



Citizens Association

NEŠTO VIŠE

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DEAR FRIENDS of UG Nešto Više,

This year 2021 was very challenging. There were many unforeseen events. It was difficult to plan future actions but also to implement the planned ones. However, we managed to focus on positive things and managed to achieve great success. We successfully adapted the planned activities to the new situation caused by COVID-19 and we managed to develop a number of ideas that would contribute to solving current problems in our country in many areas, including employment, gender, environmental protection. We would like to thank all our project users for adapting to the new situation, we also thank the donors for their continued support and all our partners and friends who supported us in our work.



Who We Are

Citizens Association “Nešto Više” is a non-governmental organization established in 1997 by a group of young people experienced in working with organizations from the civil society sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). By issuing resolution RU-88/03 by the Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Association gains the status of a state-registered organization. Our programs and projects have been implemented in more than 70 local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Our Vision

A Bosnian Herzegovinian society that is morally responsible and promotes competency, safety and tolerance through mutual care of the individual and community.

Our Mission

“Nešto Više” promotes positive changes in society by offering opportunities to individuals and groups for formal and informal education and training, networking, internships, volunteering, work experiences and community service, all in order to develop and nurture competent and responsible leaders who, believing in themselves and others, foster openness and belonging in our society.

Our Motto

Learning by doing.



Our Goals

- Linking and experience exchange of BH citizens with the citizens of Europe and the world;
- Cooperation with European and world associations and institutions of similar program orientation;
- Preservation and development of natural and cultural-historical heritage
- Environmental protection, energy efficiency and renewable energy;
- A commitment to agricultural development, with an emphasis on organic
- Promoting and practicing permaculture;
- Comprehensive development of rural areas;
- Protection and improvement of mental health, empowering and promoting healthy lifestyles;
- Economic empowerment of vulnerable categories of society: youth, women, people with disabilities, rural residents, unemployed;
- Working with and for the people with disabilities with the aim of their comprehensive inclusion in society;
- Providing various forms of assistance to vulnerable categories in society;
- Improving the social and economic conditions of life in BiH;
- Encouragement and development of entrepreneurship of young people and residents of rural areas;
- Improvement of business of entrepreneurs and enterprises;
- removal of prejudices and closed systems of values in BiH;
- work with students and improvement of studying conditions;
- Encouraging leadership;
- Institutional strengthening and development of the Association itself through continuous education of its members and employees, application of modern methods in work, engagement of quality external associates and creation of a partner network;

Council of Europe; Youth Council of Barcelona; Whalen Family Foundation (WFF), Oakland, USA; Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy (IMTD), Washington DC, USA; Care International; Canadian Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Open Society Fund of Bosnia and Herzegovina (SOROS); Schuler Helfen Leben (SHL); Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); Embassy of Switzerland in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Mercy Corps Scotland; and Dutch Development Agency (SNV), Fostering Agricultural Markets Activity (FARMA), Federal Ministry of Education and Science, European Commission; United States Agency for International Development (USAID); Center of Civic Initiatives (CCI); Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC); Austrian Agency for Technical Cooperation (ADA), Fund of the Spanish government for achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) - Environment and Climate Change (jointly implemented by UNDP, UNV, UNEP, FAO i UNESCO), Royal Norwegian Embassy to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Embassy of the United States of America in BiH, Municipality Cazin, Municipality Berkovići and Municipality Ljubinja, The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, MDGF Youth Employability and Retention Programme - Spanish Fund for Reaching Millennium Development Goals - UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM and UNV,; United States Department of State (Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, UNDP Reinforcement of Local Democracy III (LOD III), St Catherine University, Municipality of Livno, Municipality of Teslić, European Union (EU), The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, European Fund for Balkans.



The Association of Citizens "Something More" has three official offices: Central Office Sarajevo, Regional Office Mostar and Regional Office East New Sarajevo.

The staff of the Association works and lives in four cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar and East Sarajevo. The Mostar office of the Association is located on the farm of the Association in Humilišani, where all the necessary conditions for the work of the staff have been created - one building on the property has been renovated so that there are offices, classrooms and a conference hall in the building.

In order to ensure sustainability, the Association has established its own social enterprise EkoDizajn d.o.o. which deals with the production of organic seedlings, arranging yards and orchards according to permaculture principles and organizing events, trainings.

