

ECG Receives the “Creators for Centuries” Award

European Consulting Group had a great pleasure of participating in this year's nominations for the “Creators for Centuries” awards, which honours most deserving individuals, organizations and institutions for contributions to development of entrepreneurship in the region of Central and South-eastern Europe, and directs public attention to the great visionaries and leaders of tomorrow whose fearlessness, effort, knowledge, creativity and high quality results are the main driver of communities.

ECG was proposed for the award following a long history of implementing projects directed towards development of entrepreneurship and SME sector in the region.

Since 2013, when ECG undertook to manage the CEED (Centre for Executive Education and Development) in Serbia, we have organized a number of initiatives designed to support fast growth of new businesses through networking and knowledge exchange, as well as through organization of public conferences and panel discussions dealing with policy making, access to capital, technological advancements and others.



Laureates for year 2016 on awards ceremony

As such, these individuals and organizations are considered the leaders in combating challenges of the new time.

The process of candidatures, selection and awards lasted five months, involving 162 promoters from 9 countries of the region, with 491 proposed award candidates from 10 different countries, and the final selection

process and awards ceremony held in Dubrovnik between 10th and 12th March 2017, when European Consulting Group was awarded the leader in support to entrepreneurship in the region of Central and South-eastern Europe for 2016.

Entrepreneurs and organizations were invited to take part in the work of the first session of the World Entrepreneur's Congress' programming body – a large entrepreneurial scientific and professional and business event that will soon bring together some 2.200 participants from 45 countries worldwide, clearing path for organizing an umbrella scheme for future entrepreneurial events and continuing to promote the year of 2017 as the year of entrepreneurship in Central and South-eastern Europe.

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The Project for Promotion and Protection of Property Rights of Internally Displaced People, Refugees and Returnees Upon Readmission Agreements attended the 12th Annual Meeting of city and municipal trustees, organized by the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration from 27/02-01/03/2017 in Novi Sad.



Zoran Popovic, Senior Legal Expert

Zoran Popovic, Senior Legal Expert, presented to the trustees and other attendees the Office for Free Legal Aid and invited the trustees to support the project's plan for mobile teams, that will visit the municipalities with the highest number of affected people and present the Office for Free Legal Aid, inform them on their rights and offer free legal advice. The proposal for mobile teams, as well as the presentation of Free Legal Aid, met positive reactions and to the project's great pleasure, a significant support of the trustees.

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Earlier this year, the Project organized an Introductory seminar to prepare of legal trainees for working with the Project team. Senior colleagues with extensive experience in representing the IDPs, refugees and returnees upon the readmission agreement and representatives of relevant institutions in Kosovo and Metohija addressed the trainees at this two-day seminar. This programme, originating in KiM, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, was designed to enable these young lawyers to continue working on the protection of fundamental human rights of the affected people.



Training of legal trainees



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The second session, conducted in March, lasted three days during which the participants interacted with the university teachers from Kosovo and Metohija related to the implementation of international standards for basic human rights in the judiciary system of Kosovo and Metohija. The training will be a continuous monthly activity as per Project programming.

Presentation of Awards for Trainees in Project „Increasing the Effectiveness of Employment Policies Towards Disadvantaged Groups”

European Consulting Group, alongside with Summit Consulting Services as leader, is implementing three LOT's within the Project *Training Programme in Response to Labour Market Needs within the Project „Increasing the Effectiveness of Employment policies towards Disadvantaged Groups”*.



Director of the National Employment
Zoran Martinovic

On this occasion, the ceremony participants were addressed by Director of the National Employment Zoran Martinovic, CEO of NES Darijo Mačkić and Director of NES Kikinda Branch Jelena Mitrovic.

Kikinda Branch has previously organized four training for the labour market, which enabled the unemployed to gain new knowledge and skills. In Kikinda six people attended training for the baker, and the same number of unemployed was included in training for growing of vegetables

indoors. Project realized In Coka and Novi Knezevac basic IT training by ECDL standard, which is attended by 10 participants from the unemployment register in these offices NES.

Milka Bakic, owner of DOO "Atler - Fontana" from Kikinda, whose business is the production of cakes and pastries, expressed her satisfaction with the selection of candidates, who activity successfully completed entire training curriculum. Three participants are already employed in this company.

Implementation of the project "Support to the less employable groups in the labour market" is running very successfully, a new training will be organized in the future.

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EU INFO Centre and EU INFO Points 2017 – 2018 BiH

The Delegation of the EU in Bosnia and Herzegovina announced that, as of June 2017, a consortium comprising European Consulting Group (Serbia), BORAM (BiH), and Ecorys (Netherlands/Croatia) is operating the EU Info Centre BiH. The Consortium is also running the EU info points in Brčko, Banja Luka and Mostar and the EU info corners in Tuzla, Zenica and Istočno Sarajevo.



EU Info Centre Sarajevo, 22. June 2017 "EU Scheme for young professionals in the Western Balkans - Lessons learnt event"

The Consortium will provide virtual content and maintain an EU education and promotion platform, as well as introducing wireless spots, touch screens and selfie corners at each EU Info Centre and info point/info corner. According to the Team leader Samra Lučkin, the Consortium's objective is to bring the EU closer to young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to inform the population as a whole about the impact of EU assistance programmes and the opportunities to participate in and benefit from these programmes.

"We are taking up this work in the middle of an important year and therefore we will mark comprehensive European Union capital assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina", said Vojislav Milošević, a Project director.

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Project kick-off meeting, 08. July 2017, Sarajevo

the relations between BiH and the EU, BiH's integration process and its implications for the country.

The Consortium will actively engage bloggers, journalists, cultural institutions, civil society, businesspeople, and the youth sector to explain how the EU is working in partnership with Bosnia and Herzegovina and to learn more about the perspectives and priorities of BiH citizens.

European Union Information Centre in BiH provides information to the Bosnian public on the European Union, its institutions and policies,

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Ms. Marija Pejcinovic Buric

Marija Pejcinovic Buric, ECG's Team Leader on the project Policy and Legal Advice Center implemented in the Republic of Serbia between 2014 and 2016, has assumed the position of the Croatian Minister of Foreign Affairs this June.

Ms. Pejcinovic announced that she will continue to work with the neighbouring countries on the improvement of good relations and cooperation, strengthening the Central European and mediterranean dimension and further cooperation with allies in the NATO and EU.

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