



**„Bosnia and Herzegovina: enhancing social cohesion in communities hosting people on the move”**

**(International Grace United)**

**TOWARDS EASTER**

“Towards Easter” is the title of the third lecture given by the professors of the Pedagogical Faculty to the beneficiaries of the Temporary Reception Center “Borići” in Bihać. The lecture is a part of the project “Enhancing Social Cohesion in Host Communities of People on the Move” implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina and funded by the European Union’s Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) through the Instruments Contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP).

The lecture on Easter customs in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as the importance of this greatest Christian holiday was prepared by Samra Mujanić, Assistant professor. In addition, Vildana Pečenković, Associate professor, took part in the realization of the lecture and workshop. Professor Pečenković dedicated special attention to the presentation of Easter customs among the Catholic population in the area of Bihać and its surroundings. In a conversation that followed, people on the move described Easter customs in Cuba, Cameroon and Congo. After the lecture, a workshop was held where both the students of the Pedagogical Faculty of the University of Bihać and the beneficiaries of the Temporary Reception Center “Borići” decorated Easter eggs that will be given as gifts in the coming days.

In accordance with the basic goals of the project „International Grace United (United through cultures)” – which is implemented by the members of the Association „Women United”, the IOM B&H and the Pedagogical Faculty of the University of Bihać – it is worth mentioning that this third workshop about Easter, the biggest Christian holiday, was attended by people of different religions. Apart from dyeing colorful

Easter eggs, the activities resulted in gaining new knowledge about customs that are not meant to divide people but to connect them.