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**Institutions confirm the barriers of the People with disabilities, and they pledge
to eliminate them**

EC Ma Ndryshe and OPDMK on Thursday organized the conference "A city without barriers", where they discussed the many barriers faced by the people with disabilities in their daily lives in Prizren, but also in the municipalities of the region.

Within the discussion, it was noted that Persons with Disabilities in Kosovo in general, and in Prizren particularly, face multidimensional discrimination on a daily basis because of the challenges to access public buildings and transportation, health, education, employment, etc. For this community, all these represent an obstacle to enjoy their constitutionally and legally guaranteed rights and to have equal opportunities.

During the conference, all the products and results of the project "Prizren, a city without barriers" were presented, realized during 2016. On this occasion, the research "Prizren – a city which did not remove barriers for the people with disabilities" was published and the report "The Map of Barriers in Prizren".

In the panel were also presented the officials of the Ombudsperson, who presented their findings on the issue of barriers of people with disabilities on the national level, confirming the unenviable situation in this regard.

The attendees of the conference were representatives of the law enforcement institutions, of central and local government, civil society organizations, community groups, the professional community, international organizations in Kosovo, as well as local and national media. Officials of local and central institutions have expressed their readiness to take a comprehensive approach with concrete actions to eliminate current barriers for people with disabilities in public buildings and spaces.

The organized conference has been the closing activity of the project "Prizren, a city without barriers". The overall goal of this project is to increase the participation of persons with disabilities and that of the youth in the designing of a Prizren without barriers.

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