



FORUM ZA ETNIČKE ODNOSI
FORUM FOR ETHNIC RELATIONS

PROJECT TITLE: VOJVODINA - EUROPEAN REGION

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Main Project Goals:

- Promote the European values of Vojvodina and its position in regional cooperation, through international political and technical cooperation
- Present to the public of Serbia, S&M and International Community, the capacities of Vojvodina and the possibility to become an area of connecting Serbia and Montenegro with its neighbors, and especially strengthening relations with the countries of Pannonia Region (Hungary, Austria, Croatia) and South Eastern Europe (Romania)
- Contribute to the promotion and fast integration of Vojvodina, Serbia, S&M into EU
- Facilitate the connection between Vojvodina and its authorities, especially the government, with other countries and governments with positive experience in regionalism and minority protection (especially Austria, Italy and South Tyrol, Finland, Aland Islands and BENELUX)
- Strengthen the connections and participation of Vojvodina Government in international organizations and initiatives for the promotion of regionalism (especially the Luxemburg Initiative in UN, CoE, European Parliament, INTERREG)
- Facilitate the improvement of democratic minority policy in Vojvodina, Serbia and S&M, neighboring countries (Croatia, Hungary and Austria) and the region
- Support active participation of Vojvodina Government in the process of constitutional definition of Vojvodina position in Serbia, and the promotion of regionalism and democratic minority policy in the new constitution of Serbia.

Project description:

The Project will be implemented through the following activities:

1. *Vojvodina-European Region*

The following activities will be implemented within this Project phase:

- Technical preparation and media promotion of the *Statement by Vojvodina Autonomous Province on: Vojvodina-European Region*
- Establishment of contacts and organization of visits by President of Vojvodina Government to international organizations, initiatives and governments (visit of Finland – Aland Islands; Italy-Toscana Region, Emilia-Romagna Region and Alto Adige Region in South Tyrol, etc.), aiming at promotion of Vojvodina and strengthening its position in European regionalism
- Drafting and publication of number of articles in local and international newspapers; drafting proposals for international conferences at which the President of Vojvodina Government would promote basic values and principles of the *Statement*
- Organization of expert events (roundtables, workshops and conferences) for better informing of President of Vojvodina Government and his associates.

2. *Regional cooperation of Vojvodina and minority protection*

The following activities must be carried out in order to accomplish:

- Establishment of *Expert/Political Council of the President of Serbian Government for Democratic Minority Policy* with the most prominent experts and politicians from Vojvodina engaged in protection of national minorities
- Pay-back visit of presidents of government of Vojvodina, Hungary and Romania aiming at strengthening regional cross-border cooperation and improvement of minority position
- Establishment of *Cooperation Club* with presidents and other representatives of governments, most prominent leaders of minority communities in Vojvodina, Serbia, Hungary and Romania. The main function of the *Cooperation Club* is: exchange of information, harmonization of positions and alignment of minority policies

3. *Vojvodina and its neighbors*

A Roundtable titled ***Vojvodina and its neighbors*** will be organized in Novi Sad or Subotica within one year period, as a summary and closing part of all activities, with presidents of governments and other representatives of neighboring countries

4. Promotional activities

The public shall be informed about the activities on Project implementation in the following way:

- Press conferences
- Press releases
- Websites of Vojvodina Government, Forum for Ethnic Relations and other partners in the country and abroad
- Collection of proceedings of the Roundtable: *Vojvodina and its neighbors*, etc.

Project Implementation Team:

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Project duration:

August 1, 2005 – August 30, 2006 (13 months)

Action Plan

| Month | Description of Activities | Implementer |
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| August 2005 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of Project and Action Plans for each activity - Constitution of Project Team - Contracting activities with external consultants - Development of Media Plan and PR Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Leader; PR Officer; Assistant for Special Activities; Political/Expert Associates - Project Leader; - PR Officer |
| September 2005 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working visit to Aland Islands - Working visit to Bucharest, Arad and Timisoara | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Leader and PR Officer - Project Leader, PR Officer and Political/Expert Associate |
| October 2005 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert working visit to Budapest and Segedin - Expert working visit to the Council of Europe and European Parliament - Establishment of Expert/Political Council of the President of Serbian Government for Democratic Minority Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Leader, PR Officer and Political/Expert Associate - Project Leader, PR Officer and Political/Expert Associate - Project Leader, President of Vojvodina Government |
| November 2005 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert working visit to Italy (Alto Adige, Toscana and Emilia – Romagna) - Promotion of the <i>Statement of Autonomous Province of Vojvodina about Vojvodina as European Region</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Leader, PR Officer and Political/Expert Associate - President of Vojvodina Government, his Office, Assistant for Special Activities |
| December 2005 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit of the President of Vojvodina Government to Hungary - Visit of the President of Vojvodina Government to Romania | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President of Vojvodina Government, Project Leader, PR Officer and Political/Expert Associate - Project Leader, PR Officer and Political/Expert Associate |

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| January 2006 | - Visit of the President of Vojvodina Government to the Council of Europe and European Parliament | - President of Vojvodina Government, Project Leader, PR Officer and Political/Expert Associate |
| February 2006 | - First meeting of the <i>Cooperation Club</i> - Visit of the President of Vojvodina Government to Italy and Austria | - President of Vojvodina Government, his Office, Assistant for special activities |
| March 2006 | - Visit of the President of Vojvodina Government to Finland – Aland Islands | - President of Vojvodina Government, Project Leader, PR Officer and Political/Expert Associate |
| April 2006 | - Visit of the President of Vojvodina Governmnet to UN | - President of Vojvodina Government, Project Leader, PR Officer and Political/Expert Associate |
| May 2006 | - Payback visit of the President of Hungarian Government to Vojvodina - Payback visit of the President of Romanian Government to Vojvodina | - President of Vojvodina Government, his Office, Assistant for Special Activities - President of Vojvodina Government, his Office, Assistant for Special Activities |
| June 2006 | - Payback visit of the President of Toscana Region, Alto Adige and Emilia-Romagna to Vojvodina - Payback visit of the President of Aland Islands Government to Vojvodina | - President of Vojvodina Government, his Office, Assistant for Special Activities - President of Vojvodina Government, his Office, Assistant for Special Activities |
| July 2006 | Rountable: <i>Vojvodina and</i> | - President of Vojvodina Governmnet, his Office, Project Leader, PR Officer, |

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| | <i>Its Neighbours</i> | Assistant for Special Activities and Political/Expert Assistant |
| August 2006 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publishing of the <i>Collection of Proceedings</i> - Drafting of the Project Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Leader, PR Officer and Political/Expert Associate - Project Leader, PR Officer, Assistant for Special Activities and Political/Expert Associates |