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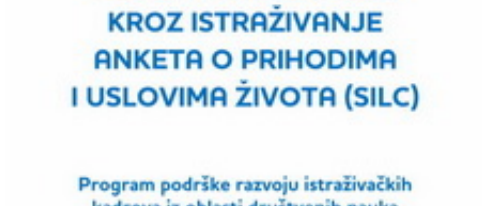


## 38th NEWSLETTER

ON SOCIAL INCLUSION AND POVERTY REDUCTION

### INTRODUCTION

#### Secondary Analyses of Data Obtained through the Survey of Income and Living Conditions (SILC)



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PODATAKA DOBIJENIH  
KROZ ISTRAŽIVANJE  
ANKETA O PRIHODIMA  
I USLOVIMA ŽIVOTA (SILC)**

Program podrške razvoju istraživačkih  
kadrova iz oblasti društvenih nauka



11 analyses have been published under the Programme of Support to the Development of Researchers in the field of Social Sciences initiated by the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of Serbia, implemented in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The Programme was aimed at secondary analyses of data obtained through the Survey of Income and Living Conditions – SILC. The programme also supported in-depth research through the Household Budget Survey and the Labour Force Survey, as well as the use of administrative data sources, aiming for a more comprehensive and holistic understanding of the subject and formulation of more efficient public policy.

The goal of the Programme was a deeper understanding of factors affecting poverty, social exclusion, material deprivation, risk of poverty, inequality, access to the labour market and other aspects important for the quality of life of individuals and families in the Republic of Serbia. The programme is aimed at increasing the capacities of researchers at the beginning of career to implement complementary/secondary research in areas that have not been explored, yet have a great significance for formulating efficient public policies in these segments.

The programme supported 19 researchers at the start of their career, and provided them with continued support of a total of seven mentors, as well as support by the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia and the support of an independent statistician.

The successful implementation of the Programme owes immense gratitude to colleagues from the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, both regarding professional advice and support, as well as for making available data from relevant surveys held by the Statistical Office.

The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the United Nations Development Programme invite you to use the presented data in your further work, as well as to promote the findings and recommendations, hoping to thus stimulate a more efficient improvement of public policy and contribute to creating a more inclusive and equitable society.

Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit  
and United Nations Development Programme

### NEWS

#### Economic Development and Employment

► European Support to Entrepreneurs from the South East and South West Serbia Awarded

► KOF Youth Labour Market Index

#### Social Welfare and Healthcare

► MODS Calls the Government to Compensate the Abolishment of VAT with Parental Allowance

► Serbia 65th of 188 Countries by Health

#### Education

► Commissioner for Protection of Equality Indicates Segregation in Education

► The International Conference "Joint Vision: Education for Practical Knowledge"

► Publication "Recognize, Promote and Spread – Stories on Successful Schools"

► The By-law on Amendments on the By-law on Permanent Professional Advancement of School and Preschool Teachers and Associate Experts Adopted

► Papers Presented at the Conference "Dialogues in Education" Published

#### Vulnerable Groups and Human Rights

► The Meeting on the Action Plan for more Efficient Integration of the Roma Held

► Pride Parade Held in Belgrade

► Probation Makes More than Two Thirds of Verdicts for Violence against Women

► One Third of the Young Do not Want to Participate in Decision-making

► For the Prevention of Violence against Women and Children 950.000 dollars

► International Migration Outlook 2016

#### EU Integration

► The Majority for European Integration, but the Youth Opposition is Rising

► "Guide through Programming and Monitoring of the Implementation of IPA II for the Members of the SECO Mechanism"

► European Support for the Infrastructure in the South East and South West Serbia

► EU Donated 55 Sets of Equipment for Collecting Recyclable Materials

► Serbia Losing EUR 15 Million from IPARD Funds for Now

#### EU News

► Juncker's key messages of the State of the Union 2016

► European Quality of Life Survey 2016

► Audit Conducted of Absorption Pre-Accession Assistance Funds in Western Balkan EU Candidate Countries

► Inadequate housing in Europe: Costs and consequences

► Towards better social statistics for a social Europe

### ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL INCLUSION UNIT

#### Pact for Youth – Strengthening Partnerships to Encourage Youth Employability and Social Inclusion

On September 19, 2016, in Dom Omladine in Belgrade, the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit, together with its partners, SMART Kolektiv and Belgrade Open School, organised a conference called "FACT FOR YOUTH" in order to promote and introduce the European Pact for Youth to all stakeholders and the public.

