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CONFERENCE

Scaling up community structures in Albania: Setting the agenda for change

Rogner Hotel Tirana (Antigonea 2 Room)

May 16, 2017, Time: 10.00

This event marks the end of the project Tirana Speaks/Shqiperia Speaks, implemented during the period May 2016-May 2017. It focuses on the work done in the framework of this project as well as it offers a comprehensive overview of the challenges in the implementation of community organization under the new Law on Local Self Government (Articles 68 and 69).

During this period our efforts aimed at introducing local public and non-public stakeholders to the implications of the Law and providing also support for local initiatives to implement implied practices.

Thus, in the municipalities of Tirana, Lezhe, Korçe, Kamez, Durres, Berat, Kukes, Elbasan, Fier and Shkoder different level of interest was expressed by the involved stakeholders that shifted from "skepticism", "appreciation" for the approach to concrete "implementing initiatives".

Municipal Council of Berat marks the first local government unit that has approved the needed regulatory framework and has started to set up the community structures. But, this is a long process that needs vision, willingness and capacities from authorities, civil society and donors.

In order to foster discussion for the challenges ahead, IDM is sharing with all invitees in this event i.e central and local government leaders, donor' community, CSO, academics and different other interested stakeholders, a Policy Brief that may guide presentations and discussions in the Conference. It may also serve future action to tackle the pitfalls and challenges that actors might face towards an enabling environment for a functional model of community structures.



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PROGRAMME

10.00

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Opening remarks

Sotirag Hroni, Executive Director of IDM

Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana Municipality

H.E.Mr. Christoph Graf, Ambassador of Switzerland in Albania

Valbona Kuko, Executive Director of Lëviz Albania

10.30

Community organization - a different alternative to governance

Overview of the project's activities and approach of community self-organization - Evelina Azizaj,
Shefqet Bruka, IDM experts

Gained Experience on Community Structure - Teuta Muçogllava, Vice Mayor, Berat Municipality

10.45

Open space for questions and discussions

(Senior local government officials, municipal counselors, CSOs representatives and community leaders and from Kukes, Lezha, Korca, Fier, Tirane, Kamez, Elbasan, Durres, Shkoder are invited to briefly (up to 2-3 minutes) share their local perspectives of the same proposed approach on community structure.)

12.20

Final remarks – IDM team

12.30

Buffet