UG Nešto Više operates throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, so that in the last 23 years we have implemented projects in over 70 different local communities in BiH and over a hundred volunteer actions in the same number of communities.

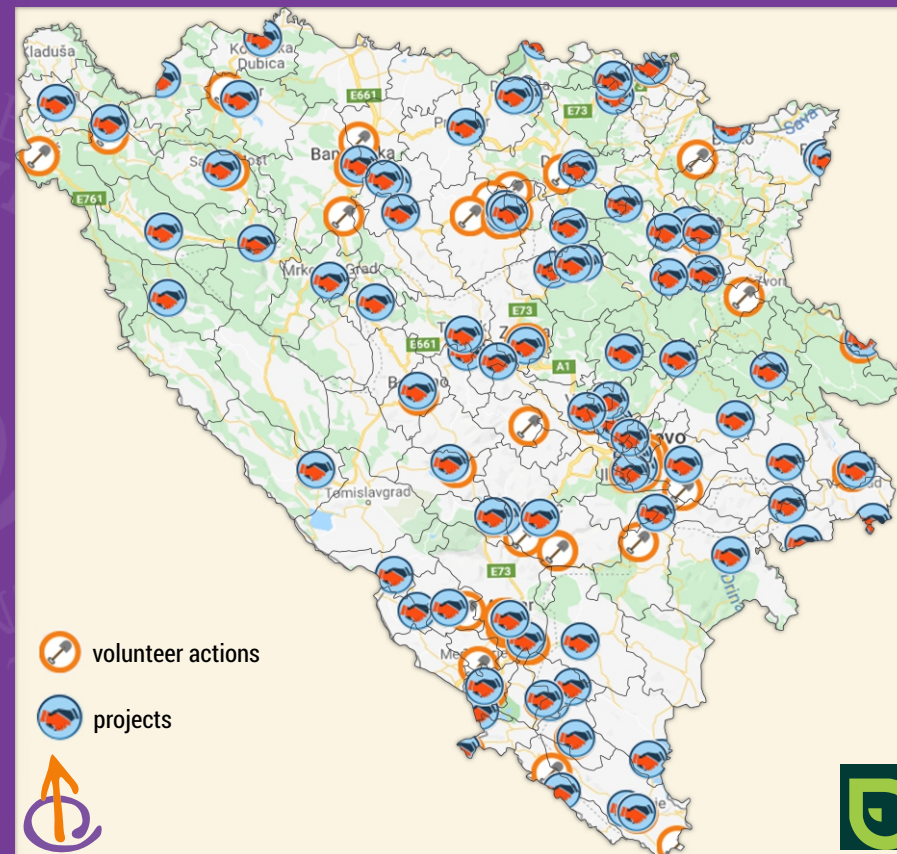
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Locations of our projects and volunteer actions



Project "Communities of different but equal citizens"

(2018-2021)

We aim to achieve a higher level of involvement of civil society organizations in the process of European integration, focusing on increasing social inclusion and non-discrimination of persons with disabilities. The project will contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030. The organization "UDAS" is implementing the project in partnership with the Helsinki Citizens' Parliament Banja Luka and the Association of Citizens "Nesto Više" Sarajevo. The realization of the project aims to strengthen the capacities of the network of women with disabilities and the network of persons with disabilities UDAS. In addition, the aim is to increase the social sensitivity of civil society organizations, which are not primarily organizations of persons with disabilities, as well as representatives of local authorities. Work has also been done to increase promotional activities and public advocacy for the integration of persons with disabilities, through various activities of civil society organizations, media, government and the public, which will eventually result in the inclusion of persons with disabilities in decision-making processes.

