



# Community Development Institute (CDI)

Tetovo – Macedonia  
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## General about CDI

The Community development institute (CDI) is a sustainable civil organization which works on building of democratic integrated and multiethnic society through strengthening the capacities of individuals, organizations and institutions. The experience of CDI is based on more than 20 years work in the community through addressing the needs of the citizens and help and support in overcoming the challenges.

The association, as an informal group, started working by the end of 1994, and with first official registration, by the Ministry of internal affairs, in 1996.

Vision of CDI: Harmonic multiethnic society of rich and educated people- a society without prejudices.

Mission of CDI: The association CDI is a sustainable civil organization which works on building a democratic multiethnic society through strengthening the capacities of individuals, organizations and institutions.

## Programmes operated by CDI

- Development of the democracy and the civil society
- Trust measures- support of municipal commissions about community relations
- Improving the standard and quality of life of the citizens-economic development
- Adult education and life-long learning
- Development of rural regions
- Environment protection
- Institutional and programme strengthening of the organization

## CDI's target groups

Through its programme activities CDI embraces different target groups and users:

- Citizens assemblies;
- Public and state organizations and institutions;
- Municipality councils;
- Municipal commissions about community relations
- Media;
- Bidders of informal education;
- Marginalized people;
- Private companies;
- Unemployed people;
- Youth;
- Others.

## Geographic region of operation

The programmes of CDI-Tetovo are conveyed on the territory of Republic of Macedonia and in other countries as well. In R. Macedonia, CDI operates in more than 50 municipalities, in which approximately two-thirds of the total population of R. Macedonia live. The biggest part of the current activities are executed in the Polog region.

The association CDI conveys programme activities out of the borders of R. Macedonia, through its offices and partners in the countries of Southeast Europe, west European countries, Kavkaz countries, Vietnam and USA.

## Methods of work

During its work through implementation of the programme activities CDI uses the following methods:

- Mentoring and consultations;
- trainings;
- conferences;
- printed material;
- production of audio and video material;
- fairs and exhibitions;
- preparations of documents-analyses of policies and practices;
- students visits and exchanges;
- other.

## Membership in alliances and networks in R. Macedonia

- Alliance for development of adult education and lifelong learning (ADAE) in R. Macedonia ([www.srov.mk](http://www.srov.mk))
- Network for rural development in R. Macedonia ([www.ruralnet.mk](http://www.ruralnet.mk))
- Friends of Shara ([www.sharplanina.com.mk/prijatelinashara](http://www.sharplanina.com.mk/prijatelinashara))
- Coalition of Youth organizations SEGA ([www.sega.org.mk](http://www.sega.org.mk))
- Local action group (LAG) for implementation of LEADER programme
- National committee for family agricultural economies in R. Macedonia

## Membership in international organizations and networks

- SWG – ABDA – Constant work group for development based on territory
- ECF – European civil forum
- FARE – Football against racism in Europe
- ALDA – Association of agencies for local democracy
- EBSN – European network for basic skills
- ECOLISE - International organization of initiatives managed from the community
- UNITED – Network against racism
- FRESTA – Programme by the Ministry of foreign affairs of the kingdom Denmark
- PEACEBUILDERS International – Canada
- BALKAN CAUCASUS – Collaboration among organizations of countries from the Balkan and Kavkaz region.

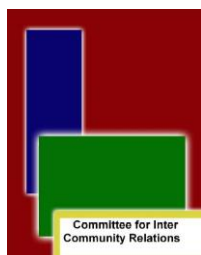
## Programmes supported by the European Union

By gaining the status of a country candidate for membership in the European Union, the associations of citizens from R. Macedonia got an opportunity to apply for financial support in many programmes/instruments for pre-accessible help from the European Union.

In the period after 2010, CDI has strengthened its capacities and successfully conveyed several projects supported by the European Union in the frames of the programmes: IPA, EIDHR, Erasmus+ and the programme for cross-border collaboration.

In the period after 2014, with the new programme Horizon 2020 of the European Union, the association CDI is a partner in a large number of consortiums composed of more European countries for which there is a financial support from the programmes Erasmus+, IPA, Cross-border collaboration, COSME etc.

## Publications



**COMZ** – Commissions about community relations. The purpose of this brochure is to explain the mandate and the role of the municipal commission about the relations among the communities. The brochure is distributed to more than 30 municipalities, non-governmental organizations, media, libraries and other interested parties. The brochure is produced by cooperation with the office of OSCE in Skopje.

**ECO CULT** – A magazine for activities of students from ethnically mixed schools in Macedonia involved in the programme Eco Cult. The press run of the magazine was up to 12.000 samples and was distributed in 10 municipalities. The programme was executed by collaboration with the organization Pursuit for Mutual bases- USA, office in Skopje.



**PEOPLE HAVE THE WORD** – A brochure about the changes in the Constitution according to Ohrid frame agreement. Based on the resolutions about constitutional changes in 2001, CDI published this brochure with a purpose to provide information about the meaning of the Frame Agreement, gains of its implementation, but also to accent the attitude of the citizen in Tetovo who live in minority about the frame agreement. The brochure was distributed around Tetovo's region.

**BALKAN KAVKAZ** – facts and findings from the student's visit in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. The purpose of this brochure is to bring the citizens of the Balkan countries and those of the Kavkaz region together through getting them familiar with the histories, cultures, current conditions and the methods of building trust applied in the different countries.



