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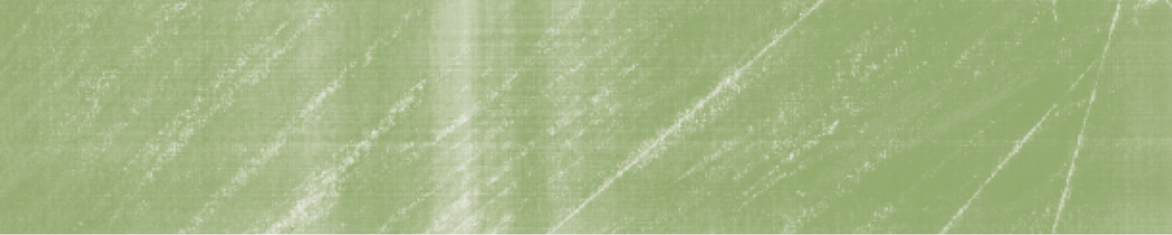
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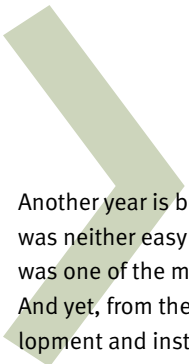
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Another year is behind us - a year which was neither easy nor simple. Financially, it was one of the most challenging years. And yet, from the point of view of its development and institutional strengthening - it was one of the best years for the Institute. Thus, we proved “the old rule” that two goods do not go hand in hand. At the same time, our decision to adjust to the rapid changes in the environment proved to be correct. We managed to reduce the unasked for consequences we faced due to the series of abrupt cancellation of agreed projects and to implement the ongoing projects timely and efficiently. In terms of the institutional capacity, we proved to be ready to face more serious challenges and demands and to fulfill project obligations that seemed impossible to complete in terms of time. We also reaffirmed our reputation of being a reliable and trustworthy partner. Concurrently with these dynamic and at times unexpected changes we succeeded

to achieve the goal we strived at for a long time - to reorganize, to meet the required criteria and to acquire an official registration for conducting scientific and research activities. We transformed and became the first private scientific Institute in the field of social sciences and humanities in the Republic of Macedonia, an Institute that apart from policy analysis will also conduct scientific and research projects in the field of social sciences and humanities. We will maintain, however, our philosophy to apply a new regional and such methodological approach in the policy analysis and in the scientific and research activities that in the context of the Balkans will have unifying role instead of divisive one. Time will show as always, whether we will succeed and to what extent. Ahead of us is another year full of challenges - a year which should bring the results of the overall institutional reorganization. But, it is also a year that we expect to bring us one step closer to the implementation of the long-term goal envisaged at the times the Euro-Balkan project was launched.



About Euro-Balkan Institute

MISSION

Euro-Balkan Institute was founded in 1999. It is a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit think-tank institution. Its mission is dissemination, consent and implementation of European Union ideas and policies and promotion of transatlantic cooperation and interdependence.

Euro-Balkan strives at contributing to

the sustainable development of the Republic of Macedonia. It advocates regional integration and emanation of an authentic European identity, culture and civic society on the Balkans. Euro-Balkan drafts complex and professional analyses for policy-makers in the spirit of regional cooperation and integration, ever so needed in the region.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- ▶ **Electronic News Archive**
- ▶ **Center for Research and Analysis**
- ▶ **Research Center in Gender Studies**
- ▶ **Centre for Public Administration and Public Policy**
- ▶ **Resource Centre for Democracy and Security**
- ▶ **Ohrid Summer University**

Electronic News Archive (ENA)

The only concentrated electronic database of printed media in Macedonia, the Electronic News Archive (ENA), started its activities in October 1999. By the end of 2006, ENA archived more than 152,000 articles

from thirteen dailies and fourteen weeklies published in Macedonia, in Macedonian as well as in Albanian language. ENA has also broadened its range of products by introducing a client-orientated press-clipping service,

which also includes full monitoring of the press and regular and bi-weekly periodical analyses on the attitude of the printed media towards the work of the client. Besides the continuation of the full coverage of printed media news and analyses of the current developments in the Macedonian society, a long-term objective of ENA is to enrich its database with printed media coverage of the crucial events from the period of the dissolution of SFR Yugoslavia and the establishment of the Republic of Macedonia as an independent state.

ENA seeks to obtain full financial sustainability by offering its products and services to all interested clients on the free market. To this end, ENA has developed several packages of products and services, aimed at attracting the attention and interest of various groups of commercial clients. These packages include press monitoring and press clipping services, creation of separate

issue oriented and user oriented databases, different kinds of analyses, etc. During 2006, ENA continued its cooperation with various clients (public and private owned enterprises, marketing agencies, libraries etc) on a commercial basis, for the purpose of creation of a self-generated income and financial self-sustainability. During 2006, ENA also received financial support by the Swedish Helsinki Committee and FOSI Macedonia, in amount of 5.000,00 EURO, for covering a part of its operational costs and its self-promoting activities.

