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INTRODUCTION

From its formation in 2004 till today Coalition SEGA directed its activities in establishing strategic partnership with the Agency of Youth and Sports as responsible governmental institution that works with youth. As a result of this partnership SEGA initiated and participated in the creating process of the National Youth Strategy in Republic of Macedonia and the Action Plan for implementation of the National Youth Strategy. In the further period SEGA was working on lobbying, advocacy and implementation of progressive legal frame that treats the youth.

In the past year with support of the programme CIVICA Mobilitas, implemented by CIRa, and financed by SDC the Year Programme of Coalition SEGA in 2011 was completely implemented.

In 2011 SEGA continue with implementation of the activities from the Action plan for implementation of the National youth strategy. In collaboration with the Agency of Youth and sports we continued to develop mechanisms for informing young people and we created three Local Youth Strategies so at the moment are created 13 LYS in RM.

In 2010, in collaboration with the Agency of Youth and Sports we established body for monitoring of the Implementation of NYS and we initiated the process of adoption of law regulation in RM that will regulate the status of the young people. In 2011 the Body for monitoring of implementation of NYS leaded few meetings and it was expanded with new members. Talking about law regulation that will regulate the status of the youth in Macedonia, in the second part of 2011 The Ministry of justice proposed draft on the Law for Youth to the Parliament of RM. In September the draft Law was refused from the Parliament so we started lobbying campaign in order Law for Youth to be returned in the agenda of the decision makers on national level.

In 2009 we prepared Alternative report for implementation of the Convention for the right of the child in RM. The report was presented in 2010 in front of the Committee for the right of the child in the United Nations in Geneva. The recommendations from the Alternative report were presented on the meeting with Commission for labor and social policy in the Parliament of RM. In 2010 in the field of child and youth participation in RM we prepared Basic Study that helps us to determine the situation with participation of children and youth in primary and secondary schools in RM and we research the possibilities for establishment of Child ombudsman. In 2011 we prepared for the second time National report from the Monitoring of the implementation of the Convention for the right of the child in RM and for the first time we established Child ombudsman in 5 primary and 5 secondary schools same as new systematic model for election of Class presidents and selection of student organizations.

In the field of youth participation on local level we continued with strengthening of the capacities of existing Councils of Youth in RM same as with establishing new Council of Youth in Municipality of Negotino through adoption of the changes in the statute by the Municipality council. In 2010 as a partner of the Agency for youth and sports and LSG from Prilep we opened the first Youth information and counseling center- INFO SEGA in Prilep that continued its activities in 2011.

In 2011 SEGA continued the process of strengthening the capacities of the youth sector in the less developed regions, where low level of youth activism is identified. For that reason we organized trainings for strengthening the organization capacities of existing youth organizations.

For the first time in 2011 we were working on the improvement of the living conditions of the foreigners in RM, with special accent on the foreign volunteers in the country as a part of broader European project in which 7 countries were included.

Through the activities of the annual program of SEGA during 2011 we directly involve 8.827 citizens (representatives of youth organizations, municipalities, and national institutions and youth informal groups). Talking about media coverage of SEGA in 2011 we were 336 times present on international, national and local medias (in news, live shows, interviews, columns or articles in printed or electronic newspapers).

Looking at 2012 and further SEGA is ready for new challenges in creating possibilities for improvement of the status of the young people in RM. In 2012 SEGA will pledge the Law for Youth to be returned in parliament procedure, improvement of youth information, youth participation in the decision making processes same as establishment of mechanisms for protection of child rights and child participation in the schools.

As a Coalition we aim to support young people in any aspect of their life, our success will be measured with the capability of young people to follow the new challenges and to use the new possibilities. SEGA will continue to represent the voice of young people and youth organizations in RM to the local and national institutions same as to the European youth associations. For that reason we will locate the new needs and we will include all stakeholders in their determination. In the future SEGA will continue to develop youth policy and to advocate and lobby for improvement of the situation of the youth in RM.



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Youth policy

Project: “Creating Local Youth Strategies”

The project “Creating Local Youth Strategies” was implemented in the period of 12 months (01 January- 31 December 2011) in 3 municipalities in RM (Veles, Negotino and Debar). The project was implemented second year aiming to increase the active participation of youth in the politic, social, economic and cultural life in the local community through preparation of local youth strategies. In 2010 were created strategies in 10 municipalities in RM: Prilep, Kavadarci, Gevgelija, Bitola, Tetovo, Shtip, Kisela Voda, Ilinden, Sveti Nikole and Radovish. The project “Creating local Youth strategies” was implemented in frames of the Annual program of Coalition SEGA for 2011 and was financed within the program CIVICA Mobilitas (implemented by CIRA and financed by SDC) and three local self-governments included in the project (Veles, Negotino and Debar).

Aiming successful coordination and more effective implementation of the project 2 coordinative meetings of the project team and local coordinators from the three towns were organized. During April in the three municipalities were formed coordinative body and working group. According to the foreseen methodology for preparation of LYS coordinative bodies and working groups were consisted of representatives from the local ministries, presidents and members of the Municipality councils, representatives from local administration, representatives from civic organizations, experts for youth policy, representatives from cultural institutions, health centers, youth political branches , high school and university students.

In the period 27-29 April 2011 in hotel Biser-Struga was organized “Training for creating local youth strategies”. On the training were present 12 representatives from Local Self Governments, members of the Council and citizen societies from Negotino, Veles and Debar. The aim of training was to strengthen the capacities of the local leaders in the process of creating strategies.

At the beginning of May 2011 were established 3 focus groups in the included municipalities for determination of the priority areas for youth in which it’s necessary to act. With organization of these focus groups were determined the most vulnerable areas in which the problems of the youth are most visible. The participants in these focus groups were representatives from local youth organizations, youth political branches, high school and university students, same as representatives from the local self governments and other local institutions. In the period 25-31 May the survey research was implemented on 384 respondents aged 15-29 in the towns included in the project, and the necessities were identified and the problems of the young people were detected.

At the beginning of June 2011 the research team according to the research base data prepared, analysis of the opinions of the young people regarding the youth needs for each municipality separately. With this analysis were determined three youth priorities according to the specifics of the local community/environment.

In the period July –November 2011 the members of the working groups in all three municipalities during the creation of Local Youth Strategies had a task through working meetings to sublimate the results from the research and to define target interventions, goals and strategies for their

determination. During November in Veles, Negotino and Debar, Action plans for implementation of LYS were prepared with defined activities for the first year of implementation of the strategies.

In order to ensure larger inclusion of the public and especially young people, in creation of local youth policies public discussions on the Draft versions of LYS in the three municipalities (Veles, Negotino and Debar) were organized. On the public discussions were present local stakeholders in the field of youth (high school and university students, representatives from LSG, Municipality Councils, local institutions and organizations.)

During November –December 2011 the final LYS and Action plans were delivered to the Municipality councils for their adoption. On the meeting of the Municipality Council of Veles in the first half of November 2011 was adopted the first LYS, and after that the Municipality Council of Negotino also adopted the strategy, while the Strategy of the Municipality of Debar will be in the agenda of the Council in the January 2012. In the two municipalities where the strategies and action plans were adopted the budget means were estimated for the activities of the action plan: 300.000 denars in the municipality of Veles and 292.000 denars in the municipality of Negotino. With implementation of the activities of the project “Creating Local Youth Strategies” the representatives from the local institutions and organizations from three municipalities in RM were directly involved.

Project” Initiating the process of adoption of legislation in RM that regulates the status of the youth”

The project “initiating the process of adoption of legislation in RM that regulates the status of the youth” was implemented in the period 01 January – 31 December 2011. The project was implemented in the frames of the Annual programme of Coalition SEGA, financed by the programme CIVICA Mobilitas.

During 2010 Coalition of Youth organizations SEGA prepared Comparative Analysis of the European and Macedonian legislation that regulates the status of the youth. According to that Analysis was initiated the process for advocacy and lobbying for Draft Law that will regulate the status of the Youth in RM.

During January 2011 the Agency for Youth and Sports in RM prepared Information for the needs of Draft Law for Youth that was delivered to the Ministries and the Government of RM. In the process of preparation of the document of the Information SEGA was included as an expert. On 8th of March 2011 on the Government assembly was adopted this Information and was concluded that working group that will prepare Draft Law for Youth should be formed.

On 28 June Draft Law for youth was given to the Parliament of RM for the first reading. On 18 August Draft Law for Youth got the necessary support from the most parliamentarians in the Commission for European questions in the Parliament of RM, while on 22 August was in the agenda of the second assembly of the Commission for Legislation and on the first assembly on the Commission for Education, science and sport. After the Parliament Commission for education, science and sport estimate the Draft Law for acceptable same was in the agenda of the eight assembly of the Parliament of RM.

