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GPKT participates in the CHF Entrepreneurship Fair in Leskovac



Through co-operation with the international NGO CHF, GPKT participants attended the CHF Second Entrepreneurship Fair in the Serbian town of Leskovac from 23 to 26 May. A mixture of five GPKT Youth Council members studying economics or interested in business (two from Gjilan/Gnjilane, two from Kumanovo and one from Trgoviste), and two municipal representatives from Kumanovo attended the Fair with EWI support. Participants had the

opportunity for cross-border networking with businesses from southern Serbia who were exhibiting their products, including start-up businesses that had received CHF grants. EWI also facilitated networking between Kumanovo municipality representatives and the Leskovac-based RSEDP (Regional Socio-economic Development Programme).

GPKT youth participants were also presented with the CHF junior achievement (JA) programme in Serbia, which supports student organizations (or ‘companies’) implementing business type projects, such as jewelry design and production, events organisation, production of pancakes, etc. The youth discussed the possibility of implementing similar profit generating activities as a fundraising technique in GPKT.



Dejan Neskovic from JA-Leskovac kindly demonstrated to GPKT youth participants the ‘MESA’ computer simulation programme on business strategies. A winner at the Serbian national MESA competition, Dejan offered his help in providing CDs with the game and organising trainings for economics students from GPKT. The GPKT youth participants also received manuals in applied economics published with the support of USAID and CHF.