ENA facilitates:

- ▶ Research based and investigative journalism;
- ▶ Social researchers of various kinds: historians, sociologists, political scientists and media specialists to whom the press is the major source of information on contemporary history;

- ▶ Government institutions;
- ▶ Private and public owned companies;

- ▶ General public seeking information and civic knowledge.

From 2001, ENA is available via Internet.

Center for Research and Analyses (CRA)

The Center for Research and Analyses (CRA) is formed in accordance with the strategic goal of Euro Balkan Institute to promote the transatlantic cooperation and European ideas and values. The CRA was established in 1999 and has been focused on various national, regional and global aspects regarding the main trends in the international arena.

The main mission of the CRA is to provide timely and in-depth analyses and strategic information on the global processes and geo-political trends. The Center focuses on global strategic political, economic, security and energy events and achievements that have a direct or indirect impact in the regional

or national context. CRA is dedicated to disseminating ideas so that Macedonian policymakers, business establishment, as well as individual members and opinion leaders can better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing Macedonia as a new independent and transition state. The CRA is aimed at upgrading the level of awareness and knowledge about the implications of these processes on Macedonia's strategic goal as regards the Euro Atlantic integration. To this end, the CRA offers three main products, i.e. "Daily Briefing", "EU Briefing" and "Energy geopolitics", which are consisted of geopolitical analysis and special reports, covering

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the world events and crisis situations that have significant impact on global and regional developments.

To achieve its goals and mission the CRA is engaged in:

- ▶ Conducting independent policy analysis of the current global and regional political, security and economic processes;
- ▶ Making a comprehensive research and analytical work as regards the important strategic developments in the region and worldwide;
- ▶ Broadening the existing informational basis on the global and regional energy issues;
- ▶ Organizing seminars, conferences and workshops on various global, regional and national issues that can contribute to the exchange of ideas, views and opinions and thus help the decision-making processes in the country.

Research Center in Gender Studies (RCGS)

The Research Center in Gender Studies (RCGS) introduces and promotes academic legitimacy of the gender/women's/feminist studies, and pursues research, theoretical investigation and education in this field in Macedonia and in the region of SEE. As a result of its consistent focusing on this basic mission, RCGS succeeded to influence the formal educational system in

Macedonia and to incite establishing postgraduate courses in gender studies within the universities in the country. Main achievement in this sense has been the establishing of a joint, inter-institutional Center for Curriculum Development in the area of gender studies with the State University – “St. Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje. These achievements have been accomplished

through the wide network of researchers and educators from various disciplinary areas, existing within the structure of the Center.

Furthermore, the Center has identified the need of acting on a less academic level which will communicate closely with the activism. The idea of informal, alternative education in the field of gender/women's studies was realized through the Center's School for Gender and Politics. Huge interest for this School proved that the mission of the Center, beside its academic aspect, directly concerns a broad target group and is based on the real needs of the women's activist initiative.

The regional component is of key importance for the Centre's work and self-positioning, knowing that introduction of this multicultural regional context is true answer to the problem of passive "import" of western theoretic-scientific concepts from the

area. RCGS is one of the creators of the Regional Network for Gender/Women's Studies in SEE, organizer of the Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching in the fields of Gender and European Studies (with HESP) 2004-2006, publisher of the regionally distributed Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture "Identities" (in English, Macedonian and Albanian) among other regional projects.

Another essential part of the work of the Center is the promotion and affirmation of women's rights as human rights and gender equality in Macedonia. Namely, RCGS has its own database concerning the condition of women's rights and gender relations in Macedonia, which provides rich information on these issues that can be used for the affirmation and the promotion of the work done by the women activist groups in Macedonia.

The RCGS offers space for research and

theoretical discourse that introduces and promotes the standpoint and the perspective of theoretical and intellectual, political, social and sexual

marginality into the Macedonian theoretical/scientific and public discourse.

Center for Public Administration and Public Policy (CPAPP)

The Center for Public Administration and Public Policy (CPAPP) aims at providing support to the process of public administration reform in the Republic of Macedonia and thus at contributing to the development of democratic, effective and citizen oriented public administration.

The mission of CPAPP is to promote the principles and standards of the “European Administrative Space” in the work of the central and local government administration in the Republic of Macedonia, by providing research, consultancy and training in public administration, public management and public policy.

CPAPP goals are:

- ▶ to provide qualified civil servants with challenging applied and theoretical professional development opportunities in public management and public policy;
- ▶ to develop local capacities and to engage practitioners, local experts and academics in systematic research and study, designed to improve the quality of policy-making and delivery of public services in Macedonia;
- ▶ to foster the development of civil service human resources by

disseminating the practices of good professional public management, public policy and governance;

- ▶ to assist the local government reform in Macedonia by strengthening the capacities of local government administration

to deliver efficient and effective public services and to develop sound and sustainable policies at local level and by providing timely and objective policy research and analysis on local issues.