Meanwhile, Coalition SEGA for the International day of youth on 12 August 2011 organized press for the journalists. On that press SEGA send her message to the parliamentarians no matter to which ethnicity they belong, to support the Draft Law for youth which will define Institutional care for the young people in Macedonia.

Still on 31 October on the Government assembly was decided The Law for Youth to be withdrawn for Parliamentary procedure aiming broader involvement of all stakeholders in the process of its complete defining.

In order The Law for youth to be returned in parliament procedure Coalition of Youth organizations SEGA during December 2011 started lobbying campaign and organized 11 local and 1 national discussion. Local public discussions aiming to get recommendations for improvement of the draft on Law for youth were organized in cooperation with organizations members of SEGA in Bitola (07 December), Shtip (09 December), Kavadarci and Ohrid (13 December), Struga and Kisela Voda (14 December), Tetovo (15 December), Karposh, Negotino and Strumica (16 December) and in Prilep (20 December).

The national discussion was organized on 27 December 2011 in Holiday Inn-Skopje aiming to present the recommendations from the public discussions in front of national institutions and local organizations.

The lobbying campaign the Law for youth to be returned in the parliament procedure was followed with presence on local and national media in order the public to be informed about the possibility to be actively involved in the process.

The Next step is preparation of Comparative review on the influence of the notes on Draft Law by external expert for youth policies. The final document with received notes together with the Comparative review will be delivered to the Ministry of justice at the beginning of 2012.

During 2012 it is expected the question for the legal regulation of the status of the young people to be open again, this will secure equal opportunities for the young people same as to regulate youth participation in the processes of decision making and to return the law in parliament procedure.

With the implementation of the activities of the project "initiating the process of adoption of legal regulations in RM that regulate the status of the youth" in 2012 were included 384 representatives from national and local institutions and organizations and youth.

Project " Monitoring of the implementation of the National Youth Strategy"

During 2010 Body for following of the implementation of the National Youth Strategy of RM was formed, consisted of 5 members (representatives from the Ministries of the Government of RM, Coalition of Youth organization SEGA and Agency for youth and sports) that are responsible for monitoring of the implementation of the priorities of the National Youth Strategy. In 2011 we focus our activity on the number of the members in the working group in order to include representatives from all Ministries that are responsible for implementation of the Action plan for the National Youth Strategy, or the number to be 12-15 members. This group is responsible for coordination and implementation of the monitoring system in 2011 and 2012. At the beginning of 2012 meetings were organized with the Agency of youth and sport and were discussed for revision

of already existing body for monitoring of NYS. The requests for nomination of representatives for the members of the body for implementation of NYS were delivered to all relevant Ministries included in the Strategy.

Because of early parliamentary elections in coordination with the Agency of youth and sports the activities for revision of the body for monitoring of the implementation of the Action plan of the National strategy for youth were canceled.

After organized meetings with the Agency of Youth and sports during August 2011 the Agency again send request for nomination of representatives for members of the body for monitoring of implementation of AP for NYS during September 2011 to all relevant Ministries (in the new formed government).

On 14 November 2011 in the offices of the Agency for Youth and sports was organized meeting of the revised body for monitoring of NYS on which 8 members from following institutions were present: Bureau for development of Education, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of finance, National agency for European education programs and mobility, Agency for employment of RM, Agency from youth and sports and Coalition of Youth organizations SEGA.

On each meeting the executive director of Coalition SEGA was presenting the instruments for collecting of the data for implementing of NYS and the indicators that should be monitored. The instruments were delivered to the institutions and to the citizen organizations in order to get more information for the implementation of the NYS by the institutions. Till 10 December 2011 the deadline for data collecting for implementation of NYS we had information only from few institutions while the citizen organizations that received the instruments didn't returned not one filled instrument.

Received informations and filled instruments for data collecting for implementation on NYS were delivered to external consultant in order report on implementation of NYS, which estimated that collected informations doesn't include enough data, that they are not giving complete view on the implementation of NYS by the institutions but will only give overview on the implemented activities for youth by the relevant institutions that are included in the NYS. This was the reason why the Report from the implementation of NYS (for the priority Youth participation) was not prepared.

Project" Implementation of the Convention for the right of the child"

The project "Implementation of the Convention for the right of the child" was implemented in period of 9 months (01 April-31 December), financed by the Pestalozzi Children Foundation. The aim of the project was to enable the children and youth in Macedonia actively to practice their rights and obligations prescribed with the Convention on the right of the child with focus on their right to participation.

The project was divided in three components. In the first component SEGA established and start to implement a System for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation of the Convention of the right of the child in RM for the members regarding child participation, while with the sub-component "Establishment of child ombudsman in the schools", for the first time the institution Child ombudsman was established in the primary and secondary schools.

With the second component we strengthen the functionality of the models for participation in the primary or secondary schools including the process of election of class presidents in the schools. While the third component include the establishment of the models of youth participation on local level by establishing Councils of Youth in the frames of the Local Governments leaving space for advocacy and lobbying for children and youth questions in front of decision makers on local level.

Aiming successful implementation of the project 4 coordinative meetings with local coordinators in Prilep, Kavadarci, Kumanovo, Debar and Tetovo were organized and 5 coordinative meetings with external experts included in the project. In the period May-July the personnel of Coalition SEGA for the needs of the project prepared three manuals: Manual for child ombudsman (including information and detailed guidelines for establishment of the model Child ombudsman in the schools); Manual for new model for election of class presidents in the primary or secondary schools (including information and guidelines for implementation of unified model for election of class presidents in the schools); and Manual for establishment and functioning of school and youth organizations in the primary and secondary schools in RM (including information and guidelines for establishment of school organization and its functioning).

In the second half of April 2011 informative meetings with the directors from primary and secondary schools were organized in Prilep, Kavadarci, Kumanovo, Tetovo and Debar on which they were informed for all project activities included in the project and also contact person was nominated (teacher/professor).

In the period 24-26 June 2011 in hotel Belvedere –Ohrid was organized seminar on theme: “Protection of the child rights in the primary and secondary schools” The participants were directors, teachers, professors, pedagogues and psychologies from the primary and secondary schools from Kumanovo, Prilep, Tetovo, Kavadarci and Debar. The seminar was facilitated by the Deputy Ombudsman Mrs. Nevenka Krusharovska who presented the overview of children rights according to the Convention for the rights of the child in RM, legislation, and special accent was put on the direct participation in the schools. On the seminar were presented the new models of election of class presidents and school organizations and specially was present and discussed the model Child ombudsman in the schools.

- ***Component 1: System of monitoring and evaluation of implementation of the Convention for the right of the child in RM.***

In the period May – June 2011 we were working on developing of methodology and implementation of the first data collection from the Monitoring and evaluation of the Convention of the right of the child in RM. In this period System for Monitoring and evaluation of the Convention for the rights of the child in RM was prepared by external consultants, while in the second half of May was announced call for selection of data collectors on local level.

On 20 June 2011 in hotel Salida-Prilep was organized training for the local data collectors. The training was organized in order the representatives from youth organizations from 14 towns in RM (where Monitoring was implemented) to gain more knowledge how to provide necessary data and which methodology to use in data collecting for implementation of the Convention for the right of the child in RM.

Eleven (11) local data collectors and 5 local coordinators from Prilep, Bitola, Resen, Ohrid, Struga, Debar, Gostivar, Tetovo, Kumanovo, 3 from Skopje, Vinica, Shtip, Kavadarci and Gevgelija in the period from 01-15 July 2011 implemented the first cycles from the process of data collecting on

local level according to the indicators from the system for monitoring and evaluation for implementing the Convention for the right of the child in RM.

In the same period data was collected also on national level by the personnel of SEGA and external consultants. During August collected data was added in the system for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Convention and during September periodical report from the implementation of the Convention for the right of the child was prepared by the external consultants.

The second cycle from the data collecting on local level in 14 towns and on national level was implemented in the period from 1-15 October 2011. In the two phases the data on local level was collected from all institutions: schools, Local Self-Governments, Media, Centers for social work, NGOs, while on national level the data was collected from all relevant national institutions.

On 25 October 2011 in the central office of SEGA was organized orientation meeting with the data collectors in order determination of the problems and challenges that they faced on local level. During December 2011 the second periodical report and annual report of Implementation of the Convention for the right of the child in Macedonia was prepared. The annual report for implementation of the Convention will be published and presented on the National conference in the first half of January 2012.

- ***Sub component 1: Child ombudsman in the primary and secondary schools***

In the first half of October 2011 the local coordinators organized meeting with the directors and pedagogue-psychologist in the primary and secondary schools on which was presented the Manual for child ombudsman. The meetings have one goal to explain in details the procedures for selection of Child ombudsman and its deputies in the schools.

