



ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

SERBIA and MONTENEGRO

FINAL REPORT Embassy Fund 2011

Summary

In 2011 the embassy received and processed a total number of 355 project applications; 47 of these applications were accepted; 10 approved to be agreed for the Embassy Fund 2012 and 298 applications were rejected.

Following the guidelines of the Western Balkan Section at the Ministry of Foreign affairs in Oslo, the embassy decided to prioritize (but not to be limited to) the following areas in 2011:

1. Human Rights.
2. Security Sector Reform
3. Gender Equality.

Human Rights and Security Sector Reform projects were well represented in the portfolio (27 and 25% of the available budget respectively), while Gender Equality was not supported to the desired level (4%), due to lack of good project proposals within this area. Other areas supported were entrepreneurship (14%), environment (9%), culture/friendship activities (7%), spatial planning (5%), policy influencing/advocacy (4%), youth activism (3%) and education (2%).

The embassy was first allocated 5 MNOK. In June it was decided to add 2 MNOK more. Due to capacity reasons because of the SCS programme introduction, the embassy did not manage to spend all the funds during 2011 (1 007 032,61 NOK remained). However, 10 projects of total value of 1.384.300 NOK have been committed to be agreed early in 2012.

Category 1: Human Rights

Under this category, the embassy financed a broader group of projects: support to Roma and other minority and marginalized groups, humanitarian support (purchase of vans for persons with disabilities, school reconstruction) and promotion of human rights among youth and in general. Most of the projects were in Serbia. Even when the applicants were from Belgrade, the supported activities usually covered municipalities out of Belgrade or had a national relevance.

No.	Applicant	NOK	Project
11004SRB	Together Together, Belgrade	54 954,77	Healthy and Smart - reproductive health education of Roma youth. The goal is enhanced awareness of about 80 New Belgrade REA (Roma/Ashkali/Egyptian) youth on reproductive health, leading to better health-protection practice and adoption of healthy lifestyles.
11010SRB	Assistance. Advocacy. Access - Serbia, Belgrade	161 831,38	Support to Survivor's Needs Assessment - data collection and a needs assessment of the population of Mine and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) survivors in Serbia. This will be used in advocacy work for acceding to the Convention on Cluster Munitions by the Republic of Serbia. More info: www.ppps.org.rs
11014SRB	Biljana Kovacevic-	80 179,38	Human Rights Defenders Award 2011. The project will help the most engaged

	Vuco Fundation, Belgrade		individuals in this field on local level to become more visible and recognised for their efforts. The winner was announced on 21 May, and BKV Fond will promote and support the work of all of the nominees throughout the year. More info: www.bkvfond.org/bkv-award
11016SRB	Multiple Sclerosis Society, Knjazevac	71 890,99	Purchase of van for transport of persons with special needs
11021SRB	School for children special needs "Zarko Zrenjanin", Subotica	70 516,73	Purchase of van for transport of pupils with special needs to field station 23km away where work therapy is conducted
11023SRB	Kolegijum Studio, Novi Sad	39 856,14	BlogOpen-SocialOpen - bloggers meet-up in Novi Sad 8-9 October 2011. Bloggers from the region attended lectures on blogosphere, internet and information technologies, and their impact on society, and had opportunity for informal exchange and cooperation. The event is followed by humanitarian action. More info: www.blogopen.rs
11024SRB	Committee for Human Rights, Leskovac (CHRL)	8 004,39	Fuel costs for providing free legal aid to prisoners in Serbia - CHRL is working on cases of violation of human rights of minority groups, persons deprived of freedom and cases of torture. More info www.humanrightstle.org
11029MNE	Public Health Institute, Podgorica	116 148,89	Strengthening capacity of health workers in communication with children with disabilities - prevention of stigma and discrimination. Survey of children and parents will be done about their needs, and 5 education seminars for a total of 200 health workers. More info: www.ijzcg.me/?action=centri/promocijazdravlja
11030SRB	Club for Youths Empowerment 018, Nis	155 389,11	Know your rights-initiative for promotion of human rights among youngsters in Nis. 20 Roma and non-Roma youth will be trained in human rights and media tools and will organize peer education and creative workshops. More info http://kom018.webs.com/
11033SRB	Primary School "Ivo Lola Ribar", Sutjeska	148 006,30	Reparation works in school - replacing floor in hall and two cabinets. Info: http://www.obrazovanje.vojvodina.gov.rs/skole%20voivodine/SKOLE/osnovne/opstina_secanj/sutjeska_ivo_lola_ribar/os_ivo_lola_ribar.htm
11034SRB	Fund B92, Belgrade	322 397,91	Free Zone Junior 2011 - Teaching material based on documentary films and teachers being trained for civil education in primary schools. More info: http://www.slobodnazonair.org/cms/item/home/en.html
11035SRB	Asistel d.o.o. Belgrade	158 533,10	Tele-assistance for elderly, blind and people with disabilities - Extended services to 100 users outside of Belgrade in partnership with municipalities. More info: http://www.asistel.rs/sr/aboutUs.html
11046SRB	Beta News Agency, Belgrade	223 299,00	Minority Service - part of BETA's production of news articles in Albanian, Hungarian and Romanian languages, distributed free of charge. Approximately 500 news items are being produced monthly on each language and published on www.beta.rs
TOTAL: 13 projects		1 611 008,09	

