



Non-Governmental Organization “Emancipimi Civil Ma Ndryshe”

EC MA ND RYSHE

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Press Release

The Community of Prizren shall be involved more in city policies

Tuesday 22 December 2015, the “EC Ma Ndryshe” held a conference and exhibition titled “A city for the Community,” whereby, presented the activities of the “Inclusive City” project, which, during this year, has promoted the community activism in urban areas of the city of Prizren. Representatives of urban areas, activists of civil society, as well as municipal and other public institutions officials have participated in these events.

"Activities conducted within the project aimed at strengthening the civic activism through community organization, whereby it made pressure to the institutions to involve more the citizens in drafting public policies, particularly those related to urbanism and public services" stated Hajrulla Çeku, “EC Ma Ndryshe,” upon opening of the conference.

Doruntina Ukimeri, “EC Ma Ndryshe”, presented the annual report of the project, by elaborating on the meetings held in urban areas, visioning workshops, online platform development, public performances, research on the citizens’ perception on urban issues in Prizren, activism in relation to authorities, engagement upon drafting and approval of municipal regulation on participatory planning, etc.

Chairman of the Municipal Assembly, Kujtim Gashi, stated that “EC Ma Ndryshe,” by being in closer contact with the community, managed to address citizens’ concerns to municipal bodies and other institutions, thus a part of these concerns are to be addressed through implementation of projects by the Municipality of Prizren. Mr. Gashi, also stated that the Project assisted the civil the civil society became a connecting bridge between local government and citizens and vice versa.

Rozafa Berisha presented the research outcomes related to changes noted in urbanization of Prizren during the past three years, on the other hand, Edon Mullafetahu, introduced several practical instructions on the transformation of public spaces through community involvement. Latif Bytyqi, resident of “Qyk Mahalla,” introduced a good model of community organization at neighbourhood level.

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Upon this event, “Bazhdarhane” neighbourhood has been awarded as “2015 Most active neighbourhood”, the selection of the most active neighbourhood was based on a 8 criteria assessment.

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Following the conclusion of conference, the exhibition with photos from the community organization in Prizren showing the urban participatory planning, was opened.

Sincerely,
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