**Consultations on the Study of Options for the Establishment of the Social Inclusion Fund in the Republic of Serbia**

The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia is inviting you to take part in the consultations on the draft document entitled **the Study of Options for the Establishment of the Social Inclusion Fund in the Republic of Serbia.** The aim of the study is to identify the most adequate model for implementing social inclusion programmes targeting vulnerable population in the Republic of Serbia, and to contribute to a more efficient and effective utilization of available national funds, as well as the future EU funds earmarked for social inclusion issues.

The initiative is based on a recommendation of the First National Report on Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction in the Republic of Serbia (adopted in 2011): "In addition to strengthening the existing structures for the use of European funds intended for social inclusion and poverty reduction (e.g. National Employment Service), it is also crucial to establish the Social Inclusion Fund to support the programmes for social inclusion of vulnerable groups and contribute to more efficient and successful utilisation of the available EU funds earmarked for social inclusion. The Fund would entail a support mechanism for implementation of the human resources development policy, which will also include the development of social innovations, in accordance with the obligations pertinent to the European integration process. This mechanism would help promote the coordination of implementation of the measures in the fields of employment, education, social welfare and health protection, as well as the coordination of rural and regional development measures with social inclusion and poverty reduction measures”.

Aiming to advance the contents of the Study by involving all relevant social inclusion stakeholders into an active discussion, **we are inviting you to submit your comments and suggestions to the Study,** in particular with regard to: **the identification of main challenges in managing national and EU funds earmarked for social inclusion issues, the conclusions and recommendations, as well as the proposal of the structure, legal basis and key functions of the Social Inclusion Fund.**

Please submit your comments and suggestions in this form to [sipru@gov.rs](mailto:sipru@gov.rs), no later than **September 20, 2012**. In order to facilitate the integration of received comments, please make sure to use this form.

The consultation process will be followed by a public presentation of the options for the establishment of the Social Inclusion Fund, as well as a discussion on the received comments and suggestions.

Thank you for your cooperation

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1. **GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

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