Category 2: Security Sector Reform

This category also covers judicial sector reform. Most of the projects have involved seminars and trainings at local level and abroad, and many of these targeted professionals, university students and media.

No.	Applicant	NOK	Project
11006MNE	ALPHA Centre, Niksic	50 764.99	REACT 2011 - Regional Euro Atlantic Camp Together - education on and advocating for Partnership for Peace and membership in NATO. More info: www.alfacentar.org
11007MNE	Center for International Relations, Podgorica	78 099.99	School for Security Sector Reform - 1-week training in SSR for government officers, representatives of NGOs and media in Montenegro. More info: www.atacg.org
11008SRB	Institute of International Policies and Economics, Belgrade	77 691.49	Security Review - quarterly journal with English abstracts. Support provided for one year. The journal focuses on terrorism and organised crime, military security and NATO issues. More info: www.diplomacy.bg.ac.rs

11012SRB-MNE	Center for Social Dialogue and Regional Initiatives (CDDRI), Belgrade	201 843.05	Student essay competition and study visit - 27 selected students visiting security organisations in Geneva, Brussels, Hague and Vienna 7-16 October 2011. Participant's selection based on an essay competition for students of 3rd year from Faculty of Security Studies/University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Sciences/University of Belgrade and Faculty of Political Sciences/University of Montenegro. More info: www.cddri.org
11015SRB	Atlantic Council, Belgrade	282 556.94	Study Trip to NATO and EU institutions for participants of the Serbian General Staff Course at the National Defense University. 35 students of the 54th Course visited NATO HQ, SHAPE, the European Commission and EU Military Staff in Brussels 30 May. More info: www.atlanticcouncil.rs
11025SRBMNE	Faculty of Political Sciences, Belgrade	64 186.39	Regional International Humanitarian Law Course – the course targets advanced students and junior assistants from faculties of law and political sciences, as well as military and police academies, from Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia. More info: www.fpn.bg.ac.rs
11027SRBMNE	OSCE mission to Serbia	102 827.99	Regional Nordic Mule training - strengthening investigative capacity and regional cooperation of cybercrime units in SEE. The course was based on use of software developed by the Norwegian police to trace those involved in exchange of children's sexual abuse and pornographic material over the Internet. More info: www.osce.org/serbia/78235
11036SRB	New Policy Center, Belgrade	430 573.84	For Serbia without violence - Reducing violence in sports through designing effective policies, creating sustainable institutional mechanisms, and mobilizing key state and non state actors. In partnership with Ministry of Sports and Ministry of Interior. More info: www.cnp.rs
11037MNE	INsig2, Zagreb - Montenegro Police Directorate	43 245.60	Strengthening IT forensic capacity of Montenegrin police administration - Training in Encase for one employee of the Forensic Center. More info: www.insig2.hr
11038SRB	International Police Association (IPA) Agder-region 8, Arendal	40 000,00	Visit from IPA Serbia to IPA Agder - cooperation between International Police Associations in Serbia (Novi Sad, 5+1 participants) and Norway (Agder), to learn about the Norwegian Police Service and system and to network. More info: www.ipa-norway.no
11041SRB	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE), Belgrade	114 810.34	Belgrade Security Forum 2011 - BFPE, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy and the European Movement in Serbia launched the new security initiative. The first conference under the title "The Balkans and Global Security: What Do We Have in Common, What Sets Us Apart?" More info: http://belgradeforum.org/
TOTAL: 11 projects		1 486 600,62	

Category 3: Gender Equality.

Not many good gender projects were received in the beginning of the year and efforts were made to assess more projects from this category in the last quarter. Unfortunately, most of them will remain to be financed in 2012.

No.	Applicant	NOK	Project
11044MNE	Business Start-Up Center Bar, Bar	54 364.17	Development of Women's Entrepreneurship - trainings of 50 women in business skills, financial assistance to best business plans (existing micro credits) and logistic support and 500 copies of Guidance for Women's Self Employment Assistance, in cooperation with the local employment bureau
11045SRB	Panonke, Pancevo	58 438.48	My opportunity/lady-entrepreneur - empowering 15 unemployed women age over 40 to start their textile craft business. 5 looms will be purchased to be made available to all Panonke members. The project will also support purchase of material, cost of training, exhibition of works and mentoring about business start-up.
11047SRB	Center for support of women (CSW), Kikinda	134 761.41	Strengthening the institutional mechanisms for gender equality - continuation of 2010 project that will result in tools that will enable implementation of Law on Gender Equality at local level. 17 municipalities in Vojvodina will be assisted in developing and improving work of local gender equality mechanisms, and guidelines will be presented to all municipalities in Serbia.
TOTAL: 3 projects		247 564,06	

Category 4: OTHER

Most of the support in 2011 went to this category (NOK 2 647 794,62). It will be divided in subcategories for better overview. Same as above, the categories were not always clear and many projects could have been grouped differently.

4.1 Entrepreneurship

11003SRB	People's Parliament, Leskovac	180 006,18	Initiative for continuous development of youth entrepreneurship in South Serbia - 120 youth in Leskovac and Vranje will develop skills and knowledge that will increase their business opportunities. More info: www.parlament.org.rs and www.mladipreduzetnici.org
11032SRB	Business Innovation Programs, Moss	270 000,00	BIP International Summer Camp 2011 - gathering of youth entrepreneurs in Sutomore in June 2011. More info www.bips.no
11042SRB	Business Innovation Programs (BIP), Belgrade	408 302.35	Implementation of Student Enterprise program in secondary schools in Serbia: training of teachers and regional school administration on entrepreneurship, development of training material, and organising student enterprise cross-border fairs and camps. Target - secondary school students. More info: www.bips.no
TOTAL: 3 projects		858 308,53	

4.2 Environment

11039SRB	International Development Norway AS, Trondheim	200 000,00	Waste treatment solutions for Serbian meat producer sector - conference on solutions applicable in Serbia and facilitating cooperation between Serbian and Norwegian companies. www.id-norway.com
11043SRBMNE	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Office for South-East Europe, Belgrade	343 680.86	Building capacity for conservation action - improving information flow and capacities of CSOs and institutions responsible for nature conservation in Serbia and conservation policies and action. Fundraising opportunities and relevant policies will be covered in introductory part while 30 NGO representatives will obtain training and guidance in production of 10 good quality project proposals. More info: www.iucn.org/about/union/secretariat/offices/europe/about/places/belgrade/
TOTAL: 2 projects		543 680,86	

4.3 Culture/Friendship Activities

11009SRB	Department of Scandinavian Studies, University of Belgrade	38 905,00	Participation at literature festival in Lillehammer for 4 students and 4 staff. The Norwegian Festival of Literature is the largest festival in the Nordic countries for contemporary literature and it has been organised for 16 years. More info: www.litteraturfestivalen.no and http://skandinavistika.fil.bg.ac.rs/
11019SRB	Narviksenteret, Narvik	99 900,00	Conference in Narvik - travel costs of participants from Serbia for memorial event 21-22 June dedicated to Yugoslav prisoners of war in German camps in Norway. More info www.fred.no/data/dok/1/Program_elektronisk160511.pdf
11020SRB	Theater Charity in Buskerud County	35 000,00	Travel cost for youth amateur theater group from Obrenovac for participating on International Community Arts Summer School - Groups from Serbia, Norway and UK will meet in Norway to create a platform for intercultural dialogue on European identity, mutual understanding and tolerance. More info http://pascotd.weebly.com/
11028SRBMNE	Connections AS, Kongsberg	140 000,00	Serbia World Music Festival in Gornji Milanovac - 5-7 August with international participation. The purpose is promoting cultural differences and exchange. More info www.serbiamusicfestival.com/bendovi10E.html
11031SRB	Friendship Association Norway-Western Balkans (VNVB), Trondheim	30 000,00	"Music Without Borders" - Youth music festival - 16-21 August - cultural exchange between rock bands from municipalities of Vefsn (NOR), Gornji Milanovac (SRB), Ørland (NOR), Koceljeva (SRB), Bjugn (NOR), Piran (SLO), Orkdal (NOR) and Mostar (BIH)

11040SRB	Nansen Dialogue Center Serbia, Belgrade	64 201.42	Celebration of Fridtjof Nansen's year in Serbia - marking the Fridtjof Nansen year through lectures, film screening and children arts competition (2012 calendar) to promote Nansen's work and philosophy. More info: www.nansen-dialogue.net/ndcserbia/
TOTAL: 6 projects		408 006,42	

4.4 Spatial planning

11013MNE	Statens Kartverk, Hønefoss	85 000,00	Illegal buildings study Montenegro - in dept analysis of different aspects of solving illegal buildings problem and the success of measures in neighbouring countries. The support will cover desk and field work and participation on regional conference. More info: www.statkart.no
11017MNE	UNDP Montenegro	237 642.72	Pilot projects for development of feasibility studies for formalisation of informal settlements in Montenegro - complementing FS in Bar, Zabljak and Bijelo Polje with energy efficiency audits and seismic risk reports. This will enable identifying alternative solutions for formalisation of informal settlements to be applied in the Government's Formalisation Programme. More info: www.undp.org.me
TOTAL: 2 projects		322 642,72	

4.5 Policy influencing/advocacy

11011SRB	Center for Regionalism, Novi Sad	237 262.71	Alternative National Strategy for Decentralization - strategy writing, publishing, public presentation and advocacy. This is believed to result in integration of certain parts in the final text of the official strategy document and constitutional amendments and amendments to the Law on territorial organisation. More info: www.centarzaregionalizam.org.rs
TOTAL: 1 project		237 262,71	

4.6 Youth activism

11001SRB and 11002SRB	Milica Djuric and Martina Petrovic	3 780,78	Participation in International student festival in Trondheim. The topic of this years' festival promoting youth activism was health. More info: www.isfit.org
11018MNE	NGO CEPROG, Podgorica	39 660,00	Promotion of healthy lifestyles among children and youth - 500 kids and their parents in 5 primary schools will be educated about the importance of good diet and physical activity in preventing obesity, and achieving and maintaining good health. More info: www.ceprog.me
11022SRB	Karate Club "Supermen", Uzice	122 557.63	Purchase of bus for transport of children from rural areas to karate trainings and competitions.
TOTAL: 4 projects		165 998,41	

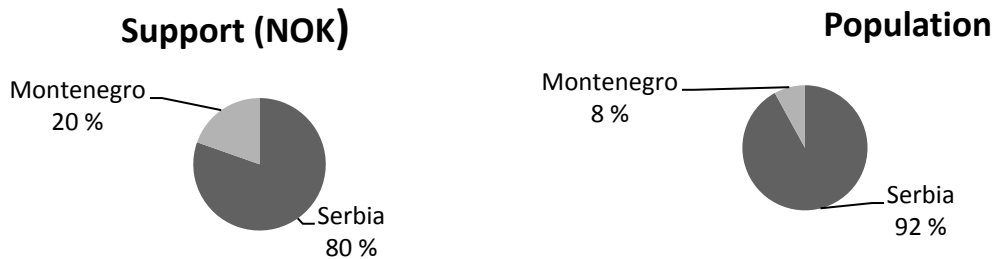
4.7 Education

11005SRB	SOS Children's Village; Sremska Kamenica	95 851.57	Social integration of youth without parents that are growing up in the children's village - 33 youth will be trained in social skills, computer use, driving, foreign language, vocational training, and receive psycho-social support and mediation in job search.
11026SRB	Faculty of Law, Belgrade	16 043.40	Study trip for students of Master of European Integration group of Faculty of Law to Strasbourg and Brussels, visiting EU institutions and attending lectures and hearings at the European Court of Justice. More info: www.ius.bg.ac.rs
TOTAL: 2 projects		111 894,97	

Financial Balance December 30, 2011

BALANCE	NOK	%
GRANTED MFA 2011	7 000 000,00	100,0
1st q-ter	463 458,28	6,62
2nd q-ter	2 213 356,33	31,62
3rd q-ter	2 093 306,51	29,90
4th q-ter	1 222 846,27	17,47
total spent:	5 992 967,39	85,61
Balance available:	1 007 032,61	14,39

Geographic distribution of the support



There were 8 projects in Montenegro and 9 regional projects. When total value of the projects was calculated for each country (regional budgets were split between Serbia and Montenegro on equal parts), it is evident that Montenegro is well represented in the embassy portfolio.

The following charts show how much funds the applicants from different towns received and number of projects is presented in parenthesis. Out of 47 concluded agreements, 19 applicants are from Belgrade and 4 from Podgorica, but most of these projects target the whole country.

Support (NOK) - applicants in Serbia



Support (NOK) - applicants in Montenegro



Support (NOK) - applicants from Norway

