



Dear readers,

Welcome back at the pages of the fall edition of our Newsletter where you will find information on what have we been working on in the period of June – September 2022.

Summer season offers opportunities to increase the outdoor work-related activities and recreate the usual everyday environment which helps recharging and moving forward, refreshed and with new ideas.

We at CeProSARD are happy to sum up the results of successfully implemented activities from the past months. and carry on our dedicated work in shaping the policies for sustainable development related to environment and climate change as efficient way for creation of positive change in the society. Our commitment for social progress based on the principal values of peace, freedom, equal rights and human dignity are even stronger.

Our priority remains the accomplishment of the goals for sustainable development, especially goals 16 and 17 which are the base of CeProSARD's long term strategy: promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provision of access to justice for all, building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, as well as strengthening the means of implementation and revitalization of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

For the past three months our team worked on the following projects and activities: Inclusion and promotion of horticultural therapy for people with disabilities (project TIMOR); Project for highly efficient heating system that uses RES for the public buildings in Radovis – particularly important given the current circumstances in this energy sector at global level (project Green Heat); Building skills for implementation of social services for supported living in the community (activities of the project implemented with the support of city of Skopje). We performed evaluation of the applications for re-granting and identified the needs for upgrading the knowledge and skills for future social entrepreneurship within the project "Support to social entrepreneurship by following the principle - 'Leave no one behind'".

We are especially pleased for the establishment of the **Education center for professional training and career development – CEPRO EDU DOOEL Skopje**, which will further develop and act in creation of different programs for education and career development for adults. Our aim is to offer quality educational programs in the areas of our work and are committed to enable successful education and development to all our training participants.

Read more details in continuation of this Newsletter.

Warm greetings from all members of the CeProSARD team.

Project "Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect – TIMOR"

The past three months have been extremely successful and productive for the team of the project "Together for introduction of more opportunities and respect - TIMOR", in which continued the process of deinstitutionalization of the persons with intellectual disabilities from Demir Kapija Special Institute in residential units for living with support in the community, as well as activities related to their rehabilitation and adaptation in the society.

In July, we had an **official opening of a small group home** which was attended by the Minister of Labor and Social Policy, Ms. Jovanka Trenchevska and the Mayor of the Municipality of Demir Kapija, Mr. Lazar Petrov.

In the same quarter, **three new small group homes for living with support in the community were opened** - two of them located in Demir Kapija and one located in Gradsko. So far, within the framework of the project, a total number of 8 small group homes for supported living in the community have been opened and functional, and a **total number of 40 persons with intellectual disabilities from DKSI have been resettled in their new homes.**

In the period July-August, we continued with the implementation of the activity - providing innovative social services in the community for which a "**Guideline for building skills for implementation of services for horticultural therapy**" was prepared by two consultants - Prof. Dr. Zoran Dimov, professor at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food and Stojan Andonov, occupational therapist. In August, they held **one day theoretical training for implementation of rehabilitation services through occupational horticultural therapy**. The training was attended by 25 experts and assistants for supported living who gained skills in the field of implementation of occupational therapy through the use of healing herbs and plants, according to the prepared Guideline.

In the period August-September, we held two days of **practical training for implementation of horticultural therapy** for rehabilitation purposes in four housing units for living with support in the community in Veles and Demir Kapija. The occupational therapist, gave practical and simple examples of occupational horticultural therapy (techniques) in home conditions, which aim to improve the physical and mental condition of people with disabilities. The users took active part in the trainings. The trainings were attended by the director of the Demir Kapija Special Institution, Ms. Aleksandra Velkovska, a representative from the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of the Republic of North Macedonia, Ms. Iva Mihajlovska, assistants, coordinators of the small group homes and some of the experts employed in DKSI.

Within the cluster of activities - project management and project coordination, the **8th meeting of the project Consortium** was held on 28.09.2022. At the meeting, the completed activities within the period May-September were presented, the current activities were discussed with the aim for quality realization, the new aspects of work arising from the newly opened residential units, as well as a plan for the successful completion of the upcoming activities in the period from October - December 2022. After the meeting, the project team together with the president of the Loza Foundation and the president of the board of directors of the foundation visited the housing units opened within the project and held a meeting about future opportunities for cooperation, financing and supporting activities as a continuation of the existing project goals.





The project is funded by EU IPA II 2017, EU Action Program to support education, employment and social policy support in the process of deinstitutionalization in the social sector.

The project is funded by the European Union.

