

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT

## PROACTION - PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND UNACCOMPANIED CHILD MIGRANTS

It is a great pleasure to announce the beginning of the Project "PROACTION - PROtection Against disCriminaTION of asylum-seekers and unaccompanied child migrants", financed by the European Union under the Support to Civil Society Facility 2013. The duration of the Project is from December 2015 to June 2016 and will be implemented by Group 484, Praxis and the International Commission of Jurists-European Institutions (ICJ-EI).

Group 484, Praxis and ICJ-EI have a long history of engagement in the field of migration and human rights, not only through research and advocacy activities but also through direct work with vulnerable groups of migrants, independently as well as in partnership with each other. Throughout our work, we have recognised the importance of strengthening CSOs and respective institutions and enhancing their cooperation in order to develop effective support and anti-discrimination policies for asylum-seekers and unaccompanied child migrants in Serbia.

Therefore, the PROACTION Project aims to strengthen the support provided by Serbian CSOs to asylum-seekers and unaccompanied child migrants by building their capacities for the prevention and protection from discrimination and human rights violations and through networking with national and local institutions.

The project will be focused not only on asylum-seekers, unaccompanied child migrants and representatives of CSOs, but also on relevant institutions, decision-makers and citizens from four regions in Serbia (Vojvodina, Central Serbia including Belgrade, South-East and South-West).

The project comprises of different groups of activities:

- Direct assistance to asylum-seekers and unaccompanied child migrants (legal and social support),
- Educational activities (coordinating training courses focused on international and regional anti-discrimination standards in the context of migration)
- Monitoring and advocacy activities (anti-discrimination policies and practices related to asylum and migration)
- Awareness-raising activities to combat discrimination against asylum seekers and unaccompanied child migrants (through campaigns and public events)









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We sincerely believe that these activities will contribute significantly to the further development of migration policies in the Republic of Serbia based on the highest international and regional standards.

The role of your institution and yourself personally is highly appreciated in this process and we would be very grateful to have your support in achieving the goals of the PROACTION Project.

Sincerely,

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