

## **Newsletter**

### **Issue 1/November 2004**

*Dear ACIPS members,*

*Here is the first issue of ACIPS Newsletter. The main purpose of this Newsletter is to keep you all informed about our activities and to create a kind of online network between us.*

*This newsletter will be published once a month and it will hopefully contribute to a better communication between members and the management of the organization. In addition, it will help us to understand better what are our current needs and future prospects, involving each member in affairs of the organization.*

#### **Management News:**

- In November ACIPS got a new project coordinator. Her name is Danijela Dugandzic and she will work on project proposals and different ACIPS activities. She is responsible for the promotion of ACIPS mission, activities and development. Together with Danijela, ACIPS currently employs three full-time workers.
- Our project New Perspectives employed a new editor for our magazine. His name is Emir Suljagić and he will manage and promote the work and the activities within the «New Perspectives» project.
- Ivan Barbalic, the ACIPS President, was invited by the US State Department for the Youth Leadership Program visit through November. During one month stay, Ivan was introduced to different governmental and nongovernmental organizations, working in the field of youth leadership. This visit should be the starting point for building cooperation between ACIPS and the US Embassy.
- In early October, Zlatan Burzic, Member of the Executive Board, attended two-week training in Poland, organized by Freedom House, on policy development issues.
- New accommodation building for the Center and ACIPS is ready. Unfortunately, the financial construction, based on previous promises is still not closed, so we are still not able to use this space. For that reason, we invite all members to get involved in this process and call upon any connections or ideas that could help us finally get into our premises.
- By the end of this year, ACIPS will conduct a work-group session on redefining its vision and mission. All interested members will be invited to participate in this session.



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- ACIPS management is currently working on developing an internal web-page, where all our members would be able to get all info on projects, future prospects, the Executive Comity Decisions, etc. This newsletter presents the beginning of this effort.
- Finally, we are kindly inviting you to come up with fresh ideas for new projects, round tables or publications. Also, please advise us on how to create better communication between members, as well on how to administrate our activities more efficiently.

### **Activities:**

- Public Debate – «BH Census – to perform or to postpone», held on the 6th of November 2004. In Sarajevo, showed great results and respectful public and media attention.
- Two more Public debates will be held by the end of the year 2004. The first one will take place on Saturday, December 11, at 13h, ACCESS building. Introductory speakers will be: Dragoljub Stojanov, Azemina Vukovic, Renzo Davidi, Edison Pavlovic, Amil Kamenica, etc.
- Immediately after the round table, there will be the ACIPS meeting, where all members will have the opportunity to question ACIPS executives on implementation of projects as well as on what has been planned. Please, remember to support these two events on Saturday 11th.

### **Projects:**

**1. «BIH za sve» (B&H for all) – supported by Heinrich Boell** – project ended in October,

In cooperation with Heinrich Boll Foundation, during year 2004., ACIPS has organized conferences in four university centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Mostar, Tuzla, Bihac and Banja Luka. Under the title 'Bosnia and Herzegovina for all: Regional perspectives in the European integration process' conferences were held with the goal of recognizing and detecting the most important regional needs in various B&H regions. The goal of the project was to provide mechanisms for higher level of participation of young educated people in discussion over some of the crucial affairs of BH society. Not only the current position of BH inside the European integration process was elaborated, but also the conducts of the European Union toward the specific regional needs inside the Union. With its strong regional dimension, the project aimed to involve people from different parts of the country inside the same discussion thus providing framework for comparative analysis of the results and consequently the common ground for further research. Target group



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embraced different youth and student organizations, NGO`s and political party representatives with which ACIPS has increased the level of cooperation.

One of the results of this project will be the publication consisted of qualitative research conducted during conferences in all cities with the members of civil society, political parties and academic community where the concept of regional development in B&H will be elaborated together with specific needs of particular regions and its inhabitants. Together with research, publication will bring to the light best materials and presentations of young experts held during these four conferences.

**2. «ICTY Internship Programme» – supported by Open Society Institute NY and the Swiss Embassy** continue with the implementation. So far, three students are doing their internship in ICTY and 5 more are selected for the next round in January. By the end of the summer 2005., this project will enable 11 students to complete three month internship in ICTY and gain professional experience that will help them in their future work. More about this project, contact Danijela Dugandzic

**3. “Novi Pogledi” (New Perspectives) – supported by the OSI,** fourth issues of the magazine New Perspectives (Novi pogledi) is in preparation. New implementation team will be known as soon as they are selected. For more info contact, New Perspectives editor Emir Suljagić

### **New projects to be implemented:**

- Project «Developing the optimal regional incubating policy for the Sarajevo macro region» is approved by the European Commission and we will begin with the implementation as soon as the contract with EC is signed.



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