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YEARS

The first ten years of the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia

In the past ten years, supported by the Swiss Confederation, the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia (SIPRU) has guided policymaking, cross-sectoral cooperation strengthening, practice improvement and innovation towards a more inclusive and equitable society, in line with the European integration process and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. This mission requires continuous efforts in the upcoming decades, as well, and it rests on the firm foundations laid in the era of the Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) Implementation Focal Point, established in 2004.

Through the PRS, adopted in 2003 in a consultative process, the Government articulated a comprehensive national development plan, which included macro-economic and structural changes and specified the objectives and indicators for assessing the progress in the field of poverty reduction. **The PRS was the first policy document to define the most vulnerable social groups (Roma, persons with disabilities, children, elderly people, refugees and internally displaced persons, youth, women) based on poverty data** and stipulated the adoption of more than 100 relevant strategies, laws and bylaws, aligned with the European standards and the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, with a view to decreasing poverty and social exclusion. After the expiry of the Strategy's reference period, the PRS Implementation Focal Point transformed into the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia.



Thanks to SIPRU's operations at the centre of the Government, i.e. within the offices of Prime Ministers and Deputy Prime Ministers, social inclusion and poverty reduction has been a high-ranked topic in decision-makers' agenda for more than 15 years. It is important to stress that social inclusion is at the focus of the European integration process, which emphasizes the significance of enhancing the quality of life of all people, and it is also a part of the globally endorsed United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, which tell us that progress in society should be progress for every individual. Inclusive growth and societal development are achieved through the implementation of coordinated social inclusion and poverty reduction activities, stipulated in evidence-based policy documents.

The monitoring of poverty and social inclusion trends in accordance with internationally recognised methodologies is one of SIPRU's key functions and most significant contributions to the policymaking process. During the PRS preparation, SIPRU initiated research studies that facilitated the creation of a statistical basis for monitoring the status in the field of social inclusion and poverty reduction and whose findings are still the principal source of data in the process of creating relevant policies. Continuous cooperation between SIPRU and the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, as well as consultations with the research community, have resulted in a very extensive statistical base for monitoring the poverty and social inclusion indicators in the Republic of Serbia.

The field of social inclusion and poverty reduction is relevant for the operation of various institutions and organisations at the national and local levels. Building on the PRS, **SIPRU has continued its actions towards the improvement of the inter-sectoral cooperation to enable the best possible implementation of the relevant policies,** through the establishment of connections and mechanisms for cooperation among various stakeholders, continuous networking, awareness raising and capacity strengthening of representatives of the Government of

the Republic of Serbia for policy coordination in the domain of social inclusion and poverty reduction. Moreover, **SIPRU has supported the Government's reporting on the progress in this domain with respect to the Republic of Serbia's obligations in the European integration process and the commitments stipulated in the relevant international conventions.**

In the past decade, by reviewing data and examples of good practice and by exchange with all relevant stakeholders, SIPRU has devised initiatives for the validation of the innovative approaches to the challenges that poor and vulnerable people face on a daily basis. Aimed at formulating the recommendations for policy enhancement at the national and local levels, the initiatives have been implemented in cooperation with local governments and civil society organisations. In this way, the change that focuses on the people is achieved through interrelated and interdependent steps: from evidence to policymaking in coordination with all relevant stakeholders, to policy implementation that generates new evidence and lessons learned, informing the enhancement of the policies and practices.

Social inclusion and poverty reduction are complex, multi-dimensional processes, characterised by quick and frequent transformations. **The conviction that progress should be shared by all people, the commitment to the topic, the flexibility of approach and the innovativeness in the work of colleagues which contributed to SIPRU's operations have allowed this topic to become and remain important.** The participation of the people, especially those from the vulnerable groups, in the search for the best responses to the challenges has also enabled the approach to this topic from the perspective of the exercise of rights, rather than solely the fulfilment of the needs. The present brochure is dedicated to them and to all those who will be contributing, in the upcoming years, to building a society of greater solidarity and equality.

**Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit
of the Government of the Republic of Serbia**

About the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia (SIPRU)

The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit (SIPRU) was established by the Government of the Republic of Serbia in 2009. Since its establishment, SIPRU has operated within the offices of Prime Ministers and Deputy Prime Ministers (most recently within the Office of the Prime Minister since 2018).