Resource Centre for Democracy and Security (RCDS)

The Resource Centre for Democracy and Security is one of the youngest outfits of the Euro-Balkan Institute, established in July 2003 with an initial grant of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The general idea is for the CDS to serve as a resource centre and a focal point of the increasingly important security and peace-related projects in the Republic of Macedonia. Currently, the Centre is able to offer a very up-dated and focused academic and expert library fond (over 3,000 book units plus journals) and other related services (photo-copying,

Internet access, etc.). Furthermore, the Centre aims at institutional capacity building, political analysis and consulting, expert formation and civil society empowerment in the context of ongoing democratisation process and security sector transformation. It also conducts its own projects, such as expert assistance in the process of policy-making, assessment related to the national and regional security, supporting applied research, training and implementing pro – active projects aimed at promoting democracy, as well as national and human security.

Ohrid Summer University (OSU)

The Ohrid Summer University (OSU) is a project of Euro-Balkan Institute in the field of higher education. It is continuation of several Summer Schools organized in the period between 1998 and 2006.

The major objectives of the Ohrid Summer University are twofold. On one hand, it aims at laying the foundations of alternative higher education and establishing efficient academic curriculum, encouraging renewal of the current curriculum and syllabi in the field of social studies and humanities. On the other hand, it aims at stimulating scientific research among young faculty, and thus at accelerating the reforms in higher education. In the long run, this will bring about:

- ▶ Improvement in multicultural understanding and development;
- ▶ Stimulation of international and regional cooperation, as well as

exchange of knowledge, ideas and experience;

- ▶ New curriculum design and introduction of modern methods and teaching techniques;
- ▶ Provision of support and professional development of young faculty and higher education institutions in the region;
- ▶ Stimulation of dialogue in the region in all areas of the society;
- ▶ Strengthening the academic and individual free thinking;
- ▶ Elimination of the existent stereotypes among the states and nations on the Balkans;
- ▶ Strengthening the role of non-government organizations, as well as other organizations and associations, in the realization of educational reforms;
- ▶ Prevention of the process of brain drain.

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Our activities
in 2006

OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2006

CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

In 2006 the CRA published 252 “Daily Briefings”, and 258 Analyses, mainly focused on:

- ▶ European integration and EU foreign and security policy;
- ▶ Transatlantic relations and their challenges in the post Cold War era;
- ▶ Conflicts on the Balkans, Caucasus, East Europe and Middle East;
- ▶ US foreign policy;

- ▶ Russian foreign policy;
- ▶ Energy geo-politics in Euro-Asia.

In September 2006 the CRA decided to launch a new product called “EU Briefing” in order to respond accordingly to growing demand for thorough in-look into wide range of EU – affairs. After attaining by Macedonia the candidate status for EU membership there is an increased need for well-timed and well-

placed flow of information regarding the most important events taking place within the EU. As European integration as well as EU foreign and security policy were already covered in the “Daily Briefing”, CRA decided to broaden the scope of its expertise through more detailed investigation of the, first and third pillar of EU policies. “EU Briefing” is provided on a weekly base offering most updated news related to major “internal” happenings occurring and decisions made within the EU. This new product is also a result of more vivid cooperation with the Secretariat for European Affairs within the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.

The six-year continuous research and analysis of the global policies conducted by the CRA resulted in publishing its first publication named the “World in 2005” which covers the annual trends in the global policy.

“World in 2005” is not designed so



as to simply list the most significant global developments in 2005. The central idea of the publication is to analyze the overall dynamics and to portray the variability of the global policy. The main aim of World in 2005 is to contribute to better understanding of the global tendencies, and thus to define and evaluate the position of the Republic of Macedonia and the Balkans in the regional and global political and security structure. The publication also contains forecasts, thus also aiming

at facilitating the process of strategic decision planning conducted by the political and business leaders, as well as by the intellectuals in the country and in the region. The publication will be published on annual basis. The professional expertise of the CRA team was also used for the needs of the

Ministry of foreign affairs of the Republic of Macedonia and the Secretariat for European Affairs.

The team of CRA in synergy with Cultural informative centre, was engaged in preparation and realisation of the project "Days of Justinian I", funded by the City of Skopje.

RESEARCH CENTER IN GENDER STUDIES (RCGS)

Regional projects

Regional Initiative:

Strategies for Gender/Women's Studies in South Eastern Europe

(Second Phase 2005-2006)

In partnership with

Women's Studies Center, Belgrade

The second stage is a continuation of the two-year project (2003-2005) the objective of which was to intensify and developed the already existing discussion and exchange of experiences

on strategies for institutionalization and/or modes of teaching the gender/women's studies in the region of SEE.