The project duration is 36 months and it is implemented by CA CeProSARD in consortium with:

- Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia – ASER;
- Special Institute Demir Kapija PI;
- Municipality of Demir Kapija;
- Foundation Loza, Sweden

CeProSARD - Verified organisation for holding training for assistants for supported living in the community

In September, we have successfully completed the process of **verification of the adult education organisation "Education center for professional training and career development" - CEPRO EDU doool Skopje**. The organisation is verified according to the Law on Adult Education (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 7/08, 17/11, 51/11, 74/12, 144/14, 146/15, 30/16 and 64/18). We are starting with education of future assistants to provide the service of living with support for people with disabilities in the community, through the verified Education Program at the Adult Education Center - AEC.

In the future, we will develop programs and work on education and career development of adults in all areas of our work fields. In particular, we will focus on the verification of programs for improving the energy efficiency of buildings and the use of renewable energy sources, as well as developing programs in the area of organic production.

Project "Support to social enterprises by following the principle - Leave no one behind"

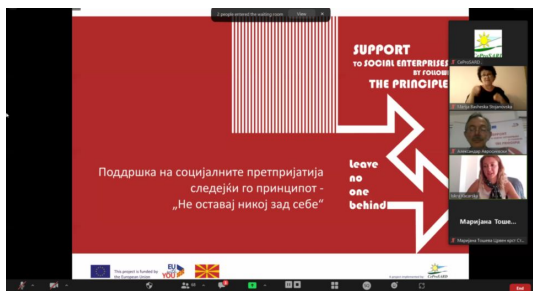
In order to announce the open call for re-granting and support of potential and existing social enterprises, a Round Table - **"Challenges and Opportunities for the development of the social economy in the Republic of North Macedonia"** was organized in the past quarter. The event was organized as part of the project activities that aim to support social enterprises and find solutions to meet their needs, to improve the working conditions and capacity of social enterprises in the Republic of North Macedonia and to support the development of potential and existing social enterprises to significantly increase their operational capacity,

In the past period, the project team worked and announced the **public call for re-granting of organisations** in order to support entities that act in an entrepreneurial way, create innovative and unconventional solutions for current social challenges, create value for society and all stakeholders. After the end of the public call and evaluation of the received applications, 6 organizations were selected, the results of which are published on the website of CA CeProSARD.

At the same time, the project team of the project continuously works on strengthening the cooperation

sustainability, access to markets and the green economy, while supporting the increase in employment of vulnerable groups of people, which will contribute to their social and professional reintegration.

With aim to improve the overall capacities of potential and existing social enterprises and define their specific needs, an **Assessment of the needs and capacities of Social Enterprises** has been prepared as well.



between organizations, local self-government and public institutions, and their networking through held meetings and signed **10 Memorandums for Cooperation**, from which 8 are signed with the local self-government.

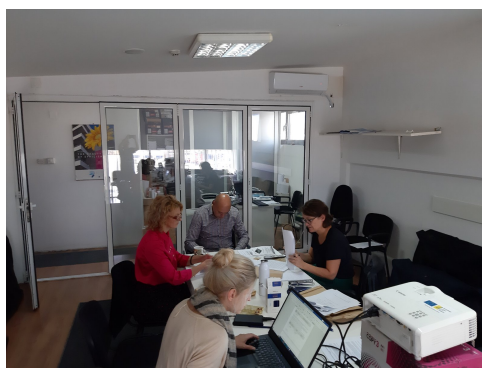
The project is funded by the European Union.
Implementation period December 2021- May 2023

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Team of experts engaged within the Green Heat project prepared **technical documentation for heating of five public buildings** in Radovich. The system is based on solar energy as primary renewable source of energy. This is in accordance with the results and the recommendations of the previously performed **Analysis for utilization of highly-efficient alternative systems for heating** that use renewable energy, which takes into account the most available sources of RE but also the current events in the energy sector.

The technical solution foresees **installation of photovoltaic for production of electricity on the roofs of the 5 buildings**. This electricity will be used for the needs of the new heating system with heat pumps. The advantage of this system is that it is based on the most available local source of energy and is not dependent on additional sources. The surplus of the produced electricity is additional benefit for the municipality.



The project is funded by the IPA "EU for Municipalities" programme which aims at piloting innovative solutions to local problems in the municipalities to strengthen their capacity to cope with their competencies while copying and adapting best practice solutions from local authorities in EU Member States, and to improve the involvement of local stakeholders in problem solving.

