

## **Networking meeting for establishing regional network *Viadukt* at Stip**

Regional workshops were organized to offer open space for sharing experiences, exchanging good practices, discussing and defining joint concepts, priorities, as well as cooperation and networking needs.

First networking meeting of NGOs and institutions working on minority issues from Stip, Kumanovo, Kratovo and Kriva Palanka was held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 in Stip. The NGO Support Center Stip provided technical assistance for institutional network development, including the facilitation of the network development process (consultancy work) and the meeting. The aim of the meeting was to start preparations for establishing regional network. On this meeting, the participants identified potential points of cooperation and joint actions, as well as next steps towards creating a functional regional network of NGOs and institutions working on minority issues. 17 representatives from NGOs and institutions from Stip, Kumanovo, Kriva Palanka and Kratovo participated. The meeting was facilitated by Nevenka Longurova Girova, local coordinator in the project.