

Public debate at Prilep

On 15th May, 2008, a public debate *Better opportunities for Roma community in Prilep region* was held in Prilep with aim to motivate representatives of the central and local government, as well as NGOs and citizens to work on the improvement of the situation of Roma population in the municipality of Prilep.

Introductions were given by the following speakers:

-Marjan Risteski, Mayor of the Prilep Municipality, on the topic *Result of Prilep Municipality regarding improvement of infrastructure and urban living conditions in Roma settlements Trizla 1 and Trizla 2 in Prilep*;

-Dejan Gadzovski, Ministry for Environment and Physical Planning on the topic *Providing rational arrangements and usage of space, housing and human life as social right*;

-Branko Neskoski, on the topic *General and detailed urban plans of Prilep and legalization of illegal buildings with accent on Roma settlements*;

-Lence Bajkova - Advisor in Ministry of Transport and Communication, on the topic *Decade for Roma inclusion – housing*;

-Sami Jasharoski from the Center for social work in Prilep on the topic *Situations, problems, observing and needs of Roma community in Prilep*;

-Lidija Koteska, member of the local monitoring team of the project on the topic *Role and assignments of local monitoring team in Prilep region*

Total of 41 representatives from the local government and Municipality Council, public institutions, NGOs and media participated in the debate. The Foundation Open Society Institute - Macedonia organized this public debate in cooperation with NGO Support Center Prilep.