

Social protection actions in the IPA programme

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Short Speakers' Introduction

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After graduating from the Faculty of International Relations, Ms Dianiskova worked for four years at the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Slovakia as the person responsible for the social inclusion and labour chapters during the pre-accession negotiations. After Slovakia joined the EU, she moved to Brussels to work for the European Commission - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion at the geographical unit for the European Social Fund where she stayed for more than five years. Finally, four years ago she relocated to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, to hold a position of the Head of Operations Section for Social Development, Civil Society, and Cross-Border Cooperation.

Paolo Marchi

Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr Paolo Marchi has been working as Head of the Child Protection Section at UNICEF Office for Bosnia and Herzegovina since October 2010. His section's work focuses on supporting the country in strengthening its child protection systems, providing guidance for the child care reform aimed at ensuring that all children in formal care are provided with family based care, and fortifying the local capacity in ensuring children's access to justice. Before joining the BiH Country Office, he worked in the UNICEF HQ Gender and Rights Unit. Prior to his work with UNICEF, he held different human rights related positions with other IOs (UNDP, and the Global Fund) and INGOs in Morocco, Sierra Leone, Italy, and Switzerland. Ms Marchi holds a LL.M in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex, and a LL.B from the University of Torino (Italy). His fields of expertise are children rights (with a focus on child protection) and economic, social and cultural rights.



Miodrag Dragisic



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Miodrag Dragisic is the Team Leader of the Social Inclusion Cluster in UNDP Montenegro. He manages a portfolio of projects and programmes dealing with Social Inclusion/Exclusion, Human Development, Gender Equality and Health. The main goal of his work is to promote human development in Montenegro by providing support to, and building partnerships with, the Government, local authorities and civil society organisations, in developing policies to improve social and health services for vulnerable groups and to promote the advancement of women. Mr. Dragisic, among others, focuses on conceptualisation of projects and programmes for socially disadvantaged groups such as the Roma and people with disabilities. Mr. Dragisic is from Montenegro and holds a BA in Economics with a specialisation in Team Management from the University of Montenegro, School of Economics. He also holds an M.Sc in Environmental protection and Ecology from the University of Montenegro.

