

## ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

### Youth Entrepreneurial Spirit (YES) / HUMAN TRAFFICKING Awareness Rising Programme 2005 / Organic Agriculture Basic Principles Programme 2006

#### Goals and Activities

The objectives of YES Programme is to promote employment and economic self initiative among young people in least developed regions in SaM, burdened with high level of unemployment (especially among young people) and help them to better understand the private enterprise and its role in the society, as well as to develop their entrepreneurial skills and way to access available funds.

Promoting entrepreneurial spirit among young people and encouraging private enterprises to establish internship programs, are essential elements in combating youth unemployment, envisaged as important part of the SaM poverty reduction strategy. OSCE's Young Entrepreneurial Spirit (YES) Project was meant to develop the projects that demonstrate the effectiveness of these approaches and expand its impact by linking training more closely to business and employment opportunities through internship programs for young people in private enterprises and in local self-governments, i.e. municipalities.

Beside the entrepreneurial skills, the training is aiming to increase the awareness of its participants about the **human trafficking issue (2005)** and **organic agriculture principles (2006)** in SaM.

**In 2005** the Programme has been realized in seven municipalities (Smederevska Palanka, Knjazevac, Kikinda, Cacak, Prijepolje, Bujanovac and Majdanpek), faced with high level of unemployment and vulnerable when human trafficking issue is in question. The implementing partners for this round of training were gender equality focal points in the respective municipalities. Participation at the training was rather high. 30 participants took part in training per each municipality, meaning that in 2005 round of YES Programme **210** young people have obtained **YES Diploma**.



**In 2006** the programme has been realized in five municipalities (Ivanjica, Valjevo, Bela Crkva, Ada, I Petrovac Na Mlavi) faced with high level of unemployment and insufficient expertise about organic agriculture principles. The implementing partner for this round of training was NGO "Green Table". 22 participants took part in training per each municipality, meaning that in 2006 round of YES Programme **112** people have obtained **YES Diploma**.

So far, **from the time the programme has been launched in 2004 over 530 young people have finished the training and got the diplomas.**

#### Partners

SEED, Gender Equality Focal Points in SaM Municipalities, NGO "Green Table" and OSCE