In the middle October 2011 in all schools was announced call for selection of child ombudsman and two deputies. According to the call the candidates submitted their applications and motivation letters to the pedagogues and psychologists and all received applications were delivered to the central office of Coalition SEGA and by the team of SEGA was given recommendation to the schools which candidates to be selected through previously given selection criteria. In all schools included in the project from Prilep Kumanovo, Kavadarci, Debar and Tetovo the selection was successful and Children ombudsman and their deputies were selected.

In order to strengthen the capacities of selected children ombudsman and their deputies from the primary and secondary schools we organized two trainings: "Introduction in the Convention of the right of the child" and "Specific role of the child ombudsman". The training for the children ombudsman from secondary schools on theme: "Introduction in the Convention for the right of the child" was organized in hotel Donco –Ohrid in period 21-23 October and from 28-30 October for the children ombudsman from the primary schools. On this trainings the participants had the opportunity to gain knowledge for the history, structure and the role of the Convention for the right of the child same as the right of the child in the education process.

For the children ombudsman from the secondary schools the training for "Specific role of the child ombudsman" was organized in November 11-13 in hotel Solferino -Struga and for children ombudsman from the primary schools the training was organized on 02-04 December. On these trainings the participants gain knowledge and skills for their role and function in the school. Also on these trainings participants were talking about the procedures for submitting complaints and the ways of communication of the school with Deputy Ombudsman of RM. The training was leaded by the Deputy ombudsman of RM.

In the period November/December 2011 the selected children ombudsman and their deputies organized workshops for their peers on theme: Specific role of Child ombudsman for protection of the rights of the children in the schools. 18 workshops were organized by the Children ombudsman and their deputies in order to promote their function in the school and to introduce the Convention for the right of the child to their peers. On these workshops 419 children were participating 215 from the primary and 204 from the secondary schools involved in the project.

- **Component 2: Youth participation in the primary and secondary schools**

During September 2011 the local coordinators (Prilep, Kavadarci, Kumanovo, Tetovo and Debar) organized meetings with the directors of the schools and they presented the Manual for selection of the class presidents in the primary and secondary schools. In this period were organized meetings with the Class officials from 7th grade in primary and 2nd year in secondary schools.

The Class officials during their classes presented and facilitated the new model for election of class community and class president according to the Manual. Through this process the class president in the primary and secondary schools for the school year 2011-2012 were elected in democratic way in the schools in Prilep, Debar, Kumanovo, Tetovo and Kavadarci.

After the end of the selection process for class presidents in October were elected school organizations in the schools included in the project according to the Manual for establishment and functioning of school and youth organizations in the primary and secondary schools in RM.

During October-December was implemented the process for building capacities of the class presidents and the members of the school organization. In the period 7-9-octomber and 14-16 October in hotel Galeb- Struga were organized trainings on theme "Youth participation" for the class presidents in the primary and secondary schools from Prilep, Kavadarci, Kumanovo, Tetovo and Debar. On the first meeting participated the class presidents from secondary schools, while on the second the class presidents from the primary schools. On these trainings participants gained knowledge and skills for youth participation and also they were introduced with the key documents that are treating the question of youth participation.

During October-December 2011 each of the included class presidents from primary and secondary schools organized workshop on theme: "Youth participation" to their peers. Totally 32 peer workshops were organized on theme Youth participation in 10 primary and secondary schools in Prilep, Kavadarci, Kumanovo, Tetovo and Debar. On these workshops the class presidents transfer their knowledge on Youth participation to 694 peers (339 children in primary and 355 in the secondary school).

In the period 18-20 November and 25-27 November 2011 in hotel Solferino –Struga were organized trainings on theme: Advocacy and lobbying for the class presidents from the primary and secondary schools. On these training the class presidents were trained about the elements, techniques and goals of Advocacy and lobbying and how and where to use their gained knowledge. The trainings have goal to transfer necessary knowledge to the class presidents in the primary and secondary schools in order to improve their skills so they can represent the interests of their class mates in front of the school officials.

In the period 09-11 December 2011 in hotel Solferino- Struga was organized training for the class presidents of the secondary schools from the towns included in the project. On these training the class presidents gained knowledge and skills for the process of the project cycling management

and the phases of the project cycle. Through practical work the participants transfer their gained knowledge and prepare draft projects that can be realized latter in their communities.

During November and first half of December 2011 the local coordinators from Prilep, Kavadarci, Kumanovo, Tetovo and Debar organized workshops with the members of the school organizations in the primary and secondary schools included in the project. The workshops that were organized were on theme: Organization of meeting and introduction of working procedures and Team work. Through 16 workshops were included 118 representatives from school organizations. The project "Implementation of the Convention on the right of the child in RM" will be implemented in 2012 and 2013.

Project : "Project for decentralized cooperation between the region Lower Normandy-France and Republic of Macedonia"

In the period of 2011 these activities were organized:

- Round table " innovative approach for youth information"
- Video conference for the Day of Europe
- First birthday of Youth Information and Counseled Center INFO SEGA- Prilep
- Conference" European priorities and necessities in the field of Youth"

In the period 5-7 April 2011 In Caen Lower Normandy was realized study visit "Innovative approach for youth information". On this visit was present the personnel of the first Youth Information and counseled Center INFO SEGA- Prilep, representatives from Municipality of Strumica and Shtip and the Executive director of SEGA.

The study visit had one goal to exchange good practice and experiences for the mechanisms of youth information. The visit also had goal to present the importance of the opening of youth information centers to the representatives from the Municipalities of Strumica and Shtip and also was very important for the personnel of INFO SEGA to exchange experience for improvement of their work. During the study visit they had the opportunity to visit the regional information center in Caen (CRIJ) and also to visit local information polls (PIJ) in the region of Lower Normandy.

For the Day of Europe, Coalition of Youth organizations SEGA and House of Europe from Caen organized video conference on theme "European Year of Volunteerism". The event was aiming to give opportunity to the young people from both countries to learn from each other for the importance of the volunteerism and to exchange their volunteering experiences. On this video conference participated young people from Prilep, Ohrid, and Shtip from Macedonia same as representatives from different institutions and organizations from Caen- Lower Normandy.

For the celebration of the first birthday Youth Information and Counseling Center INFO SEGA- Prilep, Coalition SEGA and European house from Caen organized seminar "New challenges for informing youth". Opening of INFO SEGA was visible result from the three year project. The seminar was organized on 14-15 June 2011 in the hotel Kristal Palas –Prilep and were present representatives from the Local Self Governments from Prilep, Shtip, Debar, Ohrid, Kumanovo, Aerodrom, Berovo and Strumica, Representatives from Lower Normandy and one representative from The European Agency for Youth information and Counseling- ERIYCA. The aim of this seminar was to exchange good practices and experiences for implementation of new approaches in youth

information. The seminar was focused on the possibilities for establishment of new youth information centers in the other towns in RM.

Two days before the start of the conference “European priorities and local needs in the field of youth” was realized study visit of delegation from Lower Normandy with the local youth organizations from Strumica and the Mayor from Municipality of Dojran. During the study visit was realized meeting with the President of the Council, The Secretary and the representative from the Municipality Council from Strumica.

In the period 19-20 August 2011 in hotel Sirius-Strumica was organized conference “European priorities and local youth needs in the field of youth”. On this conference participated totally 19 participants, representatives of the Agency for youth and Sports of RM, Local Self Governments (Prilep, Strumica, Shtip, Kavadarci, Veles, Kisela Voda, Tetovo, kumanovo and Ilinden), representatives from Councils of Youth, representatives from plan regions in RM same as representatives from Lower Normandy. The aim of the conference was to exchange experiences and good practices for youth policies especially in Europe. During the conference European priorities in the youth policies, youth needs on national level (SEGA research 2010) were presented same as the Draft Law for Youth in RM and the European programs for youth.

Youth participation

Project" Council of Youth in the Municipalities"

➤ *Project" Council of youth in the Local Self Governments"*

The project" Council of youth in the Local Self Governments" was implemented from 01 of August 2010 till 30 June 2011 with support from the Balkan Trust for Democracy. The aim of the project was to support youth participation on local level through development of institutional mechanisms in the frames of the Local Self Governments, same as to promote the necessity of transparency and openness of the Local Self Governments. With the project were foreseen Councils of Youth and Youth parliaments to be established in Strumica, Kavadarci and Delcevo.

- **Functioning of Councils of Youth**

In 2010 was formed Council of Youth in the Municipality of Strumica, in Kavadarci was adopted statutory change from the Municipality Council and was announced call for Selection of members in the Council of youth, while in Delcevo the initiative for support of the statutory change was voted by the Municipality council. In all three towns during 2010 were established Youth parliaments.

In 2011 the process for establishment of Councils of Youth was implemented during January 2011. Because of uncompleted applications the public call was counseled and was again announced on 07 March 2011. On that call there were not enough applicants, so the call was announced again but only for the youth groups that didn't apply on the first call. The Council of Youth in Kavadarci was established in May 2011. On the call the Commission for mandatory questions from Municipality of Kavadarci, according to the call criteria, selected 5 applicants that were presented to the Municipality Council of Kavadarci. On 30 May 2011 Municipality Council verified the mandate of the members of the Council of youth. In Delcevo beside the decision in 2010 for the statutory changes in the municipality the decision for the statute change of the municipality is not yet done and the Council of youth is not yet established.

