



Dosta! Newsletter



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Launch of Dosta! campaign in the Republic of Serbia and Montenegro



After initiating the project "Equal Rights and Treatment for Roma in South-eastern Europe" in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia," the Council of Europe launched the Dosta! awareness-raising campaign in Serbia and in Montenegro.

Co-financed by the citizens against common stereotypes and prejudices. (continued page 2).
 European Commission, the project includes training programmes for Roma and government officials to uphold Roma rights, and the "Dosta!" awareness raising campaign, which promotes a positive image of Roma



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Festival "Art against stereotypes!"

The Dosta! Campaign will celebrate Roma culture through a Regional Festival "Art against stereotypes", which will take place in Tirana (Albania), on **5-6 April**.
 The Festival targets the public at large and will consist of artistic and cultural performances, round tables, photo, handcraft and painting exhibitions of Roma from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro,

Serbia (including Kosovo) and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia". The two evenings will be devoted to big shows in Tirana's International Centre of Culture.
 We are looking for young artists, Roma and non-Roma citizens from the above mentioned countries, who would like to act in this festival against stereotypes together with famous person-

Should you wish to be part of this exceptional event, just send a motivation letter and a sample of what you/your group do (CD/DVD/Cassette) to:

**Council of Europe
 Roma and Travellers
 Division
 F-67075 Strasbourg
 Att:
 Ivana D'Alessandro
 Not later than 11
 March 2007**

Launch of the Dosta! campaign in Serbia and in Montenegro

(Continued from page 1) Encouraged by the recent election of Roma citizens Rajko Djuric and Srdjan Sajin to the Serbian national parliament and Serbia's signing last month of the "Guidelines for Improvement and Legalization of Roma Informal Settlements in Serbia" – to which the Council of Europe contributed – a press conference marked the launch of the "Dosta!" Awareness raising campaign in the Republic of Serbia at the **Belgrade Media Centre** (Sava Center, Milentija Popovica 9) on 28 February at 11 am.

Mr. Petar Ladjevic, Director of the Governmental Agency for Human and Minority Rights, closed the Press conference by addressing the Media.

"Dosta!" was also launched in Montenegro, at a press conference on 1 March in Podgorica at 10 am at the **Ministry for Protection of Human and Minority Rights**, Trg Vektra. Mr. Sabahudin Delic, Deputy Minister for Human and Minority Rights Protection, and Mr. Vesel Beganj (NGO Roma Pocetak) also addressed the journalists for supporting the implementation of the campaign in Montenegro.



Launch of the schools and civil society Awards

The Dosta! campaign School and Civil society awards recognise creative and innovative initiatives of schools and NGOs in the field of intercultural education, mutual understanding, tolerance and valorisation of Roma culture and history, to break down deep-rooted stereotypes and prejudices towards Roma.

The awards are open to schools and NGOs from the Dosta! Campaign's participating countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the Republic of Serbia, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", which are running or will run, in 2007, projects or initiatives that meet the Awards' criteria.

The submitted projects or initiatives, both from schools and NGOs, have to fulfil at least one of the following criteria in order to be pre-selected:

- Raising public awareness on Roma rights and culture, to fight against the stereotypes and prejudices toward Roma;

- Promoting diversity in schools;
- Actions aimed at raising media awareness on Roma issues;
- Actions aimed at increasing access to education for Roma children in segregated settlements;
- Actions aimed at promoting Inter-cultural and interethnic understanding in schools.

Priority will be given to those projects which are **innovative** in their field of action, which involve the local authorities and which can be disseminated as examples of good practice.

The deadline for submitting the application forms is **28 July 2007**.

More information on: www.dosta.org

1st training of trainers

The programme “Equal Rights and treatment for Roma” continued in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,” where the Council of Europe trained civil servants and Roma representatives in the city of Stip on **26-27 February** and on **1-2 March** in Skopje. Both training sessions have been

organised in cooperation with the country’s Labour and Social Policy Ministry, as follow up to a first cycle of training in Skopje in March 2006 – the first-ever training initiative to improve monitoring and evaluation of Roma rights.

Similar training sessions are

organised in Albania, from **12 to 15 March**, in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, Social Services and Equal opportunities, at Hotel Mundial, Tirana.

Dosta! TV spot recently broadcast in Italy

The Dosta! Campaign TV spot has been recently requested by Italian Television RAI which broadcasted it during its evening news on 3 February 2007.

Similar requests came from other European countries which are not directly targeted by the Dosta! Campaign.



Dosta! leaflets and e-cards

Dosta! campaign leaflets are downloadable in PDF version from the Dosta! campaign website. They are available in Albanian, BCS, Macedonian, Serbian, English, French and from now on also in Roumanian.

E-cards can also be sent from the dosta! campaign website.

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Fight Stereotypes towards Roma!