The overall aim of the initiative is to identify the regional needs related to the issues of policy, institutionalization and curriculum development, through establishing a regional network of scholars committed to the specific goal of joint, continuous effort towards development of strategies of

institutionalization and curriculum development and research. This project promoted innovative teaching and evaluation methods as a necessary condition for the reconstruction of academic knowledge starting from a difference affirming (gender) perspective. The initiative has been articulated in a Regional Network for Gender/Women's Studies in SEE. This, second, stage of the project moved towards concrete outcomes, and the Research Center in Gender Studies was focused on development of on-line support system.

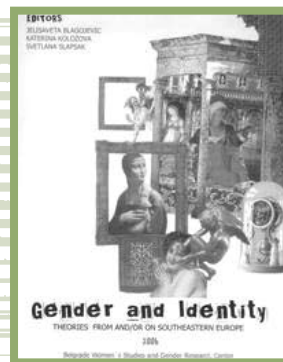
Material outcomes:

- ▶ On-line support system, that includes
- ▶ Resources system (on-line databases of resource persons, resource centres and syllabi in the area of gender/women's studies)
- ▶ Virtual Secretariat of the Network (communication platform)
- ▶ Joint publication

Gender and Identity: Theories from and/or on South-eastern Europe

Editors:

Jeļisaveta Blagojević, Katerina Kolozova and Svetlana Slapsak



Publishers

ATHENA Network,
OSI Network Women's Program, New York
Regional Network for Gender/Women's
Studies in SEE

(For the Network: Research Center in
Gender Studies, Skopje and Belgrade
Women's Studies and Gender Research
Center)

This edition assembled the most

significant authors and writings from the region of SEE on the themes of gender and identity. Broad thematic framework encompasses a variety of topics placed under the title of gender and identity. For more information about the content of the publication as well as information about the structure of the Network and

the databases, please visit www.gendersee.org.mk.

Project coordinators for RCGS:

Katerina Kolozova, Dusica Dimitrovska Gajdoska

Supported by:

Network Women's Program of OSI

Budget for the second phase: USD 19,990

School of Gender and Politics

Informal gender (women's/ feminist) studies intended to bring closer together theory and activism, knowledge and political action and thus critically contribute to the introduction of authentic

gender awareness.

In the fifth year, the prospective students were again invited to apply, through a public announcement. Following courses were offered in 2006:

I SEMESTER (April-June 2006)

- ▶ **Corporal Traces: Introduction of Feministic Reinterpretation of the Corporality**
Lecturer: Despina Angelovska, PhD
- ▶ **Gender Differences in Visual Culture**
Lecturer: Suzana Milevska, PhD

- ▶ **Cultural Anthropology – Tradition, Ethnology, Folklore (part one)**
Lecturer: Vesna Matijasevic-Pokuppec, PhD
- ▶ **Feministic Geography**
Lecturer: Zaklina Gestakovska, MA
- ▶ **Sexual Politics**
Lecturer: Zarko Trajanoski, MA

II SEMESTER

(October-December 2006)

- ▶ **Sociology of Culture and Gender**
Lecturer: Antoanela Petkovska, PhD
- ▶ **Mythology, Gender, Sexuality**
Lecturer: Maja Bojadzievska, PhD

- ▶ **Cultural Anthropology – Tradition, Ethnology, Folklore (part two)**

Lecturer: Vesna Matijasevic-Pokupec, PhD

- ▶ **Limits of Sexuality**

Lecturer: Zarko Trajanoski, MA

The School hosted 51 students (chosen out of 112 applicants)

Course Director:

Katerina Kolozova

Project coordinators: Dragana Karovska Cemerska, Viktorija Gavritova Stoilovska

Supported by: Kvinna till Kvinna

Budget: Euro 15,800.00

Training/Feminist Education Program for Women's NGO's

“Introduction into the Basics of Gender and Feminists Studies: Knowledge/s Tailored for Women's Activists in Macedonia”

Series of 7 lectures and workshops tailored for the needs of women's activists in Macedonia and organized in cooperation with Kvinna till Kvinna.

The program is structured in 3 clusters, each composed of two one-day sessions.

First cluster: 2-day training (each day

two sessions: theoretical introduction and discussion workshop)

1. Feminism (Empowerment of Women)
2. Patriarchy
3. Women's Human Rights (Human Security)

Second cluster: 2-day training (each day two sessions: theoretical introduction and discussion workshop)

1. Gender (history of the notion, chief authorities in the field);

2. Gender Representation;
3. Feminism of Sexual Difference;
4. Essentialism and Critique of Essentialism;

Third cluster: 3-day training (each day two sessions: theoretical introduction and discussion workshop)

1. History of Feminist Movement;
2. Identity (and Subjectivity): Gender, Sexual Identity; Ethnic/National Identity vis-à-vis the Gender Identity

In 2006, two sessions were held:

1. Introductory lecture and workshop:
**The issues of Macedonia:
 How Feminism deals with
 Multiculturalism, Ethnicity, and**

Nationalism.