In the period January –April 2011 were realized 4 meetings of the Council of Youth in Municipality of Strumica on which the Book of procedures was adopted. On the meetings together with the representative of Coalition SEGA were agreed orientation meetings for youth activism and the process of decentralization.

In the period may-august 2011 the Council of Youth in Kavadarci and Strumica were functioning. The council of Youth in the Municipality of Strumica realized two meetings in this period. In the same period Council of Youth in Kavadarci realized 3 meetings on which the Book for procedures for the Council of Youth was adopted. On two of the meeting the Executive director of SEGA was present in order to explain the functioning while organizing meetings, same as the administrative part. Till now the Council of Youth was present on one assembly of the Municipality Council.

- **The functioning of youth parliaments**

On 17 February 2011 in Strumica was realized "Training for communication skills and team work" by the Peace Corps volunteers. The local coordinator from Strumica also realized two orientation Trainings for facilitation and writing projects.

In Delcevo on 15 February 2011 was realized Training for communication skills and team work by the Peace Corps volunteers. The executive director of SEGA realized training for writing projects and local coordinator from Delcevo realized Training for facilitation of the coordinative body.

In Kavadarci on 13 February 2011 was organized Training for communication skills and team work by the Peace Corps volunteers. Also Trainings for writing projects and facilitation were realized. During May 2011 were realized Orientation trainings (Youth participation; Decentralization process) for the members of the coordinative body of the Youth parliament and the members of the Council of Youth in Strumica.

In April-June 2011 Youth parliaments from Strumica, Delcevo and Kavadarci implemented youth initiatives in their towns. In Kavadarci the priorities were information and sport. So was organized basketball tournament and the information billboards were constructed in the town center in order to improve youth information for culture, educational and sport events for the young people in Kavadarci. The initiative in Delcevo was for education of Youth for participation in the Municipality. With this initiative were organized 3 workshops and public events (debate, flesh mob). In Strumica priority was informing in the high schools. According to that the initiative was creating web site that will inform the high school students for all events that are interested in. Also, training for high school students on how to maintain the web site, and how to add information was realized.

In the period 01-03 July 2011 in hotel Oaza Shtip was organized Training for Advocacy and Lobbying on which 15 members were present (Council of Youth from Kavadarci and Strumica and Youth parliament from Delcevo). On the training the participants have an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills for the steps in the process of advocacy, themes, and goals for lobbying, analysis of stakeholders, creation of message and its deliverance and building networks and coalitions. At the end of the training the participants prepared implementation plan for lobbying of specific local youth problems.

➤ ***Project” Council of youth in the Municipalities”***

The project “ Council of Youth in the Municipalities” was realized in the frames of Annual programme of Coalition SEGA for 2011, financed by CIVICA Mobilias programme implemented by CIRa and Financed by SDC. The project was realized in the period 01 January-31 December 2011 aiming the citizens to be included in decision making process.

On 25 January 2011 in Municipality of Negotino was realized meeting with the Mayor on which the project “Council of youth in the Municipalities” was presented. The Mayor of Negotino agreed the project in the Municipality to start with its realization.

On 18 May 2011 in the Central office of Coalition SEGA was organized coordinative meeting with the local coordinator from Negotino and Coalition SEGA personnel. On the meeting the future activities from the implementation of the project in Negotino were discussed regarding to the change of the statute of Municipality of Negotino and establishment of the model Council of youth in the Municipality. On the meeting was discussed and agreed detail time frame for implementation of the activities and was agreed that is necessary to lead intensive campaign with the Local Self Government in order the process for the change of the statute to be faster.

During May –June 2011 the local coordinator from Municipality of Negotino was organizing meetings the representatives from the Local Self Government and the Municipality Council. On

these meetings was discussed about the change of the statute in Kavadarci, Strumica and Shtip. On 30 June 2011 on the Assembly of Municipality Council in Negotino was decided statutory change to be made in article 5 Special bodies of the Municipality and new chapter was added with 7 new articles. According to the adopted changes in the articles is explained the way of forming, functioning and the role of the Council of Youth in Municipality of Negotino.

During November 2011 was announced call for members of the Council of youth in the municipality of Negotino. Seven applications were received with the call. Commission for mandatory questions of LSG in Negotino according to the call criteria selected 5 applicants that were proposed to the Municipality Council in Negotino. On 2nd December 2011 Municipality council verified the mandate of the members of the Council of Youth.

On 17 august 2011 was organized meeting with the Mayor of Municipality of Sveti Nikole and the Secretary of the Municipality of Sveti Nikole. On the meeting was presented project proposal "Council of Youth". The Mayor agreed and gave complete support for the implementation of the activities. Memorandum for collaboration was prepared and delivered to the Municipality of Sveti Nikole in which were précised the obligations of Coalition SEGA and the Local Self Government of Sveti Nikole. According to the agreement in December 2011 on the meeting with Municipality council was presented the initiative and decision for statutory changes was made same as establishment of Council of Youth in the Municipality. It is expected the call for election of members of the Council of Youth in Sveti Nikole to be announced at the beginning of 2012.

- ***Forming and functioning of Youth parliament in Municipality of Negotino.***

In order to form Youth parliaments in Municipality of Negotino during may 2011 the local coordinator from Negotino delivered request for nomination of members of the Coordinative body of the Youth Parliament to: high schools, political youth branches, NGOS and the Red Cross from Negotino. Each institution/ organization nominated 5 representatives (from which one member was nominated for member of the coordinative body of the Youth Parliament). The Youth parliament in Negotino has 25 members, 5 young people from different forms of organization that are active on local level –political parties (with most parliamentarians in the Municipality Council and also second with most parliamentarians in the Municipality council), NGOs, high school students and Red cross form Negotino.

On 30 June 2011 Youth parliament, with support from the LSG from Negotino held the first Assembly in the offices of Municipality council in Negotino. On the Assembly the President of youth parliament read the book of procedures of the parliament, and after that the rule book was adopted and formal statements of the members of the Youth parliaments were signed. On the event were present: young people, The Mayor of Municipality of Negotino, President of the Municipality Council, representatives of local institutions, media and citizens.

In the period July – December 2011 were organized totally 5 meetings of the Youth Parliament and the Coordinative body. On these meetings were adopted rules and working procedures, annual working programme, special commissions and bodies were formed and program activities were discussed.

On 24 September 2011 in Negotino was organized training on theme: "Communication skills and team work" for the members of the Youth parliament of Municipality of Negotino. On this training were present 13 members of the Youth Parliament. The participants gained knowledge and skills for verbal communication, active listening, team work and team building.

In the period 17-18 December 2011 were organized one day trainings for the members of the Council of Youth in Negotino and coordinative body of the Youth parliament. On 17 December

2011 was realized training on theme: “Youth participation” while on 18 December 2011 was organized training on theme: Process of Decentralization”.

In the period 24-25 December was scheduled training for Lobbying and advocacy on which should be present the members of Council of Youth and Youth Parliament from Negotino. But this training was canceled cause of lack of participants. The end of the school year and the faculty and school obligations were the main reasons for cancelation of these trainings. The training for advocacy and lobbying will be realized during January 2012.

Project :“Youth participation in the processes of creating youth policies”

The project” Youth participation in the processes of creating Youth policies” was implemented in the period 01 February -31 may 2011 in the partnership with the organizations: Youth Council Strumica, YMCA Bitola, ZONA Kavadarci, Youth Club Shtip, CDRI –Tetovo. The project was financed by the General secretariat of the Government of RM. The aim of the project was improvement of the youth participation in the processes of decision making and creating policies.

These activities were implemented within the project:

- Preparation and distribution of leaflets
- Organizing training for trainers
- Organizing workshops for education and motivation of youth participation
- Organizing of round tables for determination of obstacles for insufficient youth participation.
- Organizing public tribunes on theme: “Participation-whether municipality has need of youth participation”.
- Organizing National round table

In order successful implementation of the activities the project started with organizing coordinative meeting with the local coordinators from Stumica, Bitola, Kavadarci, Tetovo and Shtip.

In order to inform and motivate youth for greater participation in the decision making processes same as to raise awareness among youth on all levels in the community life during February was prepared leaflet. The leaflet concluded all the necessary informations: Defining of the subject-youth participation, projects for youth, Council of youth and Youth parliaments. The leaflet was printed in 5000 copies on Macedonian language and was distributed in the secondary schools and universities from the selected municipalities same as during implementation of all foreseen activities within the project.

During February 2011 was prepared call and application for participation on the training for trainers for youth participation. From the received applications were selected 15 applicants (5 high school students, 5 university students and 5 representatives from youth organizations) for participation on the training for trainers.