At the conference, the representatives of the public, civil and business sector shared information on the status of young people on the labour market in Serbia, and on the activities organised in order to increase youth employability and employment. Special attention was given to programmes which enable young people to have contact with businesses, during and after the process of education. Vocational training programmes for the youth implemented in neighbouring countries, Montenegro and Croatia, were also presented.

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This cycle of the Programme for Support to the Development of Research Personnel in the field of Social Sciences was aimed at secondary analyses of data obtained through the Survey of Income and Living Conditions – SILC. The programme also supported detailed research through the Survey on Household Expenditures and Workforce Survey, as well as the use of administrative data sources, aiming for a more comprehensive and holistic understanding of the subject and formulation of more efficient public policy.

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#### Public Call for Providing Mentoring Support in Preparing Project Proposals for the European PROGRES Call – "Support to Local Gender Equality Mechanisms"

The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia is publishing a public call for providing mentoring and advisory support in the preparation of project proposals for the call "Support to Local Gender Equality Mechanisms" published by the European PROGRES, the largest development programme in Serbia, with its implementation financially supported by the European Union and the Government of Switzerland in partnership with the Government of Serbia.

Advisory support by the Unit involves *providing comments and proposals for amendments of prepared project proposals*, as well as guiding project ideas towards the most efficient and effective impact on the beneficiaries.

Local self-governments, and/or local gender equality mechanisms from the 34 municipalities in the south-east and south-west of Serbia may forward their project proposals to the Unit at the latest by Monday, 3 October 2016, by the end of the day. Additional information or clarifications available by e-mail: [irena.latinovic@gov.rs](mailto:irena.latinovic@gov.rs).

#### Open Call for Mentoring the Preparation of the Project Concept note for the IPA 2013 Call "Durable Housing Solutions and Physical Infrastructure Improvements in Roma Settlements" is Closed

The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Republic of Serbia provided mentoring and advisory support to local self-governments and citizen associations (registered in the Republic of Serbia) during the process of project concept note preparation for the IPA 2013 Call for Proposals "Durable housing solutions and physical infrastructure improvements in Roma settlements".

The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter: the Unit) recognised this Call for Proposals as a highly important opportunity for the improvement of the status of the Roma community as one of the most vulnerable groups in the Republic of Serbia. With this Open Call, the Unit wanted to support the participation of the Roma population as the final beneficiary of the projects, as well as the proactive approach of all stakeholders on the local level and the development of the local community in general.

The Units' advisory support included providing comments and recommendations for amendments to the project concept notes, and guiding project ideas toward providing a more efficient and effective impact on the final beneficiary. The Open Call was closed on September 14, 2016.

### OPEN CALLS

► PROGRES: Support to Local Gender Equality Mechanisms (Deadline: 10/10/2016)

► EIDHR: Global Call for Project Proposals in 2016 (Deadline: 14/10/2016)

► SUPERSTE Club is Open – Apply Now! (Deadline: 14/10/2016)

► Incentives for Economic Activities through Support of non-agricultural Activities (Deadline: 15/10/2016)

► Support Package for Enhancing Human Resources Management (Deadline: 20/10/2016)

► Second Roma Integration Award for the Western Balkans and Turkey (Deadline: 31/10/2016)

You may follow the news on open calls regularly at: [socjalnouljucivanje.gov.rs/en/tenders](http://socjalnouljucivanje.gov.rs/en/tenders)

### READ MORE...

► The Government to Establish Four Teams for Realisation of Priority Goals

► Consultations on Public Policy Planning and Management Package of Regulations

► Projects relevant to Roma inclusion at the local level approved

► Internet Campaign "Turn off the Violence", with the Message that the Violence is not Tolerated

► "Make Yourself Literate – Change!" Project Presented

► Centre for the Evaluation of Driving Abilities of All Drivers Opened by AMSS CMV

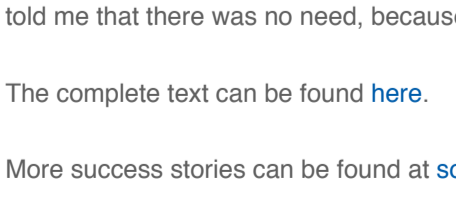
► EHO Projects Helping Roma and Other Socially Vulnerable Categories