Project is funded by European Union

Project value: 976.411 KM



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Our Projects

The Eco HUB Mostar Resource Centre for Environmental Issues

(2020-2022)

The Project is being implemented in four municipalities / cities: Mostar, Trebinje, Konjic and Jablanica. The project is being realized within the larger project "Think Nature!". The goal of Eco HUB is to contribute to the preservation and regeneration of the environment in Herzegovina through the establishment and operation of Eco HUB Mostar and by providing support to local communities in preserving the environment. The establishment of Eco HUB Mostar creates the necessary preconditions for supporting local communities in the development and implementation of projects and actions in the field of environmental protection, and making available the permaculture farm Nešto Više and a place where people can see practical solutions in this area, such as solar panels, water purification, rainwater collection, etc. "Think Nature!" Is a three-year project implemented by the Center for the Promotion of Civil Society, and financially supported by Sweden in the amount of 3 million convertible marks. The complexity of environmental issues requires a continuous presence at the local level, expertise in the field of environmental protection, networking with local actors, the ability to communicate with youth, schools and media, and the capacity to provide educational and professional support to other organizations and schools, and that will be provided through Eco Hub.

Project is funded by CPCD, Government of Sweden

Project value: 73.700 KM



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Our Projects

Local Structures for WB6 Lab - RISE

(2020-2022)

Regional Incubator for Social Entrepreneurs is a project for motivated, committed young people, who are ready to learn and make changes for the benefit of the Western Balkans. The goal is to support social entrepreneurial ideas that will make the region a better place. RISE Journey is a specially adapted program in which participation is free and which will help young people to learn, grow and make changes in their environment. We focus on collaboration, sharing ideas and peer learning to achieve better results. We support 6 teams from BH that develop an idea or innovative solution for a new and better approach to education, women's empowerment, culture, rural development, health or employment in their community. The skills, knowledge and experience of social entrepreneurship will help address social and environmental issues. RISE Journey provide support through grants for mobility and business development in the second phase of Journey. We represent a group of 11 partners from the Western Balkans, Germany and France working together to develop social entrepreneurship to have better societies. Our Association is one of 6 organizations from the Western Balkans selected as "Local Structure (LS)" by WESTERN BALKANS - RYCO, GROUPE SOS Pulse, the South East European Youth Network (SEeyN), the Institut Français and the Franco -German Youth Office (FGYO / OFAJ)

Project is funded by WESTERN BALKANS – RYCO, GROUPE SOS Pulse, SEeyN, the Institut Français, FGYO/OFAJ

Project value: 80.000 KM



Our Projects

Improving the advocacy skills of PWDs and the sustainable operation of PWD organizations

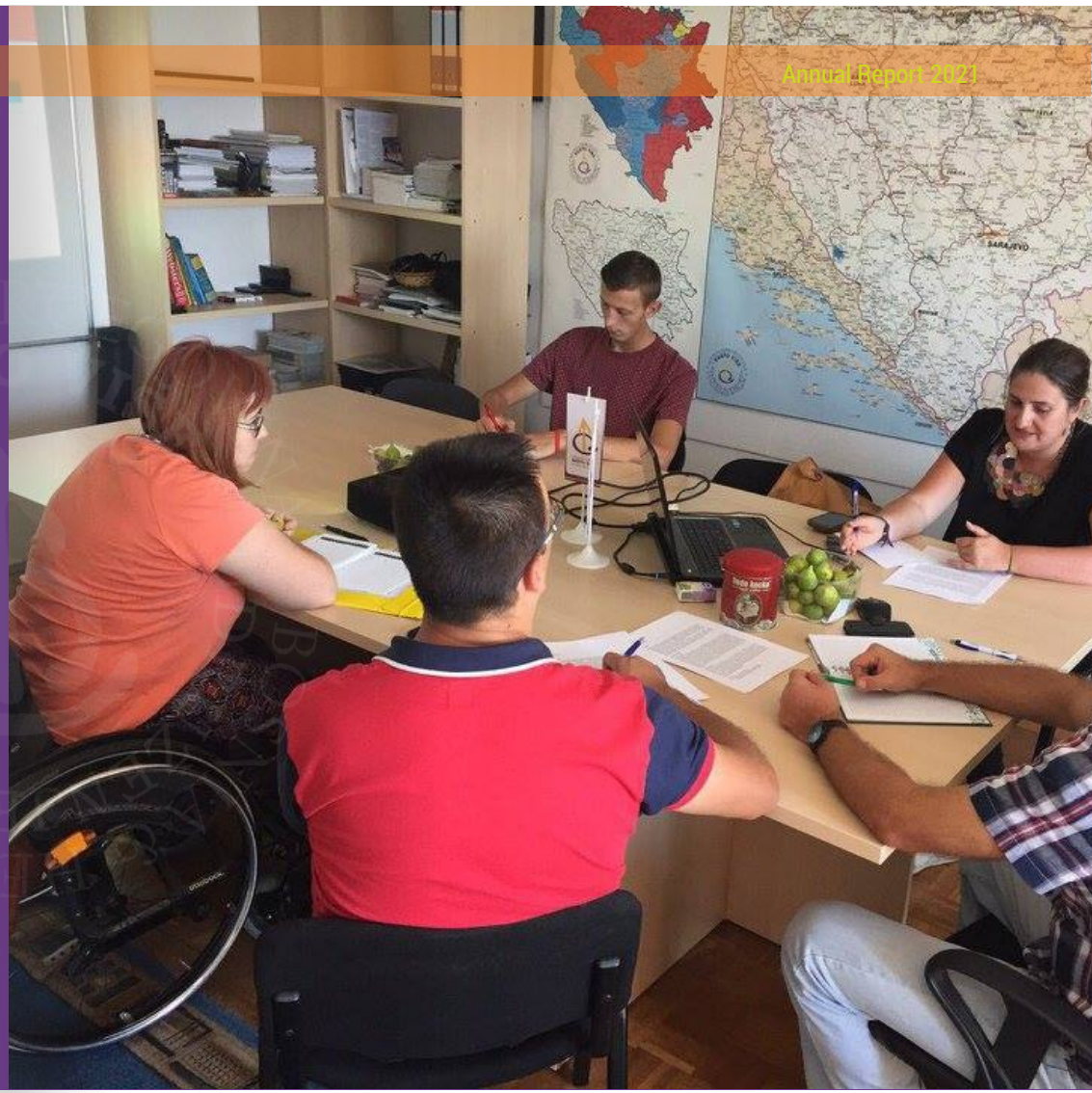
(2020-2021)