In the period 18-20 March 2011 in hotel Biser-Struga was organized “Training for trainers for youth participation”. On the training were 15 participants from 5 selected towns: 5 high school students, 5 university students and 5 members of youth organizations. They were trained to implement the project future activities – *Workshops for education and motivation for participation of the young women and man.*

In order young people to be educated and motivated, in the selected towns were organized workshops for youth participation. Using the gained knowledge and skills from the trained trainers through presentation, exercises, successful examples of youth participation in the decision making processes organized workshops where new mechanisms for youth participation in the processes of decision making on local level were identified. These workshops were organized in the offices of the included youth organizations, high schools and universities from the selected towns.

Each of the 15 peer educators organized 9 workshops for their peers (target group) (5 workshops for high school students, 3 workshops for students and 1 workshop with youth organizations). Through organizing of 45 workshops (25 workshops with high school students, 15 workshops with students and 5 workshops with the representatives from the youth organizations) in the selected municipalities were included 738 participants: high school students, university students, members of the youth organizations from the Municipalities from Kavadarci, Strumica, Bitola, Shtip, Shtip and Tetovo.

To identify the reasons for insufficient participation of young people in decision making processes in each of the 5 municipalities were organized round tables. On the round tables was discussed about the reasons of low percentage of youth participation. The participants pointed the reasons for low participation of young people, was mention that main problem is visible disinterest of the youth in undertaking of different actions. In the further discussions were reviewed the reason for the low interest of the young people and it was concluded that, that is the reason for:

- low level of information of youth for the possibilities for participation that is on the low level- they don't know how and where they can participate.
- Not having confidence in the institutions, they think that their opinions and proposals are not treated seriously.

Also on these round tables were presented models of youth participation implemented by Coalition SEGA in different towns in RM that were as a good practice and examples for forms through which it is possible to react for improvement of the youth participation in the decision making. With organizing such events were included 53 participants, representatives from the universities, high school students and representatives from the local self-governments. The round tables were organized by the local coordinators and were realized in the offices of the members of SEGA same as in the offices of the Local Self Governments.

In order to increase the information for bigger participation of the youth in the local community and to initiate the question of youth participation, in five selected towns in RM were organized public tribunes on theme: "Participation-the level of youth participation in the Municipality". These events were in the offices of the Local self-governments. Introducers on these tribunes were: The Mayors of the Municipalities, the Presidents of the Municipality councils, Presidents of the commissions for youth and sport. On these tribunes the participants were informed for the models for participation that are used in their municipalities. In Shtip, Strumica and Kavadarci the models for youth participation were presented in details: Youth parliament and Councils of youth in the Municipalities. Totally in the five towns on the tribune 176 participants were present: high school students, university students and members of the youth associations from the five selected municipalities.

On 12 May 2011 in the hotel Holiday inn in Skopje was organized National round table on theme: "Youth participation in the process of creating youth policies and decision making" The role of organizing this round table was experiences for undertaken activities on participation of the civil

sector in the processes creating policies to be exchanged and new mechanisms for participation to be created. On the round table were present 21 participants, representatives from the Agency for youth and sports, National agency for European educational programs and mobility, University St. Apostol Pavle, Student parliament of the University St. Kliment Ohridski, General Secretariat in the Government of R.M and representatives from youth organizations. On this event were presented realized activities from the project "Youth participation in the processes of creating youth policies" same as the models of youth participation used by Coalition SEGA. Following conclusions were adopted:

- Youth initiatives on local and national level to be supported
- The models of youth participation to be implemented in all municipalities
- The Law for youth to be adopt

In the period of realization of the project directly were involved 1033 young people from following towns: Strumica, Bitola, Kavadarci, Tetovo and Shtip.

Strengthening of Civil Society

Project: “ Promotion of Intercultural dialog between the young people in RM.”

The project “Promotion of intercultural dialog between youth in RM was implemented in the period 01 July -31 December 2011 within the annual program of Coalition SEGA, supported by CIVICA Mobilias program.

In order successful implementation of the project in the schools local coordinators organized meetings with the directors from the secondary schools in Ohrid, Struga, Debar, Kicevo, Tetovo, Gostivar, Kumanovo and Skopje aiming activities to be present and high school students that will deliver educations for intercultural dialog to be identified. In the period 26-28 august 2011 in hotel Galeb Struga were organized training for peer educators for intercultural dialog. On the training were present 21 peer educators with different ethnical background (from Skopje, Kumanovo, Gostivar, Debar, Kicevo, Ohrid, Struga and Tetovo) and four local coordinators. The aim of organizing such training was to educate peer educators so they can deliver trainings in the secondary schools from their municipalities.

On this training the participants had an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills for the level of culture, communication styles, perception and intercultural communication, communication between different cultures. The educators were working in groups and were preparing how to organize peer workshops in their municipality. At the end of this training each group presented the themes and modules that will be used on the workshops.

On 26 August in Struga was organized coordinative meeting with the local coordinators included in the project. On this meeting were presented working obligations of the local coordinators for the activities of the project for promotion of intercultural dialog in RM. The time frame was detaly made and also plan for implementation of the educative workshops, organization of sport events and preparation of book of poetry.

The trained educators in the period of September –October through interactive workshops transferred their knowledge to the high school students. On these workshops the themes were from intercultural dialogue in order the communication between young people that live in multiethnic society to be improved and decreasing of stereotypes and prejudices that they have between each others. Same, through this workshops contribution was done in decreasing the cultural differences, intolerance between the young people from different ethnic background and was promoted friendship and building of multiethnic life. 80 workshops were implemented and 1242 high school students with different nationality from all towns were included. In order to have better communication and respect in Debar, Gostivar, Skopje and Ohrid were organized sport events and the teams were with different ethnic structure.

- In Ohrid the sport event (small field football tournament) was in the second half of October. The tournament was separated on qualification games, half final and final. Qualification games will be organized on 21 October 2011 and the semi final and final were organized on 27 October 2011. On this tournament participated 6 teams (36 high school students) and they get

certificates and were given plaque for the first place. The teams were mainly with Macedonian participants but also with Egyptian and Turk nationality.

- In Debar the sport event (small field football tournament) was at the last weekend of October 2011 (29-30 October) 8 teams from the high school "Zdravko Cokovski" were present or 55-60 young persons. The tournament was two days and 8 games were played. On the first three were given certificates for 1th, 2th and 3th place and the winners get statuette.

- In Gostivar the sport event (small field football tournament) was on 31 October 2011, the high school students from the Economy high school were playing against Gymnasium in Gostivar. On the game actively participated 4 teams each 5 students. The tournament was organized on the sport field of the Economy high school. Three different nationalities participated in this tournament. The certificates and the rewards were given to the participants after the end of the tournament. On the event were present 40 high school students.

- In Skopje the sport event (basketball tournament) was on 26 November 2011 the participants were: three teams from the Medical high school, one team from the high school Orce Nikolov, SOS Children village (one team) and one team from Koco Racin. Different nationalities participated on this event. Certificates and plaques were given to all participants after the end of the event. On this event were present 50 participants.

On the international day of tolerance, 16 November so called plants for tolerance were planted by the young people in few towns in RM in order to remind them of the importance of mutual tolerance. The tree of tolerance was planted in these towns: Prilep in front of the main office of Coalition SEGA In the high school Orce Nikolov in Skopje, in Ohrid in front of hotel Denarius, in Strumica in the Gymnasium Jane Sandanski, in Gostivar in the high school in Municipality of Vrapciste v. Zubovci, in the village park in front of "Sunina Cesma" and in Debar in the yard of the Home of Culture.

Celebrating of this day was aiming to initiate young people to see the necessity of tolerance in one community. With the action that we organized in the towns where project "Promotion of intercultural dialogue between young people in RM" was implemented, we send message that differences should be excelled and tolerance and mutual life will begin no matter on which culture, religion or nationality we belong. The realization of this activity was with the donation of Macedonian forests.

In the period of 20 September -31 October 2011 was announced call for best literature work on theme "Intercultural dialogue". The announcement was placed on the web site of Coalition SEGA www.sega.org.mk and on the facebook group and was delivered to the schools that were included in the project. On these announcement participated 26 high school students. During November 2011 was prepared and printed the book of poems "Me and my friend" (250 copies). The best literature works were awarded and presented on the local promotions.

During December 2011 were organized 7 promotions of the book of poems "Me and my friend" in the following towns: Ohrid, Struga, Debar, Kicevo, Gostivar, Skopje and Kumanovo. On these promotions participated high school students, that applied on the announcement, same as other young people. Awards were given for the best literature works same as one sample from the book of poems for each participant on this announcement. On these promotions were present 110 high school students.