► The Global Shapers Annual Survey 2016

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### SOCIAL INCLUSION BLOG

#### MARKO LUMO: LGBTI Caravan – Caravan of Acceptance, Understanding and Respect for Diversity



When speaking of the methods to be used to adequately promote the human rights of LGBTI persons, the first thing that comes to anyone's mind (whether for or against) is Pride. (...) Those better acquainted with this issue would certainly propose several other methods that could be used to work on improving the rights of members of the LGBTI community. Some were tried during past years with more or less success, some were not, and we can only hope that someone in the future makes proper use of them. What I did not expect at all (...) was something called "LGBTI Caravan". Even now, I'm thinking about all the lights that went on in my head when my friend from the Egal organization told me that one of the activities the organization was planning for this year was precisely that. (...)

She said that activists in this organization realized that ever since people started talking about the rights of LGBTI persons in Serbia, the least talk of these issues was outside capital, and that events related to the promotion of the human rights of LGBTI persons are mostly located in Belgrade, and occasionally Novi Sad and Niš. People in other towns outside the main urban centres are mostly introduced to these topics through media. (...) LGBTI persons also live in smaller towns and villages across Serbia. They, unfortunately, lack precisely this type of content – content that would inform and educate citizens, and show the members of the LGBTI community they are not alone and lonely in their difference and uniqueness. That there is support. (...)

"LGBTI Caravan" travelled through Serbia. Activists of the Egal organization visited ten towns across Serbia during the period 16 June – 8 June 2016: Apatin, Vrbas, Vrnjačka Banja, Indija, Novi Sad, Kragujevac, Kruševac, Niš, Svilajnac, Zrenjanin, thus implementing the largest activity of this type at the local level in Serbia by a civil society organization focusing on the LGBTI community. Attendance was, as the organizers say, considerable. (...)

While we, as members of this community, can only hope that this event will live on in the future and see an advanced age, becoming larger, changing and transforming in accordance with the needs of the LGBTI community, as well as other citizens, yet retaining the initial goal of respecting the rights of all, regardless of sexual orientation and experience of gender identity, for "until we are all free, we are none of us free."

The text in its entirety can be found on the [Social Inclusion Blog](#).

Other texts by our bloggers can be found at: [www.socjalnouljucivanje.gov.rs/blog/](http://www.socjalnouljucivanje.gov.rs/blog/)

### SUCCESS STORY

#### In Ruma Friends Come Together Everyday



Ruma Day Centre for people with intellectual and mental disabilities is visited daily by 15 users, ages 26 to 40, in time they spend together, from 1 to 6 pm is a rare opportunity for some of them to leave their home.

At first, Marko came with his mother, Katica. Then, she said, they both plucked their courage and decided that Marko should go to Ruma on his own as it is only some twenty kilometres away from their village Platičevo. Marko, just as other members of the Day centre for the people with intellectual and mental disabilities,

sometimes needs to be more cautious, so his mother informed all bus drivers and bus and train conductors on the local lines that Marko will be travelling with them regularly, while the caregivers at the Day centre were already prepared to escort him to the station. A month later, quiet Marko is coming to the Day centre every day all by himself and without any problems.

As part of the "Improvement of social inclusion of people with intellectual and mental disabilities" project implemented within the IPA "Support for the inclusive society" programme and funded by the European Union, the Day centre started working at the end of March 2016, and it represents a new service in Ruma. Local partners are Centre for social work and Ruma Municipality, and the plan is to implement the project until September 2017, at which time the Municipality should include it in its regular budget activities.

In addition to the benefits for people with intellectual and mental disabilities and their parents who see how their children improve on a weekly basis, the Day center also provided the opportunity for first employment for five young people (...). In addition, another ten or so people are involved in planning and organizing these gatherings in the Day center. The members themselves like it the most when they have activities outside the Centre.

Mondays are for food preparation, Tuesdays are "Rhythm of the Day", on Wednesdays they usually go to the garden or visit the farm of the agricultural school, Thursdays are for art and other creative workshops. Fridays are reserved for being involved in the local community by going to museums, the pool during the summer, cake shops, bowling...

Mrs Marija, a very devoted mother from village Nikinci, about 25 km from Ruma, drives her daughter Daniela to the Day centre every day. (...) While smiling, she is telling us that she is slowly losing her overly protective attitude toward her child.

- At home, I tie her shoelaces. But since she has started going to the Day centre, the people working there told me that there was no need, because she was capable of doing it herself.

The complete text can be found [here](#).

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