

“Popularizing the Good Practices from the Civil Observation on Court”

The project has a national frame of reference. The three-year background of the NGOs Center in Razgrad in the field of civil observation on court will be popularized through the project in five regional centers. There will be organized 6 information meetings in the whole country, on which will be shared good practices and the process of establishing an effective partnership with the court. There will be identified 20 active and motivated NGOs from the six planned regions in Bulgaria. In three two-day trainings the organizations will be trained to realize independent civil observation on court. The 20 organizations will exercise what they have learned and will develop their capacity through practically oriented home assignments. The experience from the civil observation on the court will be issued in paper and electronic versions – a booklet in 15000 copies, a CD in 1500 copies and a free-to-access online version on the Internet site of the NGOs Center in Razgrad – <http://court-rz.hit.bg>. The trained organizations will unite in a National Network, which will continue to develop in the field of civil observation on court after the end of the project.

General aim:

Improving the function of the Court on a national level through popularization of the good practices of civil observation on the Court in Southeast Bulgaria.

Concrete aim 1:

Creating an open and accessible database for organizing the civil observation on the Court in Bulgaria.

Concrete aim 2:

Developing the capacity of 20 non-governmental organizations from 6 specific regions in Bulgaria for realization of civil observation on the Court.

Target group: magistrates, court officers from 20 administrative towns in the country; 20 NGOs and their teams – more than 300 people; representatives of the prosecutor's office, inquest, bar, journalists, NGOs, trainer, about 1000 key figures that will receive information about the project activity and the issued information materials.

Direct receivers: 20 NGOs and their teams; judges, prosecutors and judicial officers in 20 courts in the whole country.

Outputs

- There have been organized 6 information meetings with the participation of more than 120 NGOs from the whole nation with the purpose of popularizing the good practices and the results from the civil observation in five regional centers;
- A public procedure is realized for selection of 20 motivated non-governmental organizations from the whole nation that will take part in the educational trainings;
- A brochure is printed in 15000 copies and distributed free of charge, popularizing the civil observation around the country;
- A Handbook on the civil observation is printed in 15000 copies; a compact disk/CD has been issued in 1500 copies; there is also a free-to-use online version on the Internet site of the NGOs Center in Razgrad <http://court-rz.hit.bg>;
- Organized three two-day trainings with the participation of 20 NGOs from the whole country with the aim to improve their capacity for civil observation;
- A national Network of 20 NGOs has been established for the realization of civil observation on court and support of the judicial reform on a local level;
- A wide information campaign is organized to popularize the project activity – 2 press conferences, more than 7 publications in the local media; information report on the progress of the project; the Internet site <http://court-rz.hit.bg> always presents current information about the process of project realization and the achieved results;
- Increased acquaintance of the representatives of public institutions and the publicity with the civil observation on court;
- Developed a capacity on a national level for the realization of civil observation on court;
- Through the national Network of 20 NGOs from the whole country, the process of civil observation is practically applied and developing.