

Summary of activities during the period of November 2011 – January 2012



Activities within the “SafePlace” project to continue

Prishtinë/Pristina, October 30th, 2011 – Within the “SafePlace” project implemented by FIQ in cooperation with Saferworld, the work has been intensified in recent weeks in support of the Municipal Community Safety Councils (MCSCs) in Ferizaj/Urosevac, Shtime/Stimlje and Hani i Elezit. FIQ has allocated two small grants for MCSC in Ferizaj/Urosevac and MCSC in Shtime/Stimlje. MCSC in Ferizaj/Urosevac has selected a project on direction and warning signs, as well as placing of CCTV cameras at the “Parkun e Lirisë [Park of Liberty]” and at the same time setting up CCTV cameras on the main underground passage of the city. . [More...](#)



The roundtable discussion: Implementation of new policing methodology and relation with work of MCSCs”

Ferizaj/Urosevac, 29 November – FIQ and Saferworld have organised a roundtable discussion on the topic: “Implementation of new policing methodology and relation with work of MCSCs”. Municipal Community Safety Councils (MCSCs) of Ferizaj/Urosevac, Shtime/Stimlje, and Hani i Elezit, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Kosovo Police (General Directorate) and Regional Directorate in Ferizaj/Urosevac, EULEX- Police Component, ICITAP, media and others participated in this roundtable discussion, where practical. [More...](#)



The ceremony of FIDES AWARD 2011 on philanthropy in Kosovo held

December 1st, 2011, Prishtinë/Pristina – Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) in cooperation with the support from the Foundation Rockefeller Brothers Fund, FIDES Award 2011, award on philanthropy in Kosovo, at a ceremony held at “Sheshi 21” for the third year in row. FIDES Award is a symbol of huge gratitude to companies and individuals who have supported activities and projects of common interest in a systematic and cautious manner. Invited to this ceremony were representatives from diplomatic core, international organizations, parliamