



Bulgaria-Serbia IPA Cross-Border Programme
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Project number: 2007CB16IPO006-2009-1-111
Project name: ADEQUATE SOCIAL SERVICES IN EFFECTIVE TANDEM
Project partners:
▪ **Lead partner:** Municipality of Etropole, Bulgaria
▪ **Project partner 2:** Municipality of Bela Palanka, Serbia

Budget: 369 289,56 Euro
Project duration: 15 months

Project description:

The overall project objective was to establish a sustainable partnership between the Municipalities of Etropole and Bela Palanka that will support the development and provision of the community based social services. The project achieved the following results:

- Part of the Old Hospital Building in Etropole was reconstructed into a Centre for social integration and rehabilitation of children with disabilities;
- Part of the Health House Building in Bela Palanka was rehabilitated into a Daily centre for elderly people. Works supervision was executed during the implementation of construction works. The two centres were supplied with the necessary equipment and furniture;
- A common strategy for social services in the municipalities of Etropole and Bela Palanka was elaborated and presented in front of the local stakeholders on both sides of the border;
- On-the-spot trainings for 40 specialists in the field of social work from Etropole and Bela Palanka were organized. One was held in Etropole on 4 and 5 of October, 2012, and one in Bela Palanka on 8 and 9 of October, 2012;
- Joint official openings of the two newly-created centres were organized. The Daily centre for elderly people was officially opened on 25 of October, 2012, and the Centre for social integration and rehabilitation of children in Etropole – on 28 of October, 2012;

The project was successfully completed in October 2012.



The Centre for Social Integration in Etropole (left) and the Health House in Bela Palanka (right)



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