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- Successful start of the YES entrepreneurship trainings
- MEDF supports YES Foundation financially
- Final award ceremony of the INOMAK BPC 05
- Renovation of the barracks in Avtokomanda

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Enthusiasm for the YES Trainings

Through promotional campaigns at St. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, NGO fair, Agency for employment as well as the SEE University in Tetovo, close to 300 applications for the YES trainings were obtained from the target group. The overwhelming response and enthusiasm from the target group clearly emphasize the relevance of initiatives such as the YES project in Macedonia.

The trainings started at 24th of February with 120 participants (selection due to project limitations). The training modules are being taught by 40 carefully selected trainers from our training partner CS

Global. The trainings are practical and based upon exercises, group work, discussions, local and international guest lecturers and lessons.



The project wish to thank the student organizations BEST and AIESEC, as well as YEF and Agency for employment for promotional help and the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering for hosting the events.



Opening ceremony and operation of YES Trainings

Business plan competition INOMAK finished

The final award ceremony of the INOMAK BPC was held in FME on the 26th of December. Students from FME Skopje and Technical Faculty of Bitola took part in this competition.

From FME the winning team consisted of students Dimkov, Ilijevski, Andonov, Jakov and Novevski. From the Technical faculty of Bitola students Manevski, Gramosli, Mark-

ovski and Vojnovski won the first prize. We wish them good luck with bringing their ideas into business.

The INOMAK BPC was implemented by GTZ TT in cooperation with YES Foundation / FOSIM and SINTEF. In scope of the YES project a business plan competition will be arranged also for the coming years.



MEDF supports YES Foundation financially

Macedonian Enterprise Development Foundation (MEDF) has supported the YES Foundation financially for implementing the YES Trainings. The contract was signed in end of February.



Youth Entrepreneurial Services (YES)

The overall aim of the YES project is to help youth in Macedonia to establish their own business. This is done by three means:

- (1) entrepreneurial training
- (2) business plan competition
- (3) business incubator

Together these components constitutes a comprehensive route of support from idea to business.

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Renovation of the barracks in Avtokomanda

Upon request by the Deputy Prime Minister Sekerinska, the Ministry of Education donated three barracks to the purpose of the YES Incubator in Avtokomanda, Gazi Baba.

Currently the project is in the design phase of the refurbishing of these barracks. Out of three bids Inkom Ingeneering has been selected as architect for the refurbishment. Their layout concept is highly inno-

vative and looks promising for attracting future new businesses to the incubator.



The YES project is greatly supported by Mayor of Gazi Baba Mr. Koce Trajanovski. At the moment he is exploring the possibilities to contribute to the YES Incubator with parking lots and street lighting.

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