



Bulgaria-Serbia IPA Cross-Border Programme
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Project number: 2007CB16IPO006-2009-1-76
Project name: YOUTH BALKAN SYNTHESIS
Project partners:

- **Lead partner:** Kyustendil Association, Bulgaria
- **Project partner 2:** Municipality of Bosilegrad, Serbia

Budget: 86 189,21 Euro
Project duration: 11 months

Project description:

The main objectives of the project were: to popularize the cultural and historical heritage and natural attractions of the border region; to create cross-border collaborations, strengthen cross-border contacts, improve the networking and social cohesion across the border mainly through communication and educational cooperation; to improve and increase skills of young artists; and to increase public awareness about the historical and cultural heritage in the region; and increase cross-cultural awareness of youth.

The main project outputs are:

- Production of a youth dance performance titled “Balkan Synthesis”. The theme of the performance was based on the cultural heritage of both countries and a synthesis between different elements of legends for the good and bad, love, hate and envy, health and illness, war and peace. The performance was played 6 times, three times in Bulgaria and three times in Serbia;
- Total 173 people from both sides of the border were involved in the project activities including children and youth from the cross-border region, teachers, actors, choreographer, costume designer, composer, dramaturge, sound and light experts and many others;
- Total 19 publicity events were realized as a part of the project (including the six performances). One of the most important project events was the “Art School” in which 40 Bulgarian and Serbian youths took part in. A special performance was made for the celebration of the “European Cooperation Day 2012” which took place in Kyustendil on the 21st of September 2012;
- A video recording of the project performance was produced and translated in English language.

The project was successfully completed in June 2012.



A scene from the performance “Balkan Synthesis”



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Photos from the project performances, including the "European Cooperation Day 2012"



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