Project: "Capacity building of existing youth organizations"

The project "Capacity building of existing youth organizations" continued to implement in 2011. According to the programme for capacity building of the youth organizations that Coalition SEGA prepared in 2010, was foreseen the trainings to be delivered for the representatives of youth organization in order building their capacities. The trainings that were foreseen for the representatives of the youth organizations are following:

- Project cycling management
- Financial management of youth organizations

Because of need for experts for delivering of these trainings call was announced for 2 trainers- first was for Project cycling management and second for Financial management in the period 01 February -10 February 2011.

On 22 February 2011 was announced call for participants on the trainings for Project cycling management and for financial management of youth organizations. The announcement was placed on 04 March 2011 on the web site of Coalition SEGA www.sega.org.mk and e-mailing lists sega2004@sega.org.mk and segainfo@sega.org.mk same as on the social network (facebook). After arrived applications were examined the participants for the trainings were selected.

In the period 25-27 march 2011 in hotel Biser –Struga was organized "Training for project cycling management". On this training participated 16 representatives of youth organizations in Macedonia from: Skopje, Tetovo, Struga, Kavadarci, Prilep, Shtip, Sv. Nikole, Kicevo, Strumica and Bitola. The training included following themes: Defining of the terminology project cycling management, phases of the project cycle, identifying problems, defining problems, defining goals, identifying and defining stakeholders and target groups, methodology and project activities, defining expected results and system for monitoring and evaluation, structure for implementation of the project and project team, sustainability of the project.

In the period 13-15 may 2011 in hotel Biser-Struga was organized "training for financial management of youth organizations". On this training participated 15 representatives from youth organizations from RM from: Skopje, Kavadarci, Kratovo, Kicevo, Prilep, Negotio, Veles, Shtip and Bitola. The training included following themes: the key administrative-financial structures and procedures in one civic organization, administrative work, and tax regulations, working with cashier and payment instruments, financial planning and financial reporting.

Project: Youth Information and Counseling center” –INFO SEGA

The project “Youth information and Counseling Center- INFO SEGA “(YICC), continued to implement in 2011 after its official opening on 01 June 2010. The activities of INFO SEGA for 2012 were supported within the programme CIVICA Mobilitas, Agency of Youth and Sports same as from the Municipality of Prilep.

During the year INFO SEGA was working continually on collecting informations for sport, culture, volunteering and stipendiums that were regularly updated on the web site of INFO SEGA. In order successful implementation of the activities 28 coordinative meetings were organized between the project team, YICC team and the volunteers of INFO SEGA.

- ***Promotion of Youth Information and Counseling Center INFO SEGA***

In January 2011 the yellow pages for youth that have useful informations for the young people were printed: informations about education, informal education, culture, health, sport, NGO sector. The yellow pages were printed in 3000 copies and were distributed to the high schools and the visitors of Youth Information and Counseling Center INFO SEGA.

During 2011 INFO SEGA organized 64 presentations of INFO SEGA in all secondary schools and was included 1371 high school student. On these promotions the team of INFO SEGA promoted its activities and services that are offered to the students: youth counseling, yellow pages, stipendium for graduated students, ongoing calls for stipendium for the high school students, special cards for deduction, web site of INFO SEGA and other ongoing activities of the INFO Center.

On 31 May 2011 in the offices of INFO SEGA was held Promotion event aiming to celebrate one year of the establishment of INFO SEGA. On these event were present the Mayor of Municipality of Prilep Mr. Marijan Risteski and all 5 Directors from the high schools in the Municipality of Prilep.

Through the presentation the participants were introduced with the results that INFO SEGA achieved in the field of youth information, education and canceling in the period of one year. At the end of the promotion the team of INFO SEGA gives Gratitude to the present people for giving support for the development of Youth information in Macedonia. In 2011 on the web site of INFO SEGA (www.infosega.org.mk) were registered 151.080 visits and 1178 members on the facebook group of INFO SEGA (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/infosega>).

- ***INFO SEGA + discount card***

In May 2011 the team of INFO SEGA started preparation of the deduction cards for young people. In this period were organized meetings with the business sector (boutiques, pools, tourist agencies, restaurants, book stores, photocopiers, train station and driving schools) and were signed 24 agreements for collaboration. The aim of this deduction cards is young people aged 15-29 to use certain deduction (5-33%) in these sectors. The campaign for these cards started at the beginning of May. Also were prepared and printed 5000 leaflets with the information about this card. In order to bring closer the card to the young people was organized more promotion events: music happening, INFO DAYS, participation on TV shows/radio shows. Leaflets were distributed on these events.

Also in this period were prepared stickers with information for deduction that company is offering. The same were placed on the entrances of all companies that the agreement for collaboration was signed with.

On June 2011 on the summer scene of the square Alexandria in the center of Prilep was organized Music happening INFO SEGA+. The aim of this event was promotion of the new service INFO SEGA + Youth deduction card. On this event 32 young people applied to get discount card.

In order promotion of the new service on YICC INFO SEGA + deduction card were organized 6 INFO DAYS on few locations in the town. The aim of these events was to establish direct contact with the young people so they can be familiar with the services of INFO SEGA. On these events were disseminated leaflets and was given possibility to the young people directly to apply for discount card.

- ***Meetings with the stakeholders***

INFO SEGA during 2011 organized in continuity meetings with the presidents of the youth organizations from all high schools in Prilep. The aim of organizing such meetings is to determine the functionality of the youth organizations in the schools. On these meetings were implemented surveys for the opinion of the class presidents and school communities for the position president and functioning of the presidents in the high schools in the Municipality of Prilep.

On 22 September 2011 in the offices of Municipality of Prilep was organized meeting between the directors of all high schools from Prilep, and the regional coordinator for education in Municipality of Prilep – Marijan Matrakoski, the director of Coalition SEGA and the manager of INFO SEGA. On the meeting was presented the plan of INFO SEGA according to which the promotions and educations will be held in the high schools. After were prepared and signed memorandums of collaboration between the director of Coalition SEGA and the directors of the high schools and institutionally was defined the collaboration and they will serve for continual realization of the plan.

- ***Implementation of educative workshops and tribunes***

In the period February –June 2011 were implemented educative workshops for the dangerous consequences and the risks of smoking among the young people, educative workshops for dangerous consequences and risks from the usage of drug and educative workshops for democracy and human rights. These workshops were organized in collaboration with the high schools and were organized in the five high schools in Prilep.

In this period INFO SEGA implement totally 20 workshops on theme “Dangerous consequences and the risks of smoking among the young people”. The aim of these workshops was to raise awareness among young people about the dangerous consequences and the risks of smoking cigarettes and the diseases that smoking can cause. Educations were interactive with lot of interesting informations and facts about the dangerous consequences of the cigarettes. Everything was shown on Power Point presentation. These workshops were estimated as very useful for the students that show interest in the theme and were very interactive. On these educations were present 373 high school students.

22 workshops on theme “Dangerous consequences and risks for the usage of drugs” were organized in period February –June 2011. The aim of these workshops was to raise awareness among young people about consequences and risks of using drugs. Also these educations were with interactive character with lot of interesting informations and facts for the consequences of

the drugs. The participants were interested in the theme and were very interactive. Totally 538 participants were present on these educations.

In order to raise awareness and knowledge among young people about democracy and human rights workshops on theme “Democracy and human rights” were organized. Totally 16 educative workshops on these theme were implemented in all high schools and were included totally 346 high school students in the period February –June 2011.

On 17 March 2011 Youth Information and Counseling Center INFO SEGA organized tribune on theme: “Informations for state graduation exam and the possibilities for studying abroad” in the Home of Culture Marko Cepenkov- Prilep. The aim of this event was the necessary informations for the state graduation exam to be present and to help them in preparation of project tasks. Young people had an opportunity to hear the informations about finishing the studies in the high schools in America and studying at the American colleges and universities.

The same were present by foreign volunteers of Peace Corps in Macedonia and European Volunteering service (EVS) that were present on this tribune.

In May 2011 Youth information and Counseling center INFO SEGA organized 2 Trainings for writing CV, Motivation letter and how to behave on working interview. On these trainings were present 19 young unemployed people. The aim of these trainings was the young people to become more concurrent on the labor market. On these trainings young people gained knowledge and skills how to prepare CV and how to present themselves and behave on working interview.

On 5 July in the park Mogila in Prilep the team of YICC INFO SEGA organized one day training for team work, promotion and communication skills. On these training participated 9 high school students (INFO SEGA volunteers) that through few sessions for team building and games on informal way became familiar with the terminology and importance of team work. The aim of this workshop was to strengthen the team spirit and collaboration of the team of INFO SEGA and it volunteers, same as to improve the communication skills for promotion of the volunteers that will increase the publicity of the INFO Center.

