



**Interethnic Integration in Education Project**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

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**I. IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES**

**Component 1 - Community Outreach**

- **Ribbon cutting ceremony in the demonstration school SGUGS Zdravko Cvetkovski.** The IIEP team, in cooperation with the secondary school Zdravko Cvetkovski and the City of Skopje organized a ribbon cutting ceremony that marked the completion of the renovation activities in the demonstration school in Skopje. This event was used for presentation of the student activities that are implemented within this school, in order to share the good practices and examples that contribute to the creation of the ethnic harmony and cooperation among the students, their parents, teachers and neighbors.
- **Support of the workshop for school activities organized via a small grant in 2016.** In cooperation with the MIM, at the workshops for the schools that were approved a small grant for joint student activities, an additional session for the schools was held in order for them to acquire additional knowledge for promotion of the activities supported with the grant.
- **Public event for promotion of educational animated videos.** A public event was organized for promotion of the educational animated videos. In addition to the screening of the videos, the event was used for demonstrating and presenting the successful joint student activities in the schools, that meet the criteria and the standards presented in the videos. The public event was attended by more than 200 visitors - representatives of donors, educational institutions, NGOs and schools.
- **Training for five (5) newly-selected schools for implementation of creative workshops.** In partnership with PAC Multimedia, a workshop was held for the teachers on the topic of organization of creative workshops in five newly-selected secondary schools. Each school participated with a team of two teachers who will later on use the acquired skills and knowledge in their work with groups of selected 25-30 students in each school. The creative workshops within the schools will start as of March and they will last until June 2016. The final presentations of the schools will be organized as of September 2016. The table below shows the selected municipalities and secondary schools for creative workshops.

Municipality	School
Krusevo	SS "Naum Naumovski Borce"
Tetovo	SOU "Mosa Pijade"
Sveti Nikole	SS "Koco Racin"
Radovis	SS "Kosta Susinov"
Gevgelija	SS "Josif Josifovski"

- **Meeting with an editor from TV Telma.** A meeting was held with Ms. Snezana Lupevska, an editor in TV Telma, in order to discuss the future possibilities for media coverage and for informing the public about the activities within the schools. Furthermore, it was agreed to prepare stories about the activities (students, partnerships, etc.).
- **Preparations for public debates.** In cooperation with the YEF, a concept was prepared for organization of public debates in the course of the months of March and April. The first debate will be held in Tetovo, and it will be followed by the public debates in Karpos and Struga. For these events, invitations will be sent to school representatives, principals, teachers and



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students from the secondary schools, representatives from the partner organizations, etc.

- **Regular informing of institutions, municipalities and schools about the IIEP activities.** Part of the activities covered regular updating of the information and publishing of news and stories about the course of the activities on the project's web site: [www.pmio.mk](http://www.pmio.mk). The Project team, together with school representatives, appeared in several morning and radio shows in order to share the achievements made so far. The media digest was prepared and shared with all media throughout the country. In addition, the activities organised during this period were also supported and covered by the media.

