

Thematic meeting at Strumica

On 10th September 2008, a thematic meeting was held in Strumica on the topic *Preparation of an Action Plan for Improving the Education and Employment of Minorities*. 21 participants – 5 representatives from institutions and 16 representatives of NGOs from Strumica and Radovis participated in the thematic meeting, facilitated by Vesa Shkortova from Foundation *Focus – Veles*. Meeting was organized by FOSIM in cooperation with NGOSC Strumica.

After the needs of minorities in Strumica and Radovis were identified, participants worked separately in two groups: the first group worked on preparation of an Action Plan for the Strumica Municipality; the second group worked on preparation of an Action Plan for the Radovis Municipality. As a result of this workshop, two Action Plans for improvement of minorities' education and employment were prepared, that were sent to all participants in order to include them in their future activities.