



## **„Bosnia and Herzegovina: Enhancing Social Cohesion in Host Communities of People on the Move”**

### **(International Grace United)**

#### On the Origin of Cities – in Picture and Word

That art may be a bridge between people and a tool that eliminates all obstacles, even language barriers, was shown at the creative workshop held at the Temporary Reception Center “Borići” in Bihać on Thursday, May 5, 2022. After telling stories from their traditions in French, English, Spanish and Bosnian at the workshop, the attendees, the people on the move and students of the Pedagogical Faculty, also presented stories in pictures. In this way, fine art became a means to express the story.

The workshop *On the Origin of Cities – in Picture and Word* was held by Nermina Delić, a Senior Teaching Assistant at the Pedagogical Faculty of the University of Bihać who is an expert in the field of mother tongue and literature methodology. In the lecture that preceded the workshop, Ms Delić briefly explained the ways in which a story may be presented through pictures, which is then followed by drawing and storytelling. The number of attendees indicates that the topic was interesting. The workshop was attended by people from Nepal, Congo, Gambia, Cameroon, and Cuba as well as students from the Department of Preschool Education at the Pedagogical Faculty. Particularly interesting is the amount of positive energy channeled into a series of works, which points to the fact that art connects people and removes differences between them. On the uncertain path of people on the move, the event they attended allowed them to forget, at least briefly, that they were migrants and refugees and to become storytellers and painters.

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