During November and December 2011, INFO SEGA team organized 16 educations in 4 high schools in Prilep on theme:” Protection of personal data on internet and in the social networks”. These educations are part of the program activities of YICC INFO SEGA. The aim of these education sessions is high school students to be detail informed about the problems that can face if they are not careful who are sharing their personal data and photographs. The educations were with interactive character with lot of interesting information and facts for the dangers from announcing of personal data on internet and social networks. The education sessions were marked as useful for the participants and they show interest and were very interactive. On these educative sessions participate 365 high school students and were distributed 365 promotion leaflets for the deduction card.

- ***Humanitarian activities***

YICC INFO SEGA organized three humanitarian actions in the second half of 2011. On the World day of humanitarian work on 19 August 2011 in the offices of the YICC INFO SEGA organized the first humanitarian action under the motto “Be human Help”. For these action from 01-18 August was open call for donation of cloths. Citizens were interested in donating cloths so were collected 30 packages of cloths. In collaboration with Center for social affairs from Prilep the donated clothes were given to three poor families from Prilep.

Under the motto "To help the ones that the help is necessary" on 17 October 2011, World day for the battle with the poverty" in the offices of Youth Information and Counseling Center INFO SEGA was organized second humanitarian action for donation of cloths for the poor families. In collaboration with the Center for Social affairs from Prilep were donated 15 packages of cloths for 3 families' users of social help. Action was organized second time this year and lot of young people and citizens were included and donated their cloths.

After the local and national TVs published the story that family Atanasoski from Prilep need help, INFO SEGA organized humanitarian action in the middle of December 2011 to help this family. In these humanitarian action the citizens from prilep give their support donating cloths and toys. On 28 December 2011 INFO SEGA team in collaboration with the local TV "Vizija" form Prilep visited the family Atanasoski and donated the cloths, food and toys.

- ***Celebrating important dates***

The YICC INFO SEGA in collaboration with youth organization from high school "Kuzman Josifoski Pitu "on 21.02.2011 for the world day of Macedonia language organized tribune on theme: "The Challenges of the Macedonian language in 21 century" in the city library Borka Taleski- Prilep. On the tribune were present 40 secondary school students, professors, representatives of Youth Information and Counseling Center INFO SEGA, representatives from Coalition SEGA and representatives from the youth organization from this school. On this event were given certificate of gratitude for participation and for 1st, 2nd and 3th position for the best essay on theme "Mother tongue" to the high school student from Kuzman Josifoski Pitu- Prilep.

In 2011 Youth information and Counseling Center INFO SEGA through the motto "Feel free to ask" celebrated 17 April European day of youth information through serial of activities in collaboration with the Youth organization from the secondary schools.

- **On 14-15 April in the House of Culture Marko Cepenkov in Prilep were organized amateur theatre plays in organization of the youth organization from secondary school Orde Copela and YICC INFO SEGA.**
- **On 15 of april in the ping pong hall Partizan was organized ping pong tournament in organization of youth organization from secondary school Kuzman Josifoski Pitu and YICC INFO SEGA. On this event actively participated 28 students from the secondary schools from Prilep and to the 1st, 2nd and 3th place were given diplomas.**
- **On 18 and 19 April in the sport arena "Sonce" was organized humanitarian tournament in football and basketball in organization of youth organizations from high schools Gorce Petrov and Gymnasium Mirce Acev same as YICC INFO SEGA. On this football tournament were played 9 games between the teams of all high schools. Were given certificates of gratitude on the three first teams in basketball and football.**

On all activities YICC INFO SEGA had banner and stand with promotion materials where they distributed yellow pages, leaflets and bookmakers to the young people that were present.

YICC INFO SEGA for the 12 august the International day of youth organized meeting of 10 people with the Mayor of Municipality of Prilep Marijan Risteski. The aim of this visit was the young people to learn about the functioning of the new municipality. On these meeting was opened the question about collaboration of the institutions with young people and the young people had an opportunity to see the new Municipality building.

On 15 September 2011 for "the World day of democracy "in the offices of INFO SEGA was organized Panel discussion for the youth on theme "Democracy". The aim of this panel was to

motivate discussions for the democratic/non-democratic environment in which we live and through these discussions to increase the conciseness of the citizens and the young people to improve the living environment and to create democratic society. On this event we present 14 high school students from Prilep, representatives from Youth council- Prilep and INFO SEGA team that were discussing about the meaning of the democracy, democratic and non democratic environment, and the ways that young people can gather and act democratically, youth participation etc.

On 10 October 2011 in the offices of YICC INFO SEGA was organized chess tournament on which participate 20 high school students from all high schools from Prilep. This activity was aiming to motivate young people to communicate, have party and to learn this ancient game.

On 10 November 2011 on the square on the big marble chess table was played the Final of the chess tournament. On the final participated high school's student from Prilep. To all participants were given symbolic rewards and participation certificates, and the winner won gratis INFO SEGA + Youth deduction card.

For the World day for the fight against AIDS 1 December the team of INFO SEGA and number of young people promote the red bow as a sign of support for the People with AIDS. On this day was organized workshop on which knowledge and opinions for better protection from the virus were shared. On this event were present 7 high school students from Prilep and they gain knowledge about AIDS, the ways of transferring, HIV testing, treatment, prevention etc.

Before the New Year holidays, the volunteers from YICC INFO SEGA organized workshop for preparation of manually made decorations for New year and Christmas. This workshop was during 4 working days from 19-23 December 2011 (every day 2 working hours). Also during these days the office of YICC was decorated with the decorations that were made.

- ***Strengthening the capacities of the volunteers and the team of YICC***

The representative of INFO SEGA (the manager of INFO SEGA) was present on training "Usage of new technology for promotion of human rights" that was organized in the Youth centre in Strasburg, France. This training was organized by the Council of Europe and was realized in the period 01-10 November 2011. The aim of the training was to explain how the new technology will reach the young people and to promote the values of the human rights and democracy. On this training were present representatives from 12 European countries.

Representative of INFO SEGA (the social worker of INFO SEGA) was participating on Job shadowing project from the Youth information Center in Caen, France approved by the Youth in Action Programme of the European commission and was realized in the period of 16 November till 02 December 2011. The aim of this project was to study the functioning of the Youth information centers in Lower Normandy, France, and their networks with the other Youth information Centers in the region, to share good experiences and to use good strategies and tools for improvement of the Youth information in Macedonia. This project was approved as a result of the good collaboration of the Ministries of foreign affairs from Macedonia and the region of Lower Normandy, France.

During the second half of December 2011 in the offices of YICC INFO SEGA were organized three trainings on the following themes:

Preparation of the projects from Youth in action programme, Team work and training for Project cycling management. Each of the trainings was two days and was aiming to strengthen personal abilities and skills for self – employment, same as strengthening of the capacities of YICC. These trainings were part of the Project "Support of youth self-employment" of Youth Council-Prilep that was financed and supported by the Ministry of finances of RM and the Government of RM. On these trainings were present volunteers from INFO SEGA team.

Project: “ Granting opportunities for active learning”

The project “ Granting opportunities for active learning” was implemented in seven European countries: Macedonia, France, Italy, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania and Greece. The leader of the project was Association of local Democracy agencies (ALDA) from France while Coalition SEGA and Municipality of Berovo were partners from Macedonia. The project had one goal to fortify key recommendations for improvement of the life of the foreigners that are living in these countries same as to improve their integration in the community where they live. The period of realization of the activities was 01 January 2011 and 15 January 2012. In order better coordination and methodology for the implementation of the activities was organized 3 meetings between the partners from the 7 countries: 07-10 March in Strasburg- France, 17-19 June Castoria-Greece, 10-13 November, Bucharest –Romania.

Coalition Sega implemented activities on local regional and national level through inclusion of different profile of participants (foreigners, Macedonian citizens that live abroad, foreign volunteers, decision makers on local and national level) in order to get real recommendations for the improvement of the status of the foreigners in RM.

On 20 April 2011 in the NGO Support Center in Prilep was organized citizen panel discussion on theme: “Contribution in creation favorable living conditions of the immigrants in Macedonia” in order the social integration of the foreigners in Macedonia to be improved. On this discussion were present 30 participants, foreigners that live study and work in Macedonia, foreigners that are married with Macedonians, Macedonians that are studying or working abroad, foreign volunteers in Macedonia and citizens. On this discussion the project “Granting opportunities for active learning” was present to the participants same as Macedonian legislation that treats the questions about the foreigners and methodology for the citizen panel discussions. At the end was open discussion for exchange of experiences between participants about the difficulties and the problems that are faced while regulating of their statue in the resident country. Also the rules and obligations that foreigners in Macedonia have were discussed same as the possible solutions for improvement of their condition in the country.

For the Day of Europe 09 May in hotel Cristal Palas-Prilep was organized workshop on theme: “Contribution in creation favorable living conditions of the immigrants in Macedonia”. On this workshop participated representatives from the relevant institutions that are working with foreigners, representatives of NGOs, foreigners, foreign volunteers in Macedonia same as Macedonian citizens that were living abroad. On the workshop were presented the key documents that are treating the policies for foreigners on European and national level and also were presented the conclusions from the first panel discussion. The representatives of the institutions also shared their experiences and recommendations for the improvement of the condition of the foreigners in Macedonia.