SIPRU's primary mandate is to strengthen the Government's capacities to develop and implement social inclusion policies based on international standards and good practices.

SIPRU provides support to institutions and relevant partners to improve the accessibility and quality of the data on poverty and social inclusion. The Unit assists the line ministries in the creation of evidence-based policies, involving regular consultations with all relevant stakeholders, and contributes to the improvement of the inter-sectoral cooperation to enable the best possible policy implementation. In addition, SIPRU undertakes initiatives to find solutions to the principal needs of the vulnerable social groups in the local communities by developing and piloting innovative approaches.

The Swiss Confederation has supported the Government of the Republic of Serbia since 2009 to enhance the social inclusion process in the Republic of Serbia through the projects titled "Support to Improve Social Inclusion in the Republic of Serbia" and "Support to the Implementation of the Employment and Social Reform Programme (ESRP) in Serbia focusing on Youth Employment and Employability Policies".

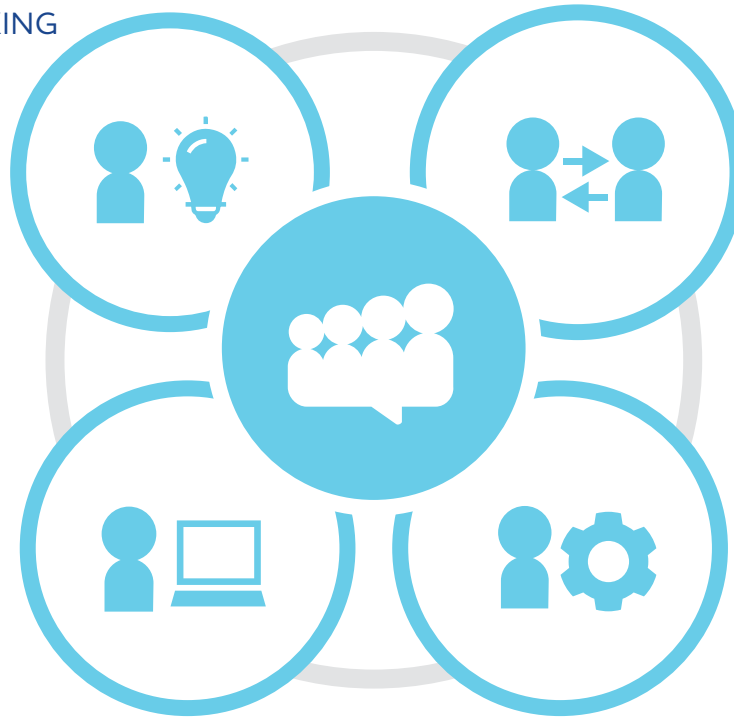


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COORDINATION

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Social inclusion and poverty reduction

Social inclusion and poverty reduction are processes that enable all people to be equal and have equal chances for a decent life. Social inclusion and poverty reduction creates the possibilities for all people to participate in the economic, social and cultural life, allowing each and every one of us to participate on an equal basis in decision-making and contribute to the development and well-being of our communities.

In the past 10 years, SIPRU has contributed to improved social inclusion and poverty reduction through many initiatives, measures and activities, most notably:

- Preparation and publishing of three national reports on social inclusion and poverty reduction in the Republic of Serbia, as well as of two reviews of the status in this field at the local level.
- Advocacy for the introduction and contribution to the development of the Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) in Serbia as of 2012. SILC is the standardised primary source of data on income, social inclusion and living conditions in the European Union.
- Coordination of development of the Employment and Social Reform Programme (ESRP), as well as the preparation of annual reports on the implementation of envisaged measures. SIPRU has contributed to the preparation of the priority structural reforms, focusing on social development, within the Economic Reform Programme (ERP). ESRP and ERP include priority measures based on which Serbia and the European Commission monitor the progress of reforms in these areas.