Project implemented with six organizations of persons with disabilities. Within the project, a detailed analysis of the presence of each of the six organizations on social networks and the Internet was made. An analysis of both human resources and an analysis of media presence and the degree of their advocacy skills, as well as the degree of their development and sustainable operation, was performed. Based on the analyzes, recommendations were made in order to strengthen them and joint networking in order to better position in lobbying and advocating policies concerning persons with disabilities.

Project is funded by Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of FB&H

Project value: 11.614 KM


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rada i socijalne politike**



Our Projects

First Practical Work Experience for Women with University degree (2020-2021)

The project aims to contribute to faster and easier employment of highly educated girls / women who have no work experience. Through the project, we will provide a two-month paid internship for 38 young women in their final years of study or with a university degree without work experience. With this project, we continue to provide opportunities for young women (from 20 to 30 years old) to gain their first practical work experience lasting 2 months (320 working hours) in one of the companies in BiH from their field of interest and studies. In addition to practical experience, all participants will receive training in CV writing and training on proper performance at a job interview. The staff of UG Nešto Više will provide support to the participants in the process of finding a suitable company in which they will be able to gain their first work experience.

Project is funded by the US Embassy

Project value: 53.580 KM



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Our Projects

My Work – Economic Opportunities for People with Disabilities (2020-2022)

The project focuses on social inclusion and status improvement of mentally challenged individuals in Bosnia and Herzegovina, especially aiming to bolster their economic opportunities and the ability to exercise their rights as citizens. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, people with mental disabilities are often targets of discrimination and prejudices which negatively impacts their position on the job market. It is difficult for these individuals to find and keep employment and coupled with insufficient support from state authorities they are more prone to poverty and social exclusion. The project sets out to help mentally-challenged people through the implementation of an integrated activity package that includes, for example, piloting and expanding of approach of the supported employment, activities aimed at generating income and acceleration program for businesses which are employing people with disabilities, mediation of professional training and internships for the disabled, workshops for businesses or advocacy efforts when enforcing changes on strategic- and political-level with the aim to familiarize the public with said problematics.

