



“Bosnia and Herzegovina: Enhancing Social Cohesion in Host Communities of People on the Move”
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BOSNIAN TRADITIONAL SONG – SEVDALINKA

“Bosnian traditional song – sevdalinka” is the name of the lecture held on Friday, April 22, 2022 in the premises of the Temporary Reception Center “Borići” in Bihać. It was held by Amira Dervišević, Associate professor from the Department of Bosnian Language and Literature at the Pedagogical Faculty of the University of Bihać. The lecture was attended by people on the move from Congo, Cuba and Cameroon, as well as the University of Bihać students and the “Women United” Association members.

After introducing the audience to the poetic features of sevdalinka, professor Dervišević described the circumstances that led to the creation of this famous Bosnian love song and the reasons for its vitality in this area. In addition, the most famous sevdalinks and their performers were presented.

After the lecture, those present had the opportunity to listen to a concert prepared by Ammar Arnautović and Amina Spahić, the students of the Preschool Education Department of the Pedagogical Faculty. These are young sevdalinka performers, who have already presented themselves to the public in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the world.

After this lecture and concert, people on the move from Congo, Cameroon and Cuba talked about traditional songs from their homelands and pointed out the similarities with songs from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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