### Component 2 – Capacity Building of School Management and Teachers

- **Holding a supervision meeting with master trainers and members of Loja and Sumnal.** At the meeting, the master trainers were provided instructions in terms of the holding of mentoring meetings for quality assurance during the implementation of IIE activities and successful implementation of a formal certification evaluation.
- **Support during the implementation of mentoring meetings with the SITs of the schools from all 3 phases.** Support was provided during the organization of 35 mentoring meetings that were attended by representatives of about 230 elementary and secondary schools. The goal of the mentoring meetings is to give guidelines to the schools for promotion of the quality of the IIE activities, and to enhance the capacities of the SIT for successful implementation of the certification process.
- **Support in the implementation of the visits for support during evaluation of a monitored joint activity.** The implementation of the visits for support of the multilingual schools from all phases continued. The IIEP team, in cooperation with the master trainers and the mentors from the partner organizations Loja and Sumnal provided support to the SIT-s during the implementation of the process of evaluation of a monitored joint activity.
- **Support in the implementation of the visits for support during evaluation of a monitored joint activity in renovated schools from Phase 3.** Visits were started for support of the 10 renovated schools from Phase 3, aimed at promotion of the IIE and ensuring sustainability. The purpose of these visits is to support the SITs in the planning and monitoring of independent multicultural and joint activities and implementing an evaluation of these activities as part of the procedure for IIE certification.
- **Small grants for joint student activities.** A small grant for implementation of joint student activities was awarded to a total of 70 schools that meet the project criteria.
- **Workshop for the schools that are part of the small grants programme.** A workshop was organized for the schools that were approved small grants for joint student activities. At the workshop, the schools had the opportunity to learn about the administrative and financial obligations related to the grant, to analyze the criteria for successful joint student activity in more detail, and to acquire additional knowledge about the promotion of the activities supported by the grant.
- **Educational animated video for an integrated school club.** The short animated video for successful implementation of an integrated school club was finalized and it was translated to Albanian, Turkish, Serbian and English.
- **Posters-tools for IIE.** The posters-tools for IIE for the schools were distributed to all municipalities. The first poster – Activity Planner serves as a reminder about the planned IIE activities in the school and for informing all the teachers about the ongoing IIE activities. The second poster – Parent Info serves for providing information to the parents about the IIE activities in the school. The poster may be used for placing IIE notifications and information, photos from implemented activities, calls for participation of the parents, etc. A copy of each poster was sent to every school, for each school building.
- **Meetings with the mayors in the municipalities for enhanced cooperation between the municipality and the schools.** Meetings were held with mayors, education officials and



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advisors for the purposes of agreeing on the plan of activities for implementation of enhanced cooperation about IIE in 8 (eight) municipalities: Tetovo, Gostivar, Radovis, Stip, Cucer Sandevo, Krusevo, Caska and Karpos.

- **First meetings with the SIT coordinators and the school principals in the municipalities for enhanced cooperation.** In four municipalities for enhanced cooperation (Tetovo, Caska, Veles and Karpos), the education officials organized the first meetings with the SIT coordinators and the principles for the purposes of promoting the cooperation relations between the municipality and the schools.
- **Selection of schools for joint student spots and fun activities.** 10 multilingual elementary schools were selected and action plan for joint student sports and fun activities was prepared.
- **Finalization of the Handbook for joint student sport and fun activities.** The prepared text of the Handbook for joint student sport and fun activities was revised by the consultants on joint student sport and fun activities.

### Component 3 – Demonstration Schools

- **Parent Initiatives.** Upon an initiative of the parents, 18 parents and 20 students visited the Museum of the City of Kumanovo. With the assistance of the museum curators, the participants got familiar with the history of the city.
- **School Performances.** One school performance was organized in the ES Sande Sterjoski, Kichevo on the occasion of the Annual School Day. The school performance comprised multicultural and integrated acts.
- **Integrated regular classes.** A total of five integrated English classes were held during the month. Two between the partner schools from Kumanovo, one in Kicevo, one in Ohrid and one in Gostivar.
- **Multicultural workshops.** A total of 28 multicultural workshops with 14 different groups were held in all demonstration schools.
- **Joint student activities.** A total of 18 regular meetings of 8 different school clubs were held as joint student activities.
- **Promotion of the school.** On the occasion of the ribbon cutting ceremony in the secondary school Zdravko Cvetkovski, the school presented four IIE activities before the attendees, more specifically: joint choir performance, joint student activities from the Modelling and Ecology school clubs, as well as undertaking student initiatives through the school bodies.

### Component 4 – Providing Incentives to Schools

- **Selection of 13 schools.** From 437 invited schools, 207 schools submitted applications for selection of schools for participation in the activities in this component in 2016. The received applications and evaluation criteria were submitted to the members of the working groups to evaluate all applications and to submit the results to the component for providing incentives to schools and to the local communities. The working group comprised of representatives of the EUCOM, the Ministry of Education and Science - Capital Investments Department and IIEP representatives summarized the results and adopted a list of 13 schools that will be included in the activities in this component during phase 5.

