

Awarded grantees within the action “Promotion of diversity and equality in Bosnia and Herzegovina” from June – September 2020

Based on a published public call for grants “Support to local civil society organisations (CSOs) for measures fighting discrimination during COVID-19 time”, which was launched within the framework of the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme “Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey II”, under the action “Promotion of diversity and equality in Bosnia and Herzegovina” three grants were awarded.

The purpose of the call was to fund specific measures to favour inclusion and combat inequalities of vulnerable groups, and/or raise awareness against hate speech targeting these groups in the specific context of the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the country.

Grants were awarded to the following CSOs:

1. [Roma Woman Association Bolja Buducnost](#)
Local community: Tuzla
Implementation period: June-August 2020
Amount awarded: 10.000 EUR
2. [Association for dialogue in family and society Mali Koraci \(Small Steps\)](#)
Local community: Sarajevo
Implementation period: June-September 2020
Amount awarded: 10.000 EUR
3. [Association of citizens Mikro Mreza](#)
Local community: Gradiska
Implementation period: June-September 2020
Amount awarded: 9.489,09 EUR

The grantee “Bolja Buducnost” produced a documentary movie “[Roma woman in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)” presenting positive role models of five successful Roma women and girls. The movie has reached a very high number of viewers on social media, web portals and TV stations in Bosnia and Herzegovina (RTV Tuzla Canton, TV Slon, Hayat TV) as well as in Serbia (TV Vojvodina and Radio Television Serbia). In addition, the movie was presented in two Roma communities (Kiseljak and Tuzla).

The grantee “Bolja Buducnost” also broadcasted three radio shows on: BH Radio 1, Radio Tuzla Canton and Radio 7, discussing gender- based violence against Roma women and hate speech towards Roma population during COVID-19 period.

For the purpose of combating gender-based violence, hate speech and discrimination of Roma population, Bolja Buducnost produced and [distributed 100 posters and 500 leaflets](#) in Romani and the local languages to the Roma communities in Tuzla.

Awarded grantee “Mali koraci” (Small steps) produced and broadcasted six TV shows on a national channel FACE TV, discussing [hate speech in general](#), its influence and stigmatisation

of marginalized groups (such as [LGBTI people](#), [those infected with COVID-19, etc.](#)). Two of the shows ([Roma](#) and [women](#)) have been subtitled in the Romani language.

In addition, the grantee “Mali koraci” organised six online round tables targeting youth and first responders discussing the effects of COVID-19 on the already marginalised groups.

The main activities implemented within the grant of the organisation “Micro mreza” included the production and distribution of seven short documentaries and articles dealing with the effects of hate speech, discrimination and COVID-19 on the vulnerable groups such as [Roma](#), [migrants](#), [constituent minorities](#), [persons with disabilities](#), [LGBTI people](#), as well as victims of the [domestic violence](#).

These documentaries/articles were published on the national-wide web portals, the print media and the social media.

In sum, all three grants reached high number of citizens, among others, through:

- 105 media coverages/actions
- TV – 13 broadcasts on the local, entity and the national TV stations in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia (Face TV, Hayat, RTV Tuzla Canton, TV Slon, BN, Vojvodina TV and Radio TV Serbia)
- Radio – 3 broadcasts on the local and the national radio stations (BH radio, Radio 7 and RTV Tuzla Canton)
- 14 documentaries produced
- Facebook, Twitter and YouTube – 136.043 views
- Facebook – 233 shares
- Newspapers – 2 articles
- Public screening of the documentary in the Roma community

For more information about the activities, you can visit the Council of Europe Office in Sarajevo [website](#), Anti - discrimination [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts, as well as the social media accounts of grantees [Bolja Buducnost](#), [Mali Koraci](#) and [Mikro Mreza](#).