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Intangible Heritage Days Hajde! in Prizren concluded

With yesterday's manifestations that took place in the Shadervan Square of Prizren, a full week of Intangible Heritage Days ended. In the closing ceremony performed the young volunteers of SHKA Agimi and the musicians of Pentagram Quartet, while, the attendees, at the same time, visited the handicrafts mini-fair and savoured the varieties of traditional cuisine of Prizren. The day ended up with the handing over of the certificates to the participants of the five-day filigree workshop, being as the central activity of the Intangible Heritage Days 'Hajde!'

Manifestations for celebration of the intangible (spiritual) heritage were organized in the framework of the Joint Programme "EU/CoE Support to the Promotion of Cultural Diversity in Kosovo", from 23 to 28 September 2014. Cultural Heritage Days Hajde! in Prizren were organized by NGO EC Ma Ndryshe, whereas the purpose of this event was to promote cultural heritage of Prizren region and to encourage an active citizenry for protection of these cultural values.

In this week dedicated to intangible (spiritual) heritage the activities were broken into groups such as the filigree workshop for youth and Invisible Public Space. The filigree workshop had 12 participants from Skopje, Gjakova, Korça, Junik, Prizren, Prishtina and Tirana. Throughout the week, these youngsters have been working with the filigree craftsmen from Prizren, concurrently attending a program of lectures and visits to the cultural heritage sites. Upon completion of the workshop, each participant produced a filigree piece of work, which then was exhibited at the closing day of Hajde!

The second part of the activities of 'Hajde!' was held in Shadërvan Square of Prizren and was aimed at showcasing spiritual heritage rites in the Invisible Public Space of the city. During these days, the public space has opened up for Aziza Shefitagiq, from Donje Lubinje village, with the ancient tradition of bride's face painting, to the Troubadour from Malisheva, who performed Albanian Frontier Warriors Songs, and for the performance of Ramadan Bajselmani from Suhareka with a bagpipe (mizhnicë) and flute. On the closing day of the 'Hajde!' week, dancers of cultural association 'Agimi' performed traditional folk dances followed then with the instrumental music of 'Pentagram' quartet, while in the mini-fair were displayed handmade filigree products, traditional Albanian headgears *Plisat*, blades and traditional clothing. On this day was also promoted traditional gastronomy of Prizren region.

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With regards,

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