

Regional workshop at Bitola

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. The workshop for preparation of an operational program of network of NGOs working on Croatia issues took place in Bitola on 6th and 7th December, 2008. Twelve representatives of NGOs from Bitola, Stip, Kumanovo and Tetovo, which are working on Croatian issues, participated in this workshop. The NGO Support Center Stip provided technical assistance for institutional network development, including the facilitation of the network development process (consultancy work). The initiative for this workshop came from the Macedonian-Croatian association - Stip. The aim of the workshop was creation of a national network of NGOs, which are working on Croatian issues.

The first day participants worked on a SWOT analysis and preparation of vision and mission of the network. The network was named Croatian National Council (CNC). The second day participants started to prepare an operational plan for an active CNC. They discussed the module of coordination of the network, as well. Facilitator of the workshop was Nevenka Longurova Girova, local coordinator in the project.

An information about creation of the Croatian National Council was broadcasted on the regional TV Orbis in Bitola.