- Continuous participation in the planning and programming of the pre-accession funds in the field of social development, as well as in the preparation and implementation of many projects that address social inclusion in Serbia, financed through the international development assistance.
- Advocacy for the introduction and calculation of the Gender Equality Index for Serbia in cooperation with the relevant institutions. Serbia is the only non-EU country that uses this index to monitor the status of gender equality.
- Methodology development and calculation of the Social Development Index of Towns and Municipalities. The Index covers 6 areas, allows data comparability over time and by local governments.
- Implementation of two phases of the “Local Initiatives Programme for Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction” (2015–2016 and 2019–2021) – 26 supported project proposals across six thematic areas (education, employment, social welfare, health, social housing and rural development), covering the territories of 36 local governments in three regions of Serbia: Southern & Eastern Serbia, Šumadija & Western Serbia and Vojvodina.
- Implementation of the project titled “Support to the Implementation of the Employment and Social Reform Programme (ESRP) in Serbia Focusing on Youth Employment and Employability Policies” – 19 supported project proposals, aimed at the development of innovative models for enhancing youth employment and employability at the local level.
- Provision of many information and capacity building opportunities to the relevant stakeholders at the national and local levels for the enhancement of social inclusion. In addition to the numerous thematic conferences and training events, 8 TAIEX workshops have also been organised (addressing the European Social Fund, preparation of the National Qualifications Framework, development of the Strategy for the Social Inclusion of Roma, long-term care, youth employment etc.).
- Preparation and publishing of many thematic publications and reports (including reports on social inclusion monitoring, reports on digital inclusion, mapping of social care services within the mandate of local governments etc.).
- Promotion of social inclusion through contents prepared in cooperation with the representatives and members of vulnerable groups and published on our website, such as the success stories, the Social Inclusion Blog, social inclusion training and the like.








Social protection, health care and housing



The areas of social protection and health care are aimed at improving the social and health status of the people at the individual, family and societal level. Social protection and health care prevent social exclusion of individuals and families who are in need of certain system support. Securing access to adequate housing and promoting the exercise of rights in this area is another aspect that significantly affects the quality of life. Inclusion of people in the support and protection system contributes to poverty decrease and the reduction of different risks. The creation, monitoring and implementation of the policies addressing the rights in these domains, as well as the accessibility, efficiency and quality of provision of social and health services are SIPRU's priorities in this field.

The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit seeks to improve the exercise of rights of the vulnerable groups in Serbia through various activities in the fields of social protection, health care and housing, in particular:

- By providing support to the Government of the Republic of Serbia in the development of the policy and normative frameworks, which should enable all social groups to exercise their rights equally;
- By conducting analyses of the mechanisms and systemic measures at the national and local levels;
- By improving data collection, accessibility, analysis and usage in policymaking;
- By strengthening the capacities of the relevant stakeholders at the national and local levels to adequately implement the activities aimed at improving the position of vulnerable groups through the provision of high-quality well-timed services in the fields of social protection and health care;
- By providing support to all stakeholders in project development and implementation.

-  Preparation of thematic analyses and the inclusion of civil society organisations in the preparation of the key strategies, laws and bylaws in the field of social protection, health care and housing (the Law on Social Protection, the Law on Housing and Building Maintenance etc.).
-  Contribution to the harmonisation of the national policies with the international standards and recommendations in the field of housing, with the focus on the relocation process and the improvement of social housing.
-  Three cycles of mapping of the social care services within the mandate of local governments in the Republic of Serbia.
-  Preparation of the guidelines and manual for programme budgeting in the field of social protection for local governments.
-  Support to the preparation of the analysis of the accessibility of primary health care services based on SILC data, with a view to identifying the challenges and inequalities in the possibilities for exercising the right to optimum health care.



Education



Good-quality and equitable education provides every individual with equal opportunities to acquire knowledge and skills, which is an important precondition for active participation in various aspects of social life. By expanding the inclusive education perspective, the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit seeks to positively influence the change of attitudes and values with regard to the inclusion of all vulnerable groups in education, in order to enable their progress and learning side by side with their peers. Inclusive education ensures equal educational opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their socio-economic status, ethnic background, place of abode, disability or other characteristics. Equal inclusion of all vulnerable groups in the educational process is an important factor contributing to poverty decrease and full social participation, as well as a precondition for independent, decent and healthy lives of all people.

The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit strives to improve the status of vulnerable groups in Serbia's education system through various activities, in particular:

- By providing support to the Government of the Republic of Serbia in the development of the policy and normative frameworks in the field of inclusive education, aligned with the European Union standards;
- By strengthening the capacities of educational workers for policymaking based on analyses and research findings;
- By enhancing the cooperation among the academic and research communities, policy-makers and practitioners, as the precondition for improving the process of responsible policymaking;
- By promoting new education technologies, assistive technologies and digital inclusion;
- By supporting all stakeholders in accessing various sources of funding, with a view to enhancing the quality of their work.

