25 countries members of UN in 6 different bodies of the United Nations and they had the assignment to debate on real world issues related to human trafficking, poverty reduction, financial debt, nuclear disarmament etc.

Project “Promotion intercultural dialogue among youth in Macedonia”

The project Promotion intercultural dialog among youth in Macedonia was implemented during the period of 01 August – 31 December 2012 within the annual programme of Coalition SEGA, supported by the CIVICA Mobilitas programme. Within this project the following activities were conducted:

- **Training for peer educator for intercultural dialogue**

In the period 31 August – 02 September 2012 in the hotel ‘Ambient’ - Struga SEGA organized “Training for peer educators for intercultural dialogue” On the training participated 17 peer educators (Ohrid, Struga, Tetovo, Tearce and Prilep). The aim of this organization was to train the future peer educators to implement peer educations in the secondary schools in their municipalities.

On the training, the participants had opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills for the level of culture, styles of communication, perception and intercultural communication, communication among different cultures, prejudices and stereotypes. The participants of this training through work in groups were preparing how to organize peer workshops in their municipality.

- **Implementation of workshops for intercultural dialogue**

The 18 trained educators (16 secondary schools students and 2 representatives from the Youth Informative and Counseling Centre INFO SEGA) transferred their knowledge to the secondary school students through interactive workshops. At these workshops various themes for intercultural dialogue were discussed aiming to improve the communication between youth who live in multiethnic community, towards overcoming the stereotypes and prejudices they have for each other. At the same time, these workshops contributed to overcome of the cultural diversities, intolerance among youth with different ethnic background and including promotion of friendship and building of multiethnic coexistence. Within this project 80 workshops encompassing 1829 secondary school students from 5 municipalities (Ohrid, Struga, Tetovo, Prilep and Tearce) were organized.

- **Open call for art works**

SEGA announced open call for selection of the best art works on the subject “Intercultural dialogue” for the period of 26 October – 16 November 2012. The call was announced on the official website of SEGA (www.sega.org.mk), websites from the secondary schools included in the project, social networks etc. Also, the call was posted on the signboards of the secondary schools. The secondary school students were motivated to create paintings which will reflect the intercultural dialogue among youth, life of youth in multicultural community and paintings that bring forward messages for friendship, coexistence, respect, tradition etc (games, experiences, traditions, folklore, customs etc). Aiming to evaluate the paintings, an external commission was formed, composed of 3 members having the assignment to evaluate the 64 paintings. Also the Commission selected 3 best paintings from each municipality.

- **Preparation and promotion of the E-catalogue “Youth-promoters of the intercultural dialogue”**

During the month December 2012 an electronic catalogue “Me and my friend’ was prepared. The catalogue was posted on the official web site of Coalition of youth organizations SEGA – www.sega.org.mk, as well as on the web sites of the partner organizations and the social media.

The first half of the month December SEGA and the local partners organized local promotions of the electronic catalogue “Me and my friend”, in Prilep, Ohrid, Struga, Tetovo and Tearce. In these events the peer educators, secondary schools and the three selected best paintings were awarded with certificates.

- **Organizing E-conference “Tolerance and mutual respect”**

On 26 of December a video conference on the subject “Tolerance and mutual respect” was organized in Prilep, Ohrid, Struga, Tetovo and Tearce. At the beginning of the conference a short introduction was given by representative from Coalition SEGA, and then a discussion was opened about the perception of the participants in the already implemented peer workshops for promotion of intercultural dialogue. Also, discussion was opened about finding a best way for overcoming the stereotypes and prejudices and encouragement of coexistence, mutual respect and tolerance. The participants on this conference were the trained peer educators and local coordinators from the selected municipalities.

Strengthening of Civil Society

Project “Youth Informative and Counseling Centre – INFO SEGA”

The project “Youth Informative and Counseling Centre – INFO SEGA” continued in the 2012, after the center officially started to work on 01 June 2010. Activities of INFO SEGA for 2012 were supported with the CIVICA Mobilitas programme, Agency of youth and sport and Prilep municipality.

During 2012, INFO SEGA continually collected information about sport, culture, volunteering and scholarships that were regularly updated on the website of INFO SEGA. Weekly updates and information were regularly sent on a mailing list which is composed of around 3000 e- mail addresses. In 2012 on the website of INFO SEGA (www.infosega.org.mk) **236104** visits were registered. With the implementation of the activities directly were encompassed 1856 youth from Prilep municipality.