Project is funded by : PIN, Česká rozvojová agentura

Project value: 160.000 KM



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Our Projects

Development of Training Program for Members of Municipal Gender Equality Commissions in Bosnia and Herzegovina

(2021-2023)

Overall objective of the project is strengthening the role and position of women in political, social and economic processes and support local partnerships in establishing effective mechanisms for gender equality in local communities in B&H. The target group are members of gender equality commissions in 20 local governments that will go through a tailor-made training program in order to strengthen their capacity to achieve a greater level of gender equality at the local level. The communities in which the project is implemented are: Bosanska Krupa, Busovača, Derventa, Goražde, Ilidža, Kalesija, Kalinovik, Jajce, Laktaši, Mostar Nevesinje, Kostajnica, Novo Sarajevo, Prijedor, Prnjavor, Šamac, Tešanj, Teslić, Tuzla i Vlasenica.

Project is funded by EIDHR

Project value: 403.250 KM



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Our Projects

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Youth Retention Program in BiH – “General Mobilization”

(2021-2024)

Project support cooperation between sectors that have not so far participated jointly in addressing the migration problems of young people from BiH, namely youth organizations and entrepreneurs, ie employers. The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of youth CSOs to participate in education and employment reform to retain young people in BiH. Specific objectives of the project are to establish Cross-sectoral network by youth experts and entrepreneurs for advocacy in employment and education; To strengthening the capacities and competencies of youth CSOs in order to increase advocacy impact for improvement policies, rules and strategies in the field of employment and education; To improve a legal and policy framework for youth through cooperation between relevant employers' associations and relevant institutions at all levels; To Increase awareness of role and importance of the loss of the youth population in BiH

Project is funded by European Union

Project value: 1.087.600 KM



Our Projects

Project Mostar – Spaces to Activate and Rejuvenate (2021-2024)

The project seeks to improve public space and its use in Mostar through mobilizing citizens and supporting citizen-led initiatives that contribute to shared civic, cultural and economic life of the city. The project also aims to support citizens and local authorities to effectively use new skills, tools and mechanisms to address priorities in an inclusive, gender-sensitive, participatory and systematic manner. The project will directly provide funding infrastructural projects as well as to citizen-designed and citizen-led initiatives into shared urban space and actions.

Lead organization is People in Need (PIN), with partners: Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI), Omladinski Kulturni centar Abrašević (OKC Abrašević), Agencija lokalne demokratije Mostar (LDA Mostar) i Nešto Više (NV).

Project is funded by the Government of the United Kingdom

Project value: 3,000,000 GBP



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Our Projects

Organizing a volunteer engagement for volunteers from EU (2021-2022)

The overall goal of the project is to establish continuous cooperation with partner organizations within the European Solidarity Corps. Beneficiaries / target group are young people, interested in working and learning at the NV Permaculture Farm in Mostar. Current volunteers - Pierre Noel, Juliette Airoidi and Adele Bertaux - spend most of their time working on farm with different plants, seeding/planting, providing maintenance and protection of the plants, and studying their growth. In addition, they are involved in other activities and projects that NV implements.

Partner or sending organizations are: SCI (Service Civil International Branche Française) and ADICE (Association pour le Développement des Initiatives Citoyennes et Européennes) from France

Project is funded by Erasmus+

Project value: 10.160 EUR



Our Projects

Organized structure to combat domestic violence

(2021)

We want to initiate signing the "Agreement of Cooperation" in two municipalities aimed at creating an organized structure to combat domestic violence and offer more appropriate support to the victims. Our goal is to involve the Centre of Public Safety, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Centre for Social Welfare, the Out-patient clinic, Municipal authority, media, primary and secondary schools and kindergartens in the process. Through this cooperation we can have stronger cooperation among Police, Centre for social work and organizations, in accordance with their respective mandates, that are dealing with this issues.

As result we want them to have strong sensibility and established operative multisectoral structure to properly address those problems, and victims of domestic violence to gain their confidence in local institutions and encourage themselves to request support and help from those institutions.