- Support in the preparation of a series of policy documents aimed at enhancing the inclusive education process in Serbia – the Strategy for Education Development in Serbia 2020 and the associated Action Plan, the Law on the Foundations of the Education System, the Rulebook on Additional Educational, Health and Social Support for Children, Students and Adults.
- Provision of the funds for PISA testing in Serbia and support to secondary analyses of research findings with a view to understanding the factors that influence the quality and equity of education in Serbia.
- Development of five sets of various indicators for monitoring the status of the education system in Serbia, for the information system of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development.
- Support to the operations of the Joint Body and the intersectoral committees supporting the children from vulnerable groups, through the enhancement of the monitoring process, the preparation of technical guidances and the organisation of events for sharing good practices and lessons learned.
- Ensuring the participation of parents in the policymaking process and the enhancement of educational practices by initiating the establishing of the Parents Council in 12 local governments, as well as the organisation of focus groups with approx. 640 parents of the students of 48 special schools, in the process of special education transformation.
- Education of approx. 1200 representatives of schools about the new educational technologies, assistive technologies and digital accessibility and the preparation of the Guidance for the creation of learning materials in accordance with the principle of universal design.
- Creation of the Guidance for schools, teachers and professional staff on the sources of funding and resources, which was used as the basis for devising and delivering the training in project development, covering approx. 550 teachers, and the provision of mentoring support to schools in the process of applying for funding to be used for enhancing the quality, equity and efficiency of their operations.








Economic development and employment






The economic empowerment of every individual, especially those from the vulnerable groups, is an important factor contributing to their social inclusion and active participation in society. Employment and inclusion in the labour market are the key prerequisites of socio-economic independence. Economic reforms need to ensure that all regions, including the rural areas, have equal opportunities for growth and development. The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit has participated in the development of various models for inclusion of vulnerable groups in economic activities, as well as in the conceptual development and promotion of social entrepreneurship. Furthermore, SIPRU has conducted evidence-based policy impact analyses in this field and has promoted system-wide monitoring and improvement.

The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit has contributed to the inclusion of vulnerable groups in the labour market through various activities, in particular:

- By providing support to the Government of the Republic of Serbia in the development of the policy and normative frameworks, which should improve the status of vulnerable groups in the labour market;
- By strengthening the capacities of the relevant stakeholders and encouraging dialogue, to ensure that the implemented activities are focused on the improvement of the status of vulnerable groups;
- By conducting analyses of the mechanisms and systemic measures at the national and local levels;
- By promoting good practices and experience sharing;
- By supporting all stakeholders to utilize the EU funds.

-  Support to the preparation of the Draft Law on Cooperatives through the analyses of the European countries' good practices. As a result, social cooperatives have been recognised by the law for the first time.
-  Ex-ante analysis with an assessment of the trends for the period 2010–2020, as part of the preparation of the policy framework in the field of employment. The analysis informed the preparation of the National Employment Strategy (2011–2020), as well as of the First National Report on Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction in the Republic of Serbia.
-  Preparation of the policy impact analysis, assessing the key factors and causes of inactivity with the focus on youth, women and elderly workers, as well as an analysis referring to the legal capacity and employment of persons with disabilities.
-  Analysis of the factors influencing financial inclusion in Serbia, which laid the foundations for further research and policy implementation with a view to improving financial inclusion in Serbia.
-  Initiation of analyses, provision of expert support and promotion of good practices towards the improvement of the micro-credit framework in Serbia.

-  Preparation and publishing of the study on the potential of social entrepreneurship in Serbia, including the recommendations for further development of this sector and the establishment of the dialogue with the representatives of the civil sector and social enterprises regarding the promotion and development of good practices.
-  Organisation of the exchange of good practices in cooperation with the line ministry on various topics such as the analysis of vulnerable groups employment programmes at the local level, recruitment of social assistance recipients, traineeships for youth, local employment action plans.
-  Support to the “Successful Villages” campaign, aimed at presenting 30 good practices that promote new roles of villages, preserve local resources and develop local communities.

