

*Project title:*  
**IMAGINE SERBIA (IMAGINE YOUR TOWN)**

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**Summary of the project:**

Non governmental organization LINGVA-KRALJEVO has started realisation of the program ``[Imagine Serbia \(Imagine Your town\)](#)`` in 12 municipalities of Central Serbia. The main aim is to give a chance to youth, to through variety of activities become actively included into planning of development of society where they live.

Current process of joining Serbia and Montenegro to European Union is slow because the political questions of cooperation with International Penal Tribunal in Hague were not solving. Obviously there are powerful structures in Serbia and Montenegro which are moving around the large capital, large criminal and large politics, and for them status quo is convenient, and which are very concerned with the fact that one day they will have to face with strict European standards which could endanger their monopolistic positions and profitable business. Bad financial and social situations, political instability, informing by electronic and printed medium (which are controlled by interests groups, and for them radicalizations of the society is convenient), caused inertia among young people, has contributed to spreading of xenophobia and has resulted with indifference of young people on the field of mobility, communications, and exchanging experiences. Such attitude of the young has brought to decreasing of interest for active social engagement and it represents serious problem with unpredictable consequence for the fragile democracy in Serbia.

Just because of this situation in the society, in March 2005 LINGUA- Kraljevo has started realisation of the program [Imagine Serbia \(Imagine Your town\)](#) in 12 municipalities of Central Serbia, and the main aim is to give a chance to youth, to through variety of activities become actively included into planning of development of society where they live.

To realise this goal objectively informing of the young people is necessary, such as web presentation [www.zamislisrbiju.org](http://www.zamislisrbiju.org). In order to inform about fulfilment of all necessary preconditions necessary for accelerated integration into European Union, including respecting human rights and minority rights, introducing with the relevant facts from the recent past, improving cooperation with nearby countries, and information about the work of The International Criminal Tribunal in Hague, index of corruption in the society;

improving of conscious about significance and role of the young people as a motivate of democratic reforms; to enable for the young people to place their ideas through internet presentation [www.zamislisrbiju.org](http://www.zamislisrbiju.org) and to influence by political means to creation of their own destiny...

Lingua believe that especially small local communities, in the Central Serbia region, having problems with accepting new forms of behaviour, where young people not given a chance to get informed and participate in making decisions of significance for the whole community. The young, as the agents of the future have to take over decision making in their communities, but also to be aware of the fact that they themselves are the agents of that future. Target Group of project *Imagine Serbia- Imagine Your Town* are the young between 18 and 30 years of age from 12 municipalities from Central Serbia.