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PRESS RELEASE

Public policies must go through the community filter

EC Ma Ndryshe has organized the annual conference "Inclusive Cities", which emphasized the need for community involvement in the design and implementation of public and local policies. In this conference, EC's one-year work on community mobilization to address and solve their problems was presented, with a special emphasis on maintaining public pressure on institutions related to degradations in the Historic Center, whereby it was requested a better institutional coordination for action in this area protected by law.

EC's Executive Director, Edon Mullafetahu emphasized that the organization's one-year work within the "Inclusive Cities" project has been developed in terms of community mobilization to address the problems to the institutions and finding common solutions. He said that there is room for improvement of cooperation with the Municipality, especially in the field of inclusion, transparency and accountability, urban planning and cultural heritage. According to him, every municipal and government project should pass the community filter.

Enes Toska from RrOK / EC Ma Ndryshe has reported on the drafting of the management plan for the Historic Center of Prizren, presenting some data that describe the level of degradation in this area.

Vjollca Aliu from the Department of Cultural Heritage at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports spoke about the importance of coordinating the projects of central and local institutions, and admitted that there is room for further improvement in this regard. She also regrets that another year is closing while still having the issue of degradation in the Historic Center of Prizren.

Mayor of Prizren, Mytaher Haskuka, has acknowledged that inclusiveness enables the creation of better public policies in favor of the community and has pledged to apply these practices, namely the building of social consensus during his 4-years of governance. He also claimed to consider the modalities to enhance cooperation with all stakeholders for the protection of the Historic Center of Prizren.

At the conference, the award for the most active neighborhood was given to the community of the Piranë village. Skender Elshani, the village chairman, expressed his gratitude for cooperation with EC to address the concerns of the inhabitants to the respective institutions and to find solutions for certain problems.

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