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Project - "Building skills for implementation of social services for supported living in the community"

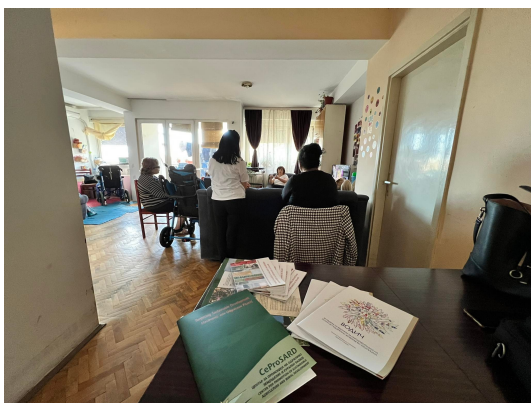
Within the project "Building skills for the implementation of social services for supported living in the community" implemented by CA CeProSARD in the past quarter, the activities related to **theoretical and practical training** for improvement of the knowledge and skills for taking care and support of persons with disabilities were completed.

After 6 days of theoretical trainings divided in two groups of participants, on September 29th we organised practical trainings in a small group home in Skopje under management of the Special Institute Demir Kapija. The practical part of the training was attended by 19 people from the paramedic department at SUGS "Maria Kiri Sklodovska" and 17 assistants for supported living.

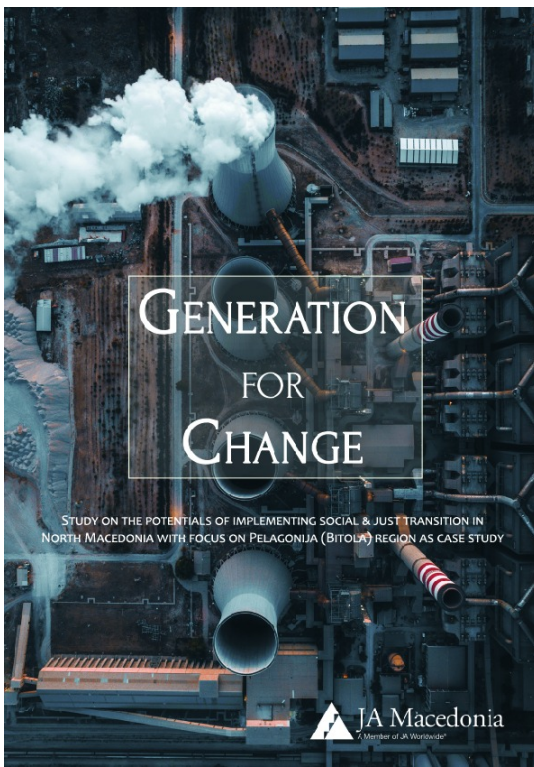
Through the training for the education of assistants for supported living in the community, the participants had the opportunity to get acquainted with new ways and methods of performing the social service of assistants for supported living in the community for people with disabilities. The following topics were covered in the theoretical and practical part of the training: modern approaches in providing support to the user, ways to organize the workplace, care for the health of the user of the service and many others. After the successful completion of the theoretical and practical part of the training, the participants obtained a **Certificate** for completion of a training for assistants for supported living.

The project is financed by the City of Skopje in accordance with the Program for activities in the field of social, child and health care in the city of Skopje for 2022 and in accordance with the Decision on financing Projects and project activities of citizens' associations and foundations No. 08-287/1 of 17.03 .2022. Implementation period May 2022 - October 2022.

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A study of the local context for a just transition in the country, with Bitola region as a case study – Generation for Change



For the needs of the project “[Panda labs junior for just transition](#)” CeProSARD prepared the Study on the local context for just transition in the country, with Bitola region as case study – Generation for change. The project is focused on the just transition, environmental protection and green entrepreneurship in North Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro and Bulgaria.

In Macedonia, the project is Implemented by Junior Achievement Macedonia, and the study is part of the commitment for promotion of social and just transition concept in the frame of the processes that will be take place until 2030, in accordance with the trends for inclusive transition toward green economy.

This project is part of the Europe climate initiative ([EUKI](#)) of the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection ([BMU](#)). The main goal is to contribute toward just transition and on-time development of knowledge and entrepreneurship capacities for the young generation in the coal regions.

Click [here](#) if you like to read or download the document on Macedonian language.

Trainings held in the field of environmental protection - cooperation with the business sector from the north-eastern planning region

CA CeProSARD in cooperation with RE Service activities in the Company for construction, trade and services “Kozjak” AD Kumanovo, in August held a field training aiming to increase the knowledge of the employees on taking care of the environment. The training was held in the premises of AD “Kozjak” in the Betonjera subsidiary - an installation for the production of ready-mix concrete and in the Kamenolom Krasta subsidiary - an installation for the mining of limestone mineral raw material.



The training covered multiple thematic areas, such as: possible sources of pollution of air, water and soil media; ways of management, monitoring and taking measures to reduce the impacts of current pollution of air, water and soil media; methods of managing communal and hazardous waste; possible sources of noise and vibration and measures for protection and their reduction; condition with existing biodiversity, monitoring and revitalization.

The training is financed by the Company for construction, trade and services “Kozjak” AD Kumanovo.