Selected schools in Component 4 – phase V					
No.	Region	Municipality	Town/Village	Elementary / Secondary	School Name
1	Pelagonija	Krusevo	v.Bucin	Elementary	St. Kiril i Metodij
2	Skopje	Saraj	v.Rasce	Elementary	Drita
3	Polog	Brvenica	v.Stence	Elementary	Goce Delcev



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4	South-West	Struga	Struga	Secondary	Niko Nestor
5	Skopje	Gazi Baba	v.Jurumleri	Elementary	Njegos
6	Skopje	Chair	Skopje	Elementary	Rajko Zinzifov
7	Pelagonija	Mogila	v.Dedebalci	Elementary	Brakja Miladinovci
8	Vardar	Veles	Veles	Secondary	Kole Nedelkovski
9	Pelagonija	Bitola	Bitola	Elementary	St. Kliment Ohridski
10	Vardar	Caska	v.Gorno Jabolciste	Elementary	Liria
11	Vardar	Kavadarci	Kavadarci	Elementary	Lazo Micev - Rale
12	North-East	Rankovce	v.Rankovce	Elementary	Hristijan Todorovski Karpos
13	Polog	Jegunovce	v.Jegunovce	Elementary	Aleksandar Zdravkovski

We have sent letters with notification regarding the results from the selection to 13 selected schools and municipalities. The list of the 13 selected schools is published at <http://pmio.mk/news/>.

- **Establishing School Renovation Teams (SRT).** In two schools from phase 5, the team from Component 4 held introductory meetings with representatives from the school and the municipality. The activities that will follow in the course of the year were presented at the meetings between the schools and the municipalities.
- **Submission of the Guidelines Manual for Maintenance of School Buildings.** The Guidelines Manual for Maintenance of School Buildings (in Macedonian and Albanian) was submitted to all municipalities, all municipal secondary and elementary schools, all state elementary and secondary schools, the Ministry of Education and Science and the inspectors of the State Education Inspectorate.
- **Participation of the municipalities and the schools in the process of renovation.** There is an ongoing process of collection of the necessary documentation for documenting the participation of the municipalities and the schools in the renovation activities, which participation is to meet the necessary minimal threshold of 10%.

### Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Electronic survey.** A meeting was held with the members of the MoES Working Group regarding the electronic survey.



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### II. ACTIVITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH

#### Component 1 - Community Outreach

- Preparation and organization of ribbon-cutting ceremonies in the PS Petre Pop Arsov in Bogomila, Caska and the PS "Kiril and Metodij" in Kanatlarci, Prilep.
- Preparation and conducting of a Training for trainers about forum theatre methodology.
- Public debates in the secondary schools in the municipality of Tetovo and the municipality of Karpos.
- Training on debate program in the SS "Cvetan Dimov" in the municipality of Cair.
- Regular updating of the information and publishing of news and stories about the course of the activities on the project's web page: [www.pmio.mk](http://www.pmio.mk)

#### Component 2 – Capacity Building of School Management and Teachers

- Continuation of the organization of the mentoring meetings with the SITs from all three phases.
- Continuation of the visits to multilingual schools for provision of support to the evaluators in the monitoring of joint activities.
- Continuation of the visits to renovated schools from Phase 3 for provision of support to the evaluators in the monitoring of independent and joint activities.
- Workshops with renovated schools (32) for continuation of activities for promotion of the IIE and for sustainability of the accomplished changes.
- Providing support in the planning, preparation and implementation of joint student activities supported with small grants.
- One-day workshops in 3 groups with participation of the municipal education officials and the authorized inspectors.
- Two-day training for teachers-trainers on joint student sports and fun activities.
- First meetings with the SIT coordinators and the school directors for six municipalities for enhanced cooperation.
- Selection of 10 schools for parental involvement in the planning, implementation and promotion of IIE and start of the cooperation with the Parent Councils and the SITs.

#### Component 3 – Demonstration Schools

- Implementing regular extracurricular activities, school clubs and multicultural workshops.
- Holding joint integrated classes.
- Implementing student initiatives.
- Celebration of "Letnik" – parental initiative in Ohrid.
- Holding meetings for support with all demonstration schools.
- Work meeting with representatives of the municipality of Kicevo.

#### Component 4 – Providing Incentives to Schools

- Introductory meetings in 11 schools, wherein in 13 schools second meetings will be held during which school renovation teams will be established.
- Organization of a training for the SRT for 13 schools from Phase 5 for definition of the renovation needs, preparation of an application and budget for renovation and preparation of annual plans and budgets for maintenance of the schools;
- Monthly meetings for monitoring of the school maintenance works in 13 schools from phase 4.
- Documenting the participation of the municipalities and the schools in the renovation activities.

#### Monitoring and Evaluation

- Preparation of electronic survey with the municipalities.