Lecturer: Zarko Trajanoski, MA.
 Research Center in Gender Studies,
 November 4th 2006.

2. **History of Feminist Movement and Peace Initiatives (Key dates and names, with special accent on Macedonian feminist movement)**

Lecturer: Zarko Trajanoski, MA
 Research Center in Gender Studies,
 December 2nd, 2006.

Number of students: 18

Coordinator of the project:

Dusica Dimitrovska Gajdoska

Supported by: Kvinna till Kvinna

Budget: Euro 6,724.00

Publication program

IDENTITIES: JOURNAL FOR POLITICS, GENDER AND CULTURE

One of the main aims of the project is to contribute to the feminist theoretical and political debate in Macedonia. Each issue of the Journal consists of three parts (Politics/Identities;

Gender/Sexualities/Identities; Culture/Identities).

The three parts of the Journal provide space for the following topics:

1. Politics/Identities (Gender identity politics; Gender aspects of [other] identity politics; The main issues

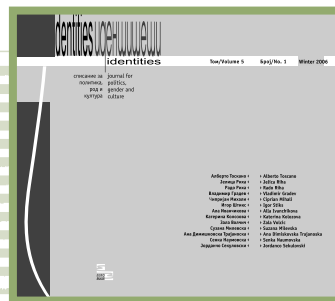
and currents of feminist political thought; The influence of various gender aspects of political identity, e.g. Is citizenship *ALWAYS ALREADY* gendered?)

2. Gender/Sexualities/Identities (Sex-gender distinction and the personal identity; Diversifying sexual identities; Sexual identities versus political identities)
3. Culture/Identities (Cultural identity through gender lenses; Multiculturalism and feminism; A feminist approach to cultural politics).

The rest of the Journal offers a significant number of succinct, summarizing reviews of the latest books and journals that appear in the rest of the world (notably in Western Europe and USA). It also provides space for authors from Macedonia and the region.

Identities: Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture is published bilingually, Macedonian/English (French or German)

in order to communicate regionally and be visible internationally. From the second issue on the reviews were published also bilingually, in Macedonian and Albanian. The idea was to attract various domestic publics, since the reviews are meant to address Macedonian scholars, researchers, and theorists.



In year 2006, two issues were published:

“Identities”: Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture

Vol. 5 / No. 1 / Winter 2006

“Identities”: Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture

Vol. 5 / No. 2 / Summer 2006

Executive Editors: Katerina Kolozova and Zarko Trajanoski

Associate Editors: Upon a recommendation of the Editorial Board

Editorial Manager: Dusica Dimitrovska Gajdoska

For more information, please visit www.identities.org.mk. The website was built with the support of Kvinna till Kvinna and enables on-line reading and full availability of the past issues of Identities.

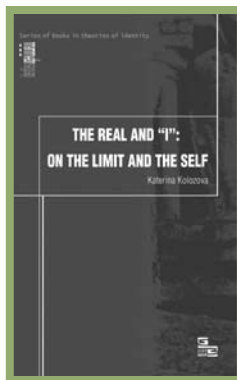
Since 2003, Identities is a member of CEEOL (Central and Eastern European Library).

Supported by: Kvinna Till Kvinna

Budget: Euro 13,000.00

SERIES OF BOOKS IN THEORIES OF IDENTITY

In year 2006, Research Center for Gender Studies launched a new publication project under the label of “Identities” - Series of Books in Theories of Gender.



Editor of the Series is Dusica Dimitrovska Gajdoska, and the first book within this series was published in June 2006: Katerina Kolozova

The Real and “I”: On the Limit and the Self

Skopje: Research Center in Gender Studies, 2006.

(ISBN 9989-136-48-3).

Supported by Kvinna till Kvinna in the framework of Identities project.

ORAL HISTORY PUBLICATIONS

Aleksandra Bubevska and Mirushe Hoxha

Women's Side of the Story: Personal Narratives about the Macedonian Crisis 2001

Skopje: Euro-Balkan Press, 2006.
(ISBN 9989-136-46-7)

Translators: Ognen Cemerski and Xhabir Ahmeti

Three-lingual publication (English, Macedonian, and Albanian)

The publication is a product of the research in the Macedonian crisis seen from the perspective of Albanian and Macedonian women and offers a collection of small, personal stories, neglected by the official history.

Supported by: Foundation Open Society Institute-Macedonia

Budget: USD 7,800.00

CENTER FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY (CPAPP)

The Euro Balkan Institute was one of the entities that were selected under the announcement for consultant services for support of the process of integration of the Republic of Macedonia in the European Union, published under the Public Procurement Law by the Secretariat for European Affairs, Government of the Republic of Macedonia at the beginning of 2006.

