



IMPROVING SOCIAL INCLUSION at the local level

SUMMARY



8
ACTIVITIES
IMPLEMENTED



170,000
EUROS
INVESTED



34
MUNICIPALITIES HAVE
DIRECTLY BENEFITTED

KEY RESULTS

4 analyses created and presented to local self-governments:

- Situation analysis of institutional capacities, employability of vulnerable groups and social protection
- Analysis of local mechanisms for social inclusion and employment
Analysis of active and passive employment policy measures
- Analysis of the needs of vulnerable groups and social protection services in 3 municipalities

6 workshops for strengthening the capacities of local actors for social inclusion and employment implemented with the participation of over 100 people

65% of 34 municipalities use newly presented methodologies and plans

3 social protection services for elderly persons established in Merošina, Bujanovac and Bosilegrad

28 vulnerable persons self-employed through awarded grants

7 methodologies and plans created and given to local self-governments to use:

- Methodology for the assessment of needs of vulnerable groups for social protection services
- Plan for strengthening institutional capacities for social inclusion and employment
- Steps for institutionalisation and operationalization of social inclusion mechanisms
- Employment improvement models according to specific characteristics of municipalities
- Plans to establish social protection services in three municipalities
- Integrated employment plans for three municipalities
- Change action plans for six municipalities

OVERVIEW

European Union and the Swiss Government, within the European PROGRES programme, invested 170,000 Euros in the improvement of social inclusion of vulnerable and marginalised groups in 34 municipalities through strengthening the capacities of local self-governments and other relevant institutions to better respond to the needs of the mentioned groups, as well as to improve access to social protection services and employment programmes. The project was implemented by the Centre for Social Policy in cooperation with the Public Policy Research Centre and Educational Centre in the period October 2015 – June 2017. A comprehensive analysis of institutional capacities for policy development and effective implementation of policies and activities in the area of social inclusion and employment preceded the development of capacity building methodologies and plans and introducing new services and programmes. The support provided to strengthening institutional capacities on the local level contributed to the improvement of service provision, development and implementation of strategic plans and establishment of new social protection services. In addition, employment opportunities for vulnerable groups were increased through the development of adequate models, as well as through a public call for self-employment grants. Through a competitive process, 28 beneficiaries received funds to start small businesses.

List of grant recipients within the Public Call for Self-Employment of Vulnerable Groups

No.	CANDIDATE NAME	MUNICIPALITY	TYPE OF ACTIVITY	CONTRIBUTION (EUR)
1.	Radiša Veljković	PROKUPLJE	Sewing and tailoring	3,000
2.	Tajla Hamidović	SJENICA	Sewing and tailoring	2,800
3.	Jovica Blagojević	DOLJEVAC	Production of metal products for construction industry	2,900
4.	Zoran Veličković	PROKUPLJE	Production of wrought iron products	2,960
5.	Radica Jovanović	ŽITORAĐA	Production of wood products for construction industry	2,900
6.	Slaviša Milošević	ALEKSINAC	Food processing – production of aronia berry jams, preserves and juice	2,900
7.	Budimir Živković	NOVA VAROŠ	Exhaust pipe production	2,476
8.	Anđelija Stanković	VРАНJE	Coffee processing	3,000
9.	Vesna Stojković	LESKOVAC	Hairstyling services	2,900
10.	Davor Mihajlović	PROKUPLJE	Metalwork and blacksmith services	2,900
11.	Sait Sebati	NOVI PAZAR	Food and drinks preparation and catering	2,700
12.	Branko Veličković	VLASOTINCE	Glass production and processing	3,000
13.	Dragan Petrović	SVRLJIG	Candle production	1,200
14.	Amela Bećirović	PRIJEPOLJE	Sewing and tailoring	2,830
15.	Milica Đokić	VLASOTINCE	Bakery	2,800

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16.	Gordana Kostić	SVRLJIG	Production of concrete casts	2,760
17.	Živojin Stojanović	VLASOTINCE	Candle production	2,900
18.	Marko Ivković	KNJAŽEVAC	Software and website development	2,600
19.	Dragan Todorović	KNJAŽEVAC	Printing on textile, plastic and paper	2,680
20.	Milan Milinković	IVANJICA	Car repair services	2,900
21.	Radojka Veljković	PROKUPLJE	Sewing and tailoring	3,000
22.	Alit Amzić	ALEKSINAC	Legal services	2,800
23.	Nermina Šabanović	NOVI PAZAR	Agency for administrative services	2,800
24.	Danijela Jelenković	BELA PALANKA	Rosehip processing	2,960
25.	Azra Drekozić	TUTIN	Dentist's office	2,740
26.	Milica Zdravković	VLASOTINCE	Bakery	2,840
27.	Jovana Stanković	VLASOTINCE	Cosmetic services	2,800
28.	Ilija Turudić	PRIBOJ	Producing wood products	2,980
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION (EUR)				78,026