The following activities were conducted in 2012:

- Promotion of Youth Informative and Counseling Centre INFO SEGA
- Organized INFO DAYS
- Celebration of important dates
 - Workshop and organizing the event “INFO SEGA so srce za vas!” (in occasion of 14 February, Valentine Day)
 - INFO SEGA celebrated The International day of mother-tongue language, 21 February,
 - Workshop and event in occasion of 8th of March, The International day of Woman.
 - Celebrating, The day of Europe, 09 May.
 - Celebrating The International day of humanitarian work, 19 September,
 - Celebrated The International Day of Peace, 21 September
- Organization of events within the European Campaign “Right for youth information – Ask freely!”
 - INFO SEGA included in the Europe Campaign ““Right for youth information – Ask freely!”
 - INFO SEGA celebrated 17 April, The European day of youth information
 - Pan – Europe action – “Design sign question for youth” within the European campaign” Right for youth information – Ask freely!”
- Organization of youth event “Knowledge and sport among young people”
- Celebration of the International day of youth, 12 August
- Meeting of youth with representatives from the Open office for communication with citizens
- Open INFO days for the European Campaign “Right for youth information, Ask freely!”
- Strengthening the capacities of the INFO SEGA team
 - Representatives from Youth Informative and Counseling Centre INFO SEGA were present at the training for Young Ambassadors in Malta.
 - Representatives from INFO SEGA were present on the training for peer education for Intercultural dialogue in Struga.
 - Representative from INFO SEGA was present on the international training in Belgium
- Implemented/organized educations and workshops
- Implemented educative workshops for protection of personal data on the internet and social networks.

- Implemented educations for easier acquirement of the study material
- Organization educations for intercultural dialogue.
- Organization of Photo workshop on the subject “ Prilep through the focus of youth”
- Coordination and evaluation of the project.

Organizational activities

International cooperation

- **European Voluntary Service**

In partnership with the NGO Senois from the region Lower Normandy – France SEGA implemented the project **“Europe locally”**, within the programme European Volunteering Service of the European Commission. This project included one EVS volunteer from France, who actively participated in the work of the office of ALDA in Skopje (Association of Local Democracy Agencies). The volunteer from France will volunteer in Macedonia in a period of 1 year (November 2012 – November 2013)

- **Youth exchange**

In the period of 02 - 09 October 2012 in Struga, Coalition SEGA organized international youth exchange. This activity was implemented within the project **“My way for making future”**, supported by the programme Youth in Action from the National Agency for educational programmes and mobility, Macedonia. On the youth exchange 32 young people from Macedonia, Belgium, Poland, Czech, and Bulgaria were present. In this exchange the participants discussed about the youth unemployment and how young people can be employed in the rural environments in order to remain living there. The main tool used in this exchange was **“speaking photography”**, through which the participants showed the real condition of youth in their countries, also aiming to explore and take photos of the responsibilities for employment of youth in Struga and Ohrid.

Finances & Administration

Balance of incomes and expenditures - Coalition SEGA – 2012

	МКД
Balance on 01.01.2011	1.246.842,00
INCOMES	
Membership	39.000,00
Donations	8.389.871,00
Incomes from deposits	11.057,50
Incomes from bank interests	2.104,00
Personal incomes (renting equipment)	193.450,00
Transfer of money from other accounts	554.921,00
Total Incomes	9.190.403,50
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries (honoraria)	4.512.676,00
Consultants	588.177,00
Travel expenses	1.017.236,00
Hotel accommodation	1.241.197,00
Food and refreshments for the participants of the trainings etc.	146.971,00
Training materials	120.430,00
Telephone and internet	202.089,00
Photocopy	35.194,00
Office Materials	111.794,00
Equipment	47.032,00
Printed materials (brochures, leaflets...)	169.781,50
Vehicle	166.396,00
Grants	23.712,00
Expenses for electricity	37.073,00
Bank expenses	44.419,00
Payment for services (accountant.....)	21.130,00
Other expenses	341.695,00
Interests	320.000,00
Transfer of money from other accounts	554.921,00
Total outcomes	9.701.923,50
Total balance of Bank account on 31.12.2011	735.322,00 ден.

About SEGA

The Coalition of youth organizations SEGA (SEGA) is a national platform of youth organizations dedicated to lobbying for needed legislative changes as well as committed to supporting youth activism, participation, and access to information. SEGA addresses its activities towards initiating and implementing regulations aiming to improve life of youth in Macedonia.

The membership of the Coalition (at the moment) consists of 12 full and 11 associate member organizations. The management structure is composed of the following bodies:

- Assembly – composed of all members;
- Governing Board – composed of five representatives from the full members;
- Supervisory Board – composed of three representatives from the Assembly members.

The executive structure is organized in the Central office, which is located in Prilep, and Regional offices in: Shtip, Ohrid, Tetovo and Skopje.

The mission of SEGA is to work on developing and implementation of youth policies in Macedonia, connect and strengthens youth to improve their overall conditions.

Values and principles of work:

- Mutual support
- Voluntarism
- Promoting youth as resource
- Youth activism
- Youth participation
- Transparency
- Democracy, mutual trust and collaboration
- Organizing and inclusion of youth
- Community development
- Information
- Advocacy and lobbying for youth policy

The organizational and project activities of SEGA in 2012 were supported by the following donors:

- CIVICA Mobilias programme
- Pestalozzi Children's Foundation
- Association for Local Democracy Agencies
- Agency of youth and sports of Macedonia
- National Endowment for Democracy
- The City of Skopje
- The Local Self-Government Prilep
- UNICEF
- EU – Youth in Action