The period of implementation of the

consultant services under the granted contract is until the end of 2007.

The CPAPP was engaged in the implementation and coordination of the consultant activities delivered under the contract in 2006. The following activities were implemented:

- a. **Development of project proposals:**
 - ▶ “Macedonian Pro-European Lobby Group”;
 - ▶ “EU Press Center”;

- ▶ “Center for European Cultures”;
- ▶ A Series of Summer Schools for Young Faculty from Southeast Europe “Macedonia and the European University Today”;
- ▶ “Learning about the EU”;
- ▶ “EU at Local Level”;
- ▶ Preliminary Principles for Development of National Strategy on European Integration and Social Inclusion in the Republic of Macedonia.

b. Analysis:

- ▶ Analysis of the Attitude of Printed Media in the Republic of Macedonia towards the Process of European Integration of the Republic of Macedonia (1999-2006);
- ▶ Analysis of the Organizational Structure and Internal Procedures in the Secretariat for European Affairs.

c. Revisions of individual chapters of the draft National Program for Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA) on:

- ▶ Education and Culture;

- ▶ Science and Research;
- ▶ Trans-European Networks;
- ▶ Administrative Capacities to Implement the Acquis;
- ▶ Political Criteria;
- ▶ Information Society and Media.

Coordinator of the project:

Tatjana Trendafilova

Total budget: Euro 40,000.00

Support to promotion of reciprocal understanding of relations and dialogue between the European Union and the Western Balkans

Under heading 19.02.02 of the general budget of the European Union, the European Commission awarded a framework agreement for the period 2004 - 2006 to the European Institute Bulgaria, Institute for Contemporary Studies - Albania, Euro Balkan Institute - Macedonia, SMEs Policy Center- Croatia, NGO Foundation - BiH and Belgrade Center for European Integration - Serbia to promote reciprocal understanding

of relations and dialogue between the European Union and the Western Balkans, covered by CARDS Regulations. The project goal is to facilitate the understanding between the European Union and the individual Western Balkans (WB) countries through support of the EU driven reforms in the region. More specifically, it is aimed at supporting the EU integration policies implementation in WB countries, assisting the institutional and legislative development and advancement of national capacities in critical issues for the individual WB countries sectors, contributing to the dissemination of specific skills that are needed to consolidate reforms and broaden the understanding of EU policy towards the region.

The project has two components:

1. NATIONAL RESEARCHES

The aim of this component is to analyze the current situation,

identify gaps, deficits, provide policy recommendations on how to avoid mistakes and share best practices in the areas such as trade liberalization, visa regime and Macedonian point of view towards the European Perspectives of the Balkans. In 2006 the following National Reports were prepared:

Mrs. Silvana Mojsovska

Research: REGIONAL TRADE INTEGRATION OF THE SEE COUNTRIES

Mr. Trpe Stojanovski

Research: LIBERALIZATION OF THE VISA REGIME AND MIGRATION POLICY – REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Team of Euro Balkan experts

Research: MACEDONIAN'S POINT OF VIEW OF THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES OF THE BALKAN

2. PANEL DISCUSSIONS

As a part of the project, Euro Balkan Institute organized two panel discussions on the above-mentioned topics in which other local experts

from the relevant fields gave their contribution with proposals and suggestions.

Project Coordinator: Borjan Naumovski

RESOURCE CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY AND SECURITY (RCDS)

**Grant Scheme for Nature Protection, Valorization of Cultural Heritage and Cooperation among Public Institutions at Regional/Local Level
Republic of Macedonia-Republic of Bulgaria**

MUNICIPALITY OF RANKOVCE AND MUNICIPALITY OF NEVESTINO

The RCDS prepared a project on contractual basis for the Municipality of Rankovce aimed at creating complementary eco-tourist complex to that of the Municipality of Nevestino where the natural treasure of the Rankovce will be protected and conserved and linked to one of its most

Supported by: European Commission (CARDS Programme)

Budget: Euro 9,560.00

important cultural monuments, the Monastery of St. Ilija, providing at the same time opportunities for increased tourist inflow and diversification of the economic and employment activities of the Municipality. The proposed action, if approved (to be decided by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria and European Agency for Reconstruction in RM), will link the development of a fishing and recreational capacity at one of its artificial accumulation lakes with the rehabilitation of a walking path leading to the Monastery of St. Ilija that is situated in a picturesque spot rich in wildlife and spring waters. The

proposed action will be implemented in cooperation with the Municipality of Nevestino, Republic of Bulgaria that will provide backstopping, transfer of knowledge and experiences and support in integrating the complex into the existing tourist route of the region. Both Municipalities will collaborate in developing joint tourist promotion activities and exchange of tourists, like a web-site and a documentary that will promote the eco-tourist complex of Rankovce and that of Nevestino.

