

Strengthening the Human Rights Ombudsman to fight discrimination (DISCO)

Project summary

Project title	Strengthening the Human Rights Ombudsman to fight discrimination (DISCO)
Country	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Budget	800 000 €
Funding	European Union/Council of Europe Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey
Duration	22 months (1 June 2016 – 30 August 2018)
Partners and beneficiaries	staff members of the Institution of Human Rights Ombudsperson of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Main objectives	to strengthen the role of the Institution of Human Rights Ombudsperson of Bosnia and Herzegovina to prevent and combat discrimination in line with European standards
Expected outputs and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the capacity of the Institution of Human Rights Ombudsperson of Bosnia and Herzegovina to prevent and combat discrimination is strengthened; - the cooperation between the Institution of Human Rights Ombudsperson of Bosnia and Herzegovina and other public institutions and NGOs in the fight against discrimination is fostered;
Implemented or planned activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - workshop for staff members of the Ombudsperson institution on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights relating to discrimination on different grounds; - thematic round tables on various aspects of protection against discrimination with participation of the Ombudsperson, relevant public institutions and the civil society; - comparative study and a report on advocacy activities among relevant government bodies to strengthen the role of the Ombudsperson; - round tables on co-ordination of actions between the Ombudsperson and other relevant institutions and on implementation of the Ombudsperson's recommendations;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- training of trainers seminars for staff members of the Ombudsperson institution on handling the anti-discrimination complaints;- cascade training sessions for staff members of the Ombudsperson institution on handling the anti-discrimination complaints;- development and publication of an antidiscrimination manual for judges and prosecutors, and civil servants and NGOs;- expert assessment of the Draft multi-annual Strategy and Action Plan for preventing and combating discrimination;- placements of the total of 4 staff members of the Ombudsperson Institution with a peer institution in one of the EU member states;- study visits for a group of staff members of the Ombudsperson institution to the Council of Europe and to one of the Council of Europe member states with well-established mechanisms of protection against discrimination.
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