

## **Training at Vinica**

Training on the topic *Human rights concept and legal standards for protection of minority rights* was delivered for Gevgelija region by Lulzim Haziri and Katica Apostolovska, a team from Association for Democratic Initiatives, Gostivar. It was realized from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2008. The training contained topics such as human rights concept, definition of minority and situation with minorities in Macedonia, United nations' instruments, Council of Europe, European Union and OSCE' instruments, protection of the rights of minorities in Macedonia and Badinteer principle.

On this training, organized by NGOSCs Gevgelija and Strumica, 22 representatives of NGOs, LG and public institutions from Gevgelija, Valandovo, Dojran, Strumica and Radovis participated. Trainers were professionals for this topic and the participants gained a lot of information and knowledge about the concepts for human rights and their protection. The topic was complex with a lot of theory, but after each session some practical exercises were realized which ended with constructive discussions. The participants were actively involved in the training sessions and the evaluations contained satisfactory comments.