

Training at Vinica

Training on the topic *Exchange of experience between Roma Youths from Macedonia and Bulgaria and introduction of human rights issue and position of non-majority ethnic communities* was realized on 13th and 14th December, 2008 for Kratovo region.

This training was additional, initiated by local NGO *Roma Progress* Rankovce, and realized with their human resources. 20 representatives of Roma Network “Roma” from Macedonia and Roma Network „Integro” from Bulgaria participated in this training. It was organized in Vinica on the part of NGOSC Kratovo and NGO Roma Progress Rankovce. Trainers of the training were Mustafa Jakupov and Daniela Janevska (participant in ToT program), members of NGO Roma Progress.

The aim of the training was exchanging experience and connecting Roma youths from Macedonia and Bulgaria. The accent was given on human rights issues, non majority ethnic communities’ rights, inclusion of the Roma population in the society, their cultural development and improving of the material, social and economical life conditions. Participants worked on the possibilities for institutional solving of the problems of the non majority ethnic communities’ and coordination of their work in the networks. The conclusion from the training was that this training is only a start for joint activities of both networks. Their next meeting was scheduled for May, 2009 in Bulgaria.