Coordinator of the project:

Danilo Mandik

Supported by: Municipality of Rankovce (contracting service), Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria and European Agency for Reconstruction in RM (support for the Municipality of Rankovce)

Budget: Euro 2000 (contracting service), Euro 248,462.00 (total eligible cost of the action)

MUNICIPALITY OF RADOVIS AND MUNICIPALITY OF RAZLOG

The RCDS prepared a project on contractual basis for the Municipality of Radovis aimed at revival and sustainable development of the Municipality of Radovis in collaboration with the Municipality of Razlog from Republic of Bulgaria. This shall be achieved (if the project is to be approved by EAR form RM and the Bulgarian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works) through improvement of the access to the tourist attractions and facilities, their reconstruction along with the equipment of a tourist info centre, the improvement of the community skills and competences through capacity building activities and a strategic tourist promotion. The LEAP Plan of the municipality provides for creating the necessary infrastructure of the City Park through construction,

reconstruction, upgrading and extension of walking paths, green area, park facilities and equipment, cultural and natural attractions and reconstruction/upgrading of the City museum as part of the local tourism product. The local tourism product should extend the road infrastructure and connect the main tourist attractions, such as the city monastery St. "Troica", the Central city district, the City Park and the Museum with the info-tourist centre where the accommodation facilities are located.

Coordinator of the project:

Ljiljana Asenov

Supported by: Municipality of Radovis (contracting service), Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria and European Agency for Reconstruction in RM (support for the Municipality of Radovis)

Budget: Euro 2000 (contracting service), Euro 301,612.72 (total eligible cost of the action)

SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IN REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

The RCDS has been assigned by the European Commission (Employment, Social Affairs and Equal opportunities DG) to prepare a study on "Social protection and social inclusion in Republic of Macedonia" (to be finished until June 2007). The purpose of the study is to inform the forthcoming process of negotiations for the accession of RM to the EU in the area of social protection and social inclusion, and in particular contribute to the "Joint Inclusion Memorandum". It will provide up-to-date and relevant analysis and information on the structure of the social protection system, the extent and pattern of poverty and social exclusion and the envisaged plans for reforms of pension and healthcare systems. These are central subjects for the Open Method of Coordination that the EU has put in place since 2000 in the

framework of the Lisbon Strategy. The study will follow the general outline of a previous series of studies on “The social protection systems in the 13 candidate countries” that was carried out in 2002 for the Commission by GVG, as well as a study on “Social Protection and Social Inclusion in Croatia” carried out by the Institute of Economics, Zagreb.

Coordination of the project:

Tatjana Sikoska

Supported by: European Commission-Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG

Budget: Euro 25,708.00

Thematic Evaluation of Four Projects: Bridges for the New Balkans, Mozaik-Bilingual Kindergartens, Safe Schools in Community at Risk and Children, Theatre, Education

This study documents and assesses the effects of four projects funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation on the inter-ethnic

relations and dialogue in Macedonia, measured through changes that occur on cognitive, emotional and behavioural levels of the beneficiaries. It does so by analyzing and assessing data collected through qualitative and quantitative research techniques by using a combination of two quasi-experimental evaluation methods: matching comparison group and reflexive comparison of the same group.

Main analytical variables:

▶ **Interethnic-relations seen as:**

- ▶ inter-ethnic relations which exist only in subjective awareness or subjective perceptions of an individual;
- ▶ objective inter-ethnic relations which exist independently of whether someone is aware of them or not;
- ▶ inter-ethnic relations in the process of being transformed from one kind into another, or being interrelated with each other.

- ▶ **Inter-ethnic dialogue seen as:**
- ▶ existing communication among members of different ethnic groups.

Main indicators:

- ▶ **Quantitative (general)**
- ▶ Increase in inter-ethnic contacts;
- ▶ Increase in friendships among members of different ethnic groups;
- ▶ Increase in knowledge about one's own culture;
- ▶ Increase in knowledge about the culture of other ethnic groups;
- ▶ Decrease in prejudice and stereotypes;
- ▶ Incidence of verbal and physical aggression.
- ▶ **Qualitative (general)**
- ▶ Depth of personal communication among members of different ethnic groups
- ▶ (acquaintance, friendship, etc);
- ▶ Increase in empathy;
- ▶ Increase in self-esteem;
- ▶ Improved perception about one-self and about others.

- ▶ **Specific and in addition for parents**
- ▶ Degree/level of initial motivation;
- ▶ Degree/level of parent's participation in project activities;
- ▶ Level of interest of parents towards other parents;
- ▶ Level of parent's interaction.

For the purposes of this thematic evaluation, three methods and instruments were used: a) participative research or observation, b) interviews (in-depth and semi structured) and c) questionnaires.