Project is funded by the French Embassy

Project value: 6.000 KM



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Our Projects

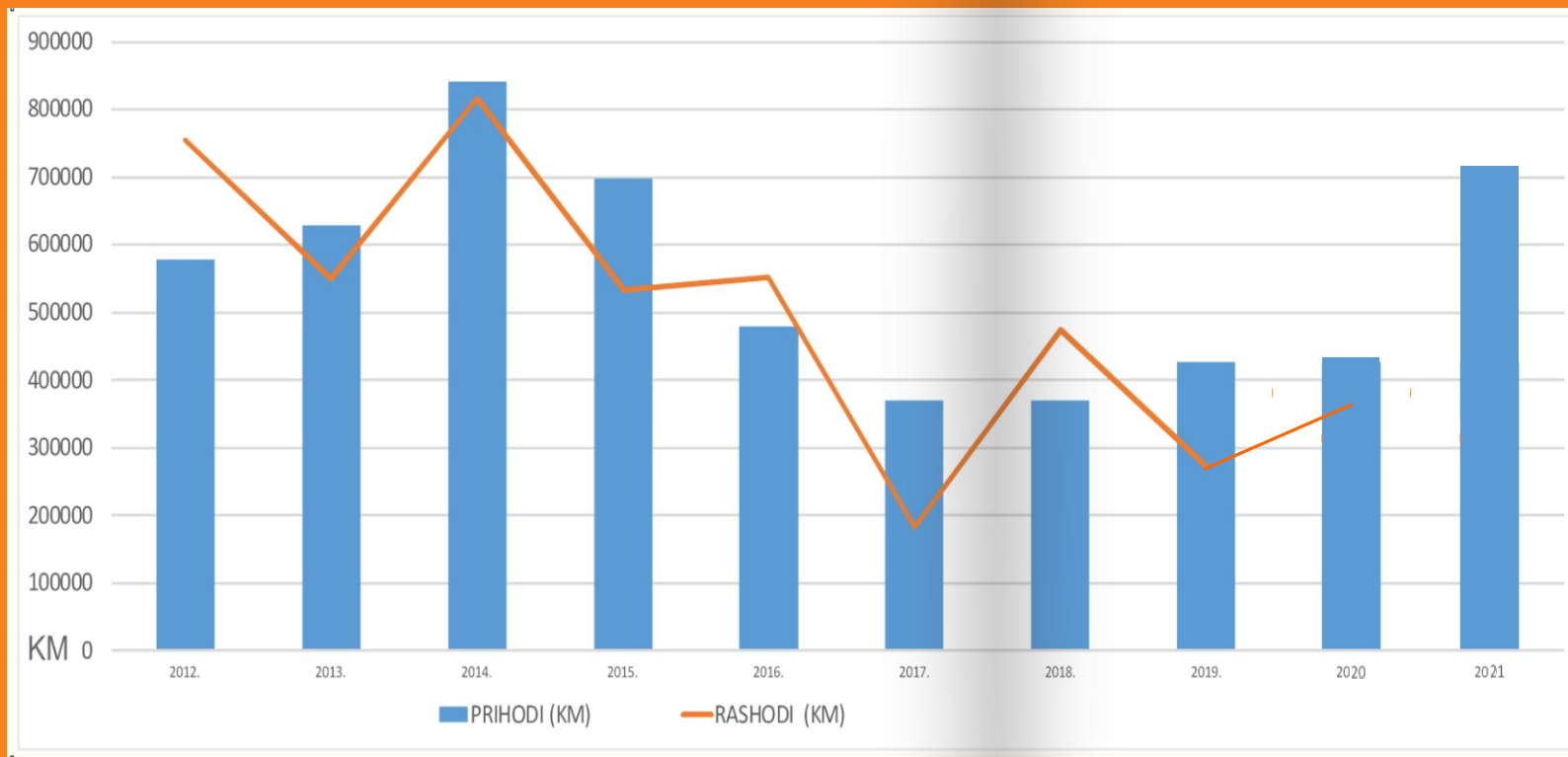
Cooperation with College of St. Benedict and St. John's University (2021-2022)

The E-Scholars program is designed for students with an entrepreneurial mindset. Students with an entrepreneurial mindset are always looking for new opportunities and they are driven to make things happen. Once selected into the program, students are expected to attempt to launch a venture before they graduate. Students in the program will experience business travel both nationally and internationally. The E-Scholar business trips will require students to set up and execute business visits, informational interviews, and tours of organizations. After travel to Silicon Valley and San Francisco in October, 17 students and two professors visited Bosnia and Herzegovina in December/January looking for interesting places, businesses and people to meet in Sarajevo and Mostar.

Project is funded by CSBSJU

Project value: 60.340 KM





**REVENUES
&
EXPENSES
in the past
10 years**



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