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SERBIA-BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA CROSS-BORDER CONFERENCE ON YOUTH POLICIES

On 20 June 2014, Center for Equitable Regional Development (CenTriR) and Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Republic of Srpska (HCRS) are organizing a final conference in **Užice (hotel "Zlatiborska noć")** to present the results achieved on the project "Youth - the most important driving engine of our region". The project was implemented through IPA CBC Program Serbia – Bosnia and Herzegovina, and it was financed by the European Union.

The conference will be an opportunity to present the results of 13-month long project implementation which involved 16 Youth Offices (Srebrenica, Foča, Višegrad, Goražde, Prijepolje, Nova Varoš, Čajetina, Užice, Ruma, Inđija, Sremska Mitrovica, Stara Pazova, Bijeljina, Orašje, Doboj-Istok, Gradačac) and 64 students of 16 high schools from Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Key activities on the project were: **conduct of a survey about implementation of youth policies at the local level** in the cross-border region Serbia-B&H, **presenting results of the survey to relevant institutions, media, experts and wider public, carrying out of 4 seminars for 64 high school students** aiming to motivate them to become socially engaged and involved in local problem solving, **designing and conducting youth volunteer actions in the targeted municipalities.**

After the introductory speeches of Minister **Azra Kuljuh** (Ministry for Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Government of Bosnia-Podrinje Canton Goražde), **Vladislav Vlajić**, task manager in Joint Technical Secretariat (Užice) and **Vanesa Belkić**, project coordinator (CenTriR), the participants will take part in experience sharing and discussion about best practice examples in implementation of youth policies, which will be prompted by the presentations of representatives of Youth Coordinators from Prijepolje, Sremska Mitrovica, Bajina Baša, Bijeljina and Goražde. The most successful local youth actions implemented within the project will be presented in the final part of the conference.

We invite to be present and report about the conference, with possibility of reimbursement of travel costs. Agenda of the event can be found in attachment.

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