Duration of the project: 15 April – 30 July 2006

Project Leader: Tatjana Sikoska

Project Assistant: Viktorija Gavritova Stoilovska

Project Coordinators: Ilija Milcevski, Borjan Naumovski, Aleksandar Stamatov, Nadica Kostoska

Supported by: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Budget: Euro 68,020.00

OHRID SUMMER UNIVERSITY (OSU)

Regional Seminar in Gender/Women's Studies and European Studies 2004-2006:

"Gender and Women's Studies for South Eastern Europe: Rethinking Ideologies and Strategies of their European Integration."

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The Regional Seminar in Gender/Women's Studies and European Studies, 2006, hosted up to 25 young academics from South Eastern Europe, involved in teaching and research in the field of gender/women's studies or in some other discipline from the realms of social studies and humanities consistently embracing the gender perspective in their work.

The participants were invited to attend summer sessions and follow-on events with short courses, workshops and

roundtables, an international forum, etc.

Through the intersection of the gender/women's and the European studies, introducing the integrative European perspective, the seminar undertook the task of situating these points of specificity into the wider European theoretical/scientific legacy in the realm of gender/women's studies. Thus, by way of placing the specificity into its European context, through the comparative approach, the Seminar is an occasion to explore points of intellectual and theoretical commonality. The aim was to critically situate oneself with respect to the European identity as a cultural and political one, while exploring concepts of gender, knowledge and institutionalized higher education created and promoted by, both, the chief decision-making instances of EU

as well as its relevant alternatives/ critiques. The purpose was, thus, to introduce the most influential and provocative contemporary concepts of European model-culture and (institutionalized) education - and in particular, the gender/women's studies with an interdisciplinary overlapping with the European studies - in order to initiate creative critique inclusive of the legitimacy of the SEE specific standpoint.

Activities in 2006:

- ▶ **Winter Session 2006:** "Ideologies of the Classroom: Investigating Gender/Women's Studies Transformative Role in the Democratization of Teaching Practices," February 2nd-5th, Skopje
Resource persons: Svetlana Slapsak, Gabriele Griffin, Bozidar Slapsak

- ▶ **Summer Session 2006:** "Questions of Multiculturalism in Europe from the Perspective of Gender Studies: Teaching and Study of Hybrid Identities," September 10th-24th, Ohrid
- ▶ **Resource persons:** Gabriele Griffin, Alberto Toscano, Mary Ellen Schmider, Suzana Milevska, Svetlana Slapsak

For more information please visit:
www.gendersee.org.mk.

Duration of the project: 3 years

Course Director: Katerina Kolozova

Project coordinators: Jasminka Kuzmanovska, Dusica Dimitrovska Gajdoska

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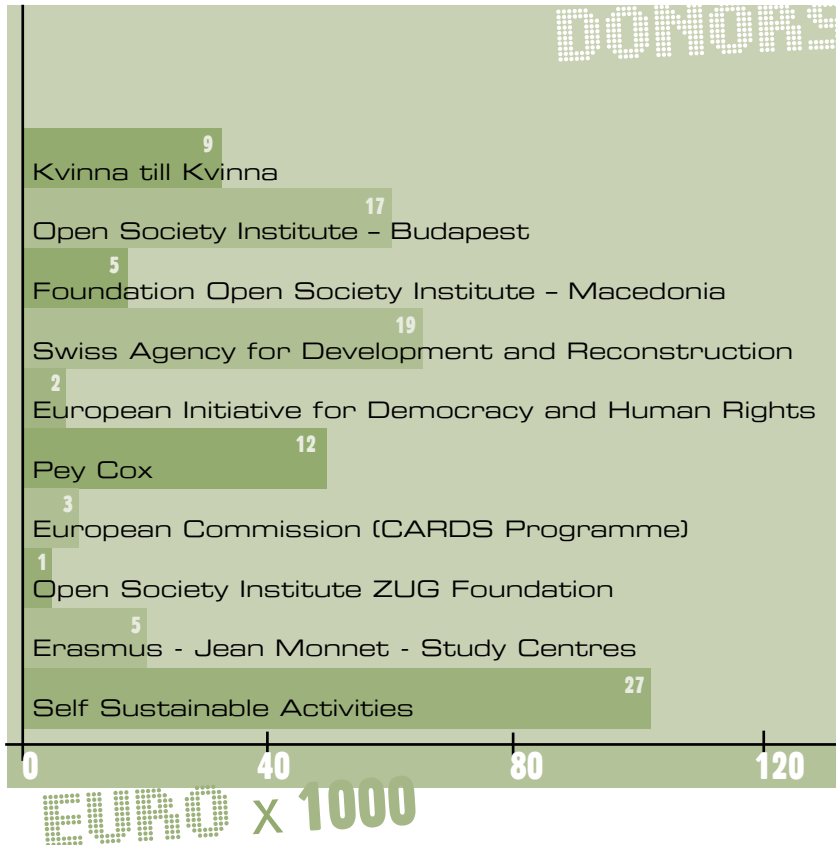
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