



# GPKT Phase 2 Monthly Update

## March 2007

9-18 March 2007

### Registration begins for three GPKT youth NGOs



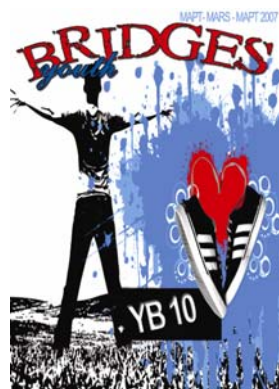
Three NGOs called 'Youth Council for Cross-border Co-operation' will be registered for Gjilan/Gnjilane, Kumanovo and Presevo-Trgoviste youth by the end of May 2007. The decision to establish formally registered organisations was taken at the second annual GPKT Youth Council Congress in December 2006. Since then, GPKT Youth Council members held preparation meetings to draft the registration documents for the new NGOs,

which have the same name and logo and almost identical statutes. In March the three establishing assemblies took decisions on membership, selecting Executive Boards, Presidents and Secretaries. The completion of the registration process will be followed by formalising co-operation between the three organisations through a Memorandum of Understanding and the beginning of joint fundraising for cross-border youth projects.

15 March 2007

### EWI collects applications for third round of GPKT cross-border micro-grants

The third Call for Proposals for cross-border partnership projects closed on 15 March. A total of 25 project proposals were received. The ongoing selection process is being undertaken by an EWI internal review and a second external review board, comprised of local and international experts and other donors in the area. The selected projects will be announced on 20 April 2007 and project implementation is expected to start in May. The purpose of the micro-grants programme is to support cross-border partnerships of local civil society organisations, thereby contributing to positive civic development in the GPKT area, capacity building, conflict prevention and sustainability. Over 2004 and 2005, twelve projects and 26 organisations were funded through the GPKT cross-border micro-grants programme.



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### Youth Bridges 10 focuses on sports that 'recognise no borders'

The tenth issue of the tri-lingual youth magazine *Youth Bridges* came out in early March with a focus on sports, following the previous 'music' edition. "The purpose of sport competitions is to bring people together, to let them get to know each other and each other's culture, and to prevent the creation of unnecessary stereotypes", reads the introductory article to the sports issue, which is followed by texts on local athletes, clubs and competitions. Following the successful exchange of youth journalists who reported from their neighbouring municipalities for an earlier issue of *Youth Bridges*, for this issue of the magazine the young writers travelled to neighbouring municipalities to research articles in other towns and communities.

#### GPKT Plans for April / May 2007

GPKT Women's Working Group 'Smiles Across Borders' event - 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007, Presevo

GPKT Media WG Meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007

Announcement of GPKT micro-grant funding selection - 20<sup>th</sup> April

GPKT Education Committee ELT camp - May, Ohrid