

## **Thematic meeting at Tetovo**

On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008 in Tetovo, a thematic meeting on the topic Action plan for improvement of the position of non-majority ethnic communities was organized by NGO Common Values. The topic of the meeting was initiated on the networking meeting and on the public debate organized previously in Tetovo. Meeting aimed to identify priority problems and to prepare draft-action plan for improvement of the position of non-majority ethnic communities living in Tetovo<sup>1</sup>.

40 participants (10 representatives of LG, 1 of Ombudsman regional office, 1 of Agency for Employment, 3 media and 25 representatives of local NGOs from Tetovo) attended this meeting. Facilitators were Mario Veljkovic and Fatmir Saracini, independent experts.

The participation of the representatives from LG, the Ombudsman's office, Agency for Employment and the NGOs which are working on minority issues made the group on the workshop very compact and competent. The atmosphere on the workshop was very constructive.

The participants worked on priorities and problems with focus on education, employment and culture of the minorities and prepared draft action plans in these fields for Tetovo Municipality.

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<sup>1</sup> Tetovo (23.16% Macedonians, 70.32% Albanians, 2.17% Turks, 2.72% Roma)