On 8 June 2011 in the INFO Center of the European Union in Skopje was organized second workshop on theme: “Contribution in creation favorable living conditions of the immigrants in Macedonia”. On this workshop were present representatives of the national and local institutions, representatives from NGOs that are working with foreign volunteers and foreigners that live in Skopje. This workshop has one goal experiences to be exchanged and recommendations to be received on how to improve the procedures for receiving resident permit of the foreigners that

live in Macedonia and a special accent was put on the foreign volunteers in Macedonia. The discussion was for identification of the problems and possible solutions.

Together with the activities of the project were foreseen other activities as Open days that were divided in three parts: Panel discussion – education for journalists, open day for the citizens and filling out questionnaires.

In the first part, Panel discussion –education for journalists “Foreigners in Macedonia and their integration in the community” was organized on 27 October 2011 in hotel Kristal Palas in Prilep. On the discussion were present 15 journalists from the Pelagonia region. The aim of the discussion was to fortify the attitudes, opinions and to discuss about the experiences of the journalists with foreigners that live in Macedonia. Also on this even was presented the project same as the strategy for integration of the foreigners in Macedonia. The focus of this discussion was on their education how to write stories and how to report on themes that involve foreigners in Macedonia and their integration in the society.

The second part of the open days –INFO day for the citizens was organized on 5 November 2011 in order to promote the project to the citizens in municipality of Prilep. On the event that was organized in the center of Prilep to the citizens were given information materials, leaflets, which have the necessary documentation and procedure for receiving resident permit, rules and obligations of the foreigners in Macedonia.

On 10 January in the EU INFO Centre in Skopje was organized the last panel discussion in the frames of the project on theme: “Easier approach for residence of the foreign volunteers in Macedonia” on which participate representatives from the relevant ministries, government agencies and civic organizations that are working with foreign volunteers. On the discussion were presented draft recommendations that were finalized on the last meeting between the project partners from 7 countries (Macedonia, France, Romania, Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, and Italy). The aim of this panel discussion will be the recommendations to be presented to the decision makers so specific measures to be undertaken for solving the problems of the foreigners in Macedonia.

After the finishing of the activities, recommendations for improvement of the status of the volunteers and their integration in the community of all the countries included in the project will be given to the decision makers on European level, specifically to ALDA and in first half of 2012 will deliver them to the European Commission and Council of Europe.

Organization activities

International collaboration

- **European Volunteering service (EVS)**

In the period of 15 March 2010 -14 March 2011 Coalition SEGA in collaboration with Senois from the region of Lower Normandy-France was implementing the project "Youth participation and youth information" in the frames of the programme European volunteering service in the European Commission. In the project was included one EVS volunteer from France, Astrid Courti that actively participated in the work of Coalition SEGA, YICC INFO SEGA and Youth Council-Prilep.

Collaboration with the institutions

- **Signed documents for collaboration**

During 2011 were signed:

- 3 Statements from Mayors (Municipality of Negotino, Municipality of Veles and Municipality of Debar) for participation in the project "Creating local youth strategies"
- 3 Memorandum of collaboration (Municipality of Negotino, Municipality of Veles and Municipality of Debar) for the needs of the project "Creating local youth strategies".
- 1 memorandum for collaboration with municipality Negotino for the needs of the project "Councils of Youth in the municipalities"
- 1 Memorandum for collaboration with municipality of Prilep
- 1 memorandum of collaboration with Municipality of Kisela Voda
- 1 Memorandum for collaboration with the Agency for Youth and Sports
- Agreement for collaboration with Lower Normandy- France
- Agreement with UNICEF
- Agreement for project between SEGA and ALDA
- Statement for partnership EACEA
- Memorandum for collaboration "Woman multiethnic organization – Umbrella" Kumanovo
- 10 Memorandum for collaboration with primary and secondary schools in Prilep, Kavadarci, Kumanovo, Tetovo and Debar for implementation of the activities from the project "Implementation of the Convention for the right of the child in Macedonia"
- 1 Memorandum for collaboration with high school from Skopje for implementation of the project "Promotion of intercultural dialogue between young people in Macedonia"
- 24 agreements for INFO SEGA + deduction cards with local businessman from Prilep.
- 5 Memorandum for collaboration with the high schools in municipality of Prilep (Gymnasium "Mirce Acev" School for economy "Kuzman Joifoski Pitu", School of technology "Riste Risteski Ricko", chemistry school "Orde Copela" and medical school "Gorce Petrov" for implementation of the activities of the project "YICC-INFO SEGA"

Finances & Administration

Balance of incomes and expenditures - Coalition SEGA – 2011

Balance on 01.01.2010	1.246.842,00
INCOMES	
Membership	39.000,00
Donations	8.389.871,00
Incomes from deposits	11.057,50
Incomes from bank interests	2.104,00
Personal incomes (renting equipment)	193.450,00
Transfer of money from other accounts	554.921,00
Total Incomes	9.190.403,50
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries (honoraria)	4.512.676,00
Consultants	588.177,00
Travel expenses	1.017.236,00
Hotel accommodation	1.241.197,00
Food and refreshments for the participants of the trainings etc.	146.971,00
Training materials	120.430,00
Telephone and internet	202.089,00
Photocopy	35.194,00
Office Materials	111.794,00
Equipment	47.032,00
Printed materials (brochures, leaflets...)	169.781,50
Vehicle	166.396,00
Grants	23.712,00
Expenses for electricity	37.073,00
Bank expenses	44.419,00
Payment for services (accountant.....)	21.130,00
Other expenses	337.056,50

Interests	320.000,00
Transfer of money from other accounts	554.921,00
Total outcomes	9.697.285,00
Situation of Bank account on 31.12.2010	1.246.842,00 ден.

Administrative frame

The Governing board of Coalition SEGA assembled 3 times during 2011 (12 March 2011, 30 March 2011 and 20 November 2011). On the meetings was discussed for the implementation of the ongoing activities of SEGA also was adopted Manual for rules and procedure for organization and new applications for Membership in Coalition SEGA were reviewed.

The Assembly of Coalition SEGA meets on 30 March 2011. On this meeting of the Assembly was reviewed and adopted the report from the Supervisory board of SEGA, than was adopted the program and financial report for the work of SEGA for the period of 2010 and was adopted the Year programme for 2011, also the Supervisory board and Governing board of SEGA were elected and decisions were made for adoption and change of the Statute of SEGA (for the needs of pre registration) and membership revision was made.

For strengthening of the capacities of the personnel Coalition SEGA team participated on trainings organized by CIRa and UNICEF.

On 31 December 2011 in Coalition SEGA was consisted of 29 youth organizations (15 full member organizations and 14 associate member organizations)

About SEGA

Youth Council Prilep and two partner organizations led the initiative to establish a coalition of youth organizations to apply and implement the project “National Youth Action Plan”. Continuing the process, the Coalition of Youth Organizations SEGA was unofficially established on January 20th, 2004 in order to contribute to the development and implementation of the National Youth Strategy of Macedonia and to improve the satisfaction of the needs of the youth. On the 27th of September 2004, a decision was made to formally register the Coalition as a citizen association. Coalition SEGA is a national organization with collective membership.

The membership of the Coalition (at the moment) consists of 15 full and 14 associate member organizations.

The management structure is composed of the following bodies:

- Assembly – composed of all members;
- Governing Board – composed of five representatives from the full members;
- Supervisory Board – composed of three representatives from the Assembly members.

The executive structure is organized in the Central office, which is located in Prilep, and Regional offices in: Shtip, Ohrid, Tetovo and Skopje.

Vision

SEGA is a sustainable and developed youth organization active at the local, regional and national level, a long-term and serious partner in the implementation of youth programmes along with young people, NGOs, state institutions and the business sector.

Our work has led to an improved overall state of youth, their inclusion in decision-making processes and their use of applicable laws.

Our success is recognized in the promotion of the young people as a resource in the society, ready to answer new challenges.

Mission

The Coalition of Youth Organizations SEGA works on developing and implementing youth policies in Macedonia as well as connecting and strengthening young people to improve their overall state.

Values and working principles

- Mutual support
- Volunteering
- Promotion of youth as resource
- Youth activism
- Youth participation
- transparency
- Democracy, mutual trust and collaboration

- Organizing and inclusion of young people
- Community development
- Information
- Advocacy and lobbying in youth policy

Organization and project activities of SEGA in 2011 were supported by the following donators:

- CIVICA Mobilitas programme
- Pestalozzi Children's Foundation
- Balkan Trust for Democracy
- Association for Local Democracy Agencies - ALDA
- Agency for Youth and Sports
- General secretariat within the Government of RM