# Young girl from Cicevac at the Youth Council of the Republic of Serbia

**Anica Stamenković**, a young activist from Ćićevac, a youth worker and politician, became one of the youth representatives of the Youth Council of the Government of the Republic of Serbia. In a competition called by the Roof Organization of Youth of Serbia, Anica managed to be one of fifteen selected young people from all over the Republic of Serbia.

Roof Organization of Youth of Serbia (KOMS) represents an alliance of 109 youth and youth associations and represents the highest independent representative body of young people in Serbia. KOMS advocates improving the position of youth.

Anica has found herself in youth politics and public advocacy: through the “Decision” process, along with two other local co-ordinators, she has launched an initiative to establish a local Youth Council, she is a fourth-generation student of the Youth Policy Academy, a participant in the upcoming dialogue with the prime minister.

He believes that the state, but also all subjects of youth policy, needs to co-operate, to make Serbia a more favourable place for youth. As an advisory body of the Government, the Council ensures that the voice of the youth is heard and respected, so that young people participate in the drafting, implementation and monitoring of the realisation of public policies, on an equal basis, on the same terms and with equal decision-making power as representatives of institutions.

“I would like to change the position of youth in our state. I don’t think we’re appreciated enough as young people and we’re not taken seriously. I’d like to help make the voice of the young heard, as well as their desires and needs. I am very happy to be a representative of youth in the Youth Council of the Government of the Republic of Serbia. It is a great honor for KOMS to recognize me as an active young person and give me an opportunity like this. I will try to improve myself and my skills through this mandate, but also to improve youth policy and our status in the state along with other hardworking and active young representatives,” Anica said. /By **Sanja Ivanović**/