E2E: Youth Employment Initiative

The project titled “Support to the Implementation of the Employment and Social Reform Programme in Serbia Focusing on Youth Employment and Employability Policies” is a part of the broader “From Education to Employment” (E2E) programme, aimed at inclusive and sustainable increase of youth employability in the Republic of Serbia.

The project is implemented by the SIPRU in partnership with the ministries responsible for the implementation of youth employment and employability policies in the Republic of Serbia: the Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development and the Ministry of Youth and Sports. The partner in the implementation of the programme in five local governments is NIRAS/IP.

The E2E programme has supported 19 projects and, in partnership with the local stakeholders, six innovative models for youth employment have been developed. The innovative models have covered more than 400 young people.





Vulnerable groups and human rights



Human rights are a set of rights and freedoms that apply to all people, regardless of their personal characteristics – all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated. The Republic of Serbia has established a legislative and institutional framework in the human rights domain which is aligned with international standards. However, further effort is needed to ensure that all citizens of the Republic of Serbia are equally able to exercise all their rights and participate in the social, political, economic and cultural life. Full exercise of human rights reduces the risk of social exclusion and poverty, which particularly affects various social groups in the Republic of Serbia, such as Roma, persons with disabilities, women, children, elderly people, LGBTI community, uneducated people, unemployed people, refugees and internally displaced persons and the population of rural areas.

The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit seeks to improve the status of vulnerable groups in Serbia and their exercise of human rights through various activities, in particular:

- By raising the awareness of the community about the problems faced by the members of vulnerable groups, as well as of their potential;
- By informing the members of vulnerable groups about their rights;
- By strengthening the capacities of the relevant stakeholders and encouraging dialogue, to ensure adequate implementation of the activities focused on the improvement of the status of vulnerable groups;
- By providing support to the Government of the Republic of Serbia in the development of the policy and normative frameworks, which should enable all social groups to exercise their rights equally;
- By conducting analyses of the mechanisms and systemic measures at the national and local levels;
- By improving data collection, analysis and usage in policy-making;
- By supporting all stakeholders in project development.

- ⚙ Support to the preparation of the Strategy for the Social Inclusion of Roma for the Period 2016–2025 and the associated action plans, as well as the organisation of the consultative process with the relevant stakeholders at the national and local levels, the representatives of the Roma community and civil society organisations, which included more than 300 persons.
- ⚙ Support to the creation of the Rulebook on Technical Standards of Accessibility, developed with a view to creating a sustainable built environment accessible to all.
- ⚙ Contribution to the adoption of the Rulebook on the Issuing Procedure and Template of the Sex Change Certificate of the Competent Health Care Institution, which stipulates that surgery is no longer a requirement for trans persons for changing the gender marker in personal documents.
- ⚙ Maintenance and development of the Database for Monitoring Roma Inclusion Measures, as well as support to the Gender Equality Index calculation for the Republic of Serbia.
- ⚙ Support for the organisation of four Roma Inclusion Seminars, which are organised jointly by the Office for Human and Minority Rights, SIPRU and the European Commission, in order to summarize the results and declare the priorities and plans (so-called Operational Conclusions) for further improvement of the status of Roma in the Republic of Serbia.
- ⚙ Support to the Public Investment Management Office in the reconstruction of more than 50 public buildings in conformity with the accessibility standards.




EU integration





The European integration is a process of political, legislative and economic integration of European countries and regions. For the countries aspiring to join the EU, the European integration entails a comprehensive reform process, long-term human, institutional and administrative capacity building, as well as the change of decision-making modalities and management patterns. The approaches to social inclusion, taken by the European Union and its Member States, are among the most developed ones in the world and guarantee the improvement of the status of vulnerable groups in society. Nevertheless, only a well-timed and proper systemic preparation of the candidate countries for the EU membership ensures the development of the environment for effective social inclusion. The EU accession negotiations are a key stage of the candidate countries' progress towards the EU and include the acceptance of rights and obligations, the institutional framework and the EU acquis. They entail incremental adaptation and harmonisation of the national legislative system with the EU law, which is divided into 35 chapters for accession purposes.


The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit has strengthened the social dimension of the EU accession process through the following activities:


- Participation in the EU accession negotiations;
- Participation in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policy documents and reports of importance for the EU accession process;
- Development of human, regulatory and institutional capacities required for the EU membership;
- Development of the dialogue between the representatives of public institutions and the civil society.



-  Participation in the work of six EU accession negotiating groups:
 - Chapter 11 – Agriculture and rural development
 - Chapter 18 – Statistics
 - Chapter 19 – Social policy and employment
 - Chapter 22 – Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments
 - Chapter 23 – Judiciary and fundamental rights
 - Chapter 26 – Education and culture

-  Influencing the selection of development assistance priorities for the Republic of Serbia through the preparation of the NAD (National Priorities for International Assistance) and the provision of support to the line ministries to prepare themselves for using the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance and participating in the work of the Sectoral Working Group for Human Resource Development and Social Development.

-  Provision of expert assistance to the line ministry and the inter-ministerial working group in the preparation of the Employment and Social Reform Programme (ESRP), as well as in the preparation of the report on the implementation of the measures foreseen by this document.

-  Support to the line ministry in the preparation of the Economic Reform Programme (ERP). The Economic Reform Programme 2016 implemented the social impact assessment mechanism, based on the Guidelines for Social Impact Assessment, prepared by the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit.

-  The Platform for Monitoring ERP and ESRP Implementation was launched in cooperation with the relevant institutions, with a view to establishing a more effective dialogue between the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the civil society about the implementation of the most important economic and social reform measures envisaged in these documents.

-  Support to the line ministries to enable Serbia's access to the funds available under the EU's Third Health Programme 2014–2020 and the Employment and Social Innovation Programme (EaSI).
-  Support to the establishment of the cooperation with the European agencies in the field of living and working conditions, gender equality and inclusive education – EUROFOUND, European Institute for Gender Equality and European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education.
-  Participation in the preparation and publishing of the Review of Potential National and International Funding Opportunities – a collection of all information about open calls for applications and available funds provided by international and national donors and government institutions.

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**Social protection,
health care and housing**

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Education

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**Economic development
and employment**

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EU integration

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Vulnerable groups and human rights

From the Citizens' Perspective



BLOG ON SOCIAL INCLUSION

Individuals of various backgrounds are given the opportunity to express, in the form of blog posts, their attitudes, new/alternative points of view of the environment they live in, their positions regarding social inclusion practices, social events and everyday life in Serbia. Over a period of eight years, 629 posts by 82 authors have been published. Some of the most-read texts have been: Legal Aspects of Fatal Attraction (by Petar Stojanović), On the Right Track (by Ksenija Graovac), I Need Accurate Instructions (by Stefan Lazarević).



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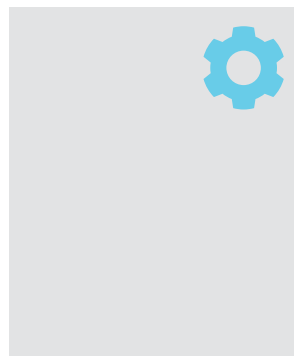
NEWSLETTER

Regular updates on the latest initiatives that contribute to greater social inclusion and poverty reduction in the Republic of Serbia. A total of 58 newsletters have been published to date.



BELGRADE IGNITE ON SOCIAL INCLUSION

More than 600 visitors heard success stories about inclusive education, youth activism and entrepreneurship, active ageing, overcoming of the obstacles faced by persons with disabilities and children with developmental disabilities, the courage of single parenthood, the struggle of the Roma population for better quality of life, the position of LGBTI persons, the fight against human trafficking, the inclusion of youth with behavioural problems, street children, migrants and former convicts, social inclusion after addiction rehabilitation, the position of persons with HIV/AIDS and about solidarity.



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SUCCESS STORIES

Since 2009, SIPRU has been publishing articles about successful actions, individuals and practices in the field of social inclusion and poverty reduction in Serbia.

2019

- Manual for introducing gender perspective into the Serbian language curriculum for the first cycle of education
- Report on Digital Inclusion in the Republic of Serbia 2014–2018
- Income and Consumption Decile Analysis in the Republic of Serbia
- Programme for Creating Evidence-Based and Research-Based Educational Policy
- Gender Review of Curricula and Textbooks for the Serbian Language from First to Fourth Grade of Primary School
- Third National Report on Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction in the Republic of Serbia for the Period 2014–2017

2018

- Gender Equality Index in the Republic of Serbia
- Awards for the contribution to the development of all forms of accessibility 2017/2018
- Assessment of Absolute Poverty in Serbia in 2017
- Periodic Evaluation of the Local Youth Employment Initiatives Programme

2017

- Analysis of unmet health care needs in the Republic of Serbia
- Monitoring Social Inclusion in the Republic of Serbia – Third Revised Edition (cumulative publication)
- Monitoring Social Inclusion in Serbia:
 - Social protection and welfare indicators
 - Poverty and inequality indicators
 - Material deprivation indicators
 - Employment and labour market indicators
 - Education indicators
 - Health indicators
 - Long-term care indicators
 - Social and child protection indicators
 - Quality of life indicators

- Poverty in the Republic of Serbia 2006–2016 – Revised and new data
- Evaluation of the Youth Service Package and the Relevant Programmes and Measures Funded from the Republic of Serbia Budget and Targeted at Youth
- Assessment of public expenditures from the budget of the Republic of Serbia in the period 2013–2015 on youth employment and employability promotion policies
- Support to the Implementation of the ESRP in Serbia with a Focus on Youth Employment and Employability Policies
- Pact for Youth – Strengthening Partnerships to Encourage Youth Employability and Social Inclusion

2016

- Mapping Social Care Services within the Mandate of Local Governments in the Republic of Serbia
- Preparation for the European Social Fund: analysis of local government capacities
- Final evaluation of the “Local Initiatives Programme for Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction”
- Guidelines for Social Impact Assessment
- Women’s Access to Economic Opportunities in Serbia
- Secondary Analyses of Data from the Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC)
- Analysis of the Application of Affirmative Measures in the Field of Roma Education and Recommendations for Improvement of Measures
- Stop School Dropouts
- Support to the Improvement of e-Services at the Local Level in the Republic of Serbia: Proposal of a Basic Set of e-Services of Local Governments and Proposal of the e Governance Development Index of Local Governments
- Entrepreneurial Education – Comparative Review of Educational Policies, Models and Practice
- Instructions for Preparing Teaching Materials in Accordance with the Principles of Universal Design
- Gender Equality Index in the Republic of Serbia

2015

- Analysis of the Legal Framework and Current Status and Practice of Pedagogical Assistants
- Guide for Schools, Teachers and Professional Associates: How to Find Information on Sources of Financing and Resources for Schools, Teachers and Professional Associates
- Poverty in Serbia in 2014
- Effectiveness of Systemic Mechanisms for Preventing Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
- Overview of the Second National Report on Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction in the Republic of Serbia – Role of Local Governments
- Review of Potential National and International Funding Opportunities
- Financial Inclusion in Serbia – An Analysis of Status, Barriers, Benefits and Opportunities
- Report on Digital Inclusion in the Republic of Serbia 2011–2014

2014

- Second National Report on Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction in the Republic of Serbia for the Period 2011-2014
- Monitoring Framework for Inclusive Education in Serbia
- Poverty in Serbia in 2011, 2012 and 2013
- Measuring Poverty – Theoretical Concepts, Status and Recommendations on Serbia
- Review of Potential National and International Funding Opportunities for Projects of CSOs, Local Governments, SMEs, Entrepreneurs and Individuals in Serbia
- Policy Impact Analysis: Providing Additional Support To Students From Vulnerable Groups In Pre-University Education
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 - Annex 1: Institutional and Legal Framework for Pro-Poor Policies
 - Annex 2: Overview of Policies and Measures in the Social Welfare Sector Supporting Education Needs of Vulnerable Children
 - Annex 3: Overview of Measures for Poor and Roma Students Provided by CSOs
 - Annex 4: Recent and On-going Donor Assistance to Education and Social Welfare Sectors
 - Annex 5: Comparative Analysis
 - Annex 6: Financial Analysis of the Measures Proposed in the Analysis
- Social Protection in Old Age: Long-Term Care and Social Pensions

2013

- Mapping Social Care Services within the Mandate of Local Governments
- Proposed potential models of assistance in the process of digitalisation of terrestrial television in the Republic of Serbia and examples of practices from other countries
- Employment Policy Impact Assessment
- Research on the Use of ICT in Schools in Serbia
- Qualitative Survey – Long-Term Elderly Care in Serbia
- Study on Options for the Establishment of the Social Inclusion Fund in the Republic of Serbia
- Deprivation of Legal Capacity, Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities
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