**EVERYTHING I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE COMMISSIONS FOR RELATIONS AMONG THE COMMUNITIES**- the guidebook is a second, a complemented edition of the brochure Commissions for relations among communities and it is an answer for most of the dilemmas and questions which has arisen during the past years about the function of the municipal commissions for relations among the communities

**ANALYSES OF POLITICS- COMMISSIONS FOR RELATIONS AMONG THE COMMUNITIES** –A publication for conveyed policies of the Commissions for relations among the communities (KOMZ) so far, which gives a review of the history of KOMZ, their establishment, functioning, financing and the relations of KOMZ with the Municipality Council, citizens, civil sector and the wider public. The publication contains recommendations for change of the legislative and institutional frame of KOMZ with a purpose the work of KOMZ to be improved and gaining a sustainability of the work in the future.



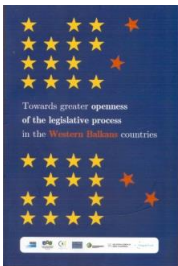


Прирачник за волонтери



**A GUIDEBOOK FOR VOLUNTEERS** – A guidebook for volunteers, which is intended for all the young people who are interested about volunteering. The guidebook contains information about the role, rights, and obligations of the volunteer, about the gain of the volunteering, about the Law of volunteering in R. Macedonia and gives answers to the most frequently asked questions about application of this Law so far.

**COMPAS** – A magazine about the political, social and economic condition in Tetovo's region. This magazine appeared in 2000 and stopped when the armed Conflict in Macedonia started, in 2001.



This publication is a product of the collaboration between CDI and civil organizations from 7 countries aiming towards the increasing of the transparency of the legislative in the countries from the West Balkan. CDI gave its own contribution with a review about the condition in Macedonia.

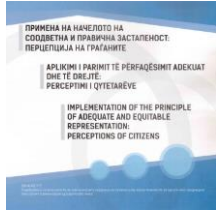
**Gender equality in approaching towards EU** – This guidebook is prepared as a part of the activities of the project “Inter-border equality and gender integration” which is conveyed by the Association of promotion of gender equality, with a partnership with the Community Development Institute from Tetovo.



**Strategy for voluntary development in Municipality of Tetovo 2015-2018** is produced in the frames of the project “Citizens in action-local voluntary strategy” which was conveyed by the Youth Cultural Center from Bitola in partnership with the Community Development Institute from Tetovo.

**Youth perspectives through the process of research.** CDI Tetovo through collaboration with the Foundation Fridrich Ebert, office Skopje in 2013 started the project called Academy for young researchers. The purpose of the project was to strengthen the capacity of the organizations from the non-governmental sector and youth workers, through studying the methodology of the scientific research. This publication is a collection of results from the conveyed researches in the frames of the project.





**Application of policies in appropriate and legal representation-perception of citizens.** Results from a research called Application of policies in appropriate and legal representation out of which the analyses with results came out were presented in this publication. The research was conveyed by CDI Tetovo in collaboration with the Community of units of the local self-government of R. Macedonia (ZELS).

**Honey and bee's products** – a catalogue for honey and bee's products producers from the region of Shara mountain and other regions. Honey and bee's products producers are represented in it who displayed a part of their products on the fair which took place on 23rd April 2016 in the Municipality Jegunovce.



## Documentary movies



**Balkan Kavkaz** – the documentary movie is a result of the students' visit of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan (South Kavkaz) in July 2006. The duration of the movie is about 65 minutes and it gives a complete review of the style of living, economic and political situation and the current challenges in the region.

**The final status of Cosovo in the eyes of the citizens who live in minority**– The purpose of this documentary movie is to represent the views and opinions of the common citizens which live as a minority in Tetovo's region and surrounding municipalities, about the final status of Cosovo.



**Tetovo online** – this documentary movie has video materials and pictures taken in the beginning of the armed conflict in Tetovo, R. Macedonia in 2001. CDI had a video camera installed which was connected to Internet and transmitted directly, through internet, part of the military activities in Tetovo.

**Bona Mente**– the Association CDI-Tetovo provides a constant support for municipal commissions for relations among the communities. The purpose of the documentary movie was to show the activities, the development and the results of the programme aimed towards the members of the municipal commissions, associations of citizens and media.



**Mutual visions** – presentation of the activities executed in the frames of the project "Mutual Visions 2011" putting an accent on the eponymous national youth conference which happened with a financial support of UNESCO through the mutual programme of the EU agencies.



## CDI Donors

- European Union
- SWG – Standing Working Group
- Mercy Corps International
- Swiss Embassy
- World rural forum
- OSCE
- UN Millennium Development Achievement Fund
- Royal Norwegian Embassy
- Norwegian Church Aid
- Council of Europe
- United Nations Development Program
- Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Macedonia
- Embassy of the United States – Office of Public Affairs
- Institute for Sustainable Communities-USAID
- Search for Common Ground
- World Bank
- European Youth Foundation
- Foundation Open Society Institute Macedonia
- Regional Environmental Center
- Westminster Foundation for Democracy
- United Nations Development Program
- German Ministry for International Cooperation
- Catholic relief Services-Dutch Embassy
- German Association for Investments and Development
- Freedom House
- Dutch Interchurch Aid
- Danish Refugee Council
- DfID-The Crown Agent
- FRESTA – Denmark
- International Organization for Migration
- International Rescue Committee
- Balkan Youth Without Borders program
- National Democratic Institute
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
- National Agency for European Educational Programmes and Mobility
- PeaceNexus
- Other private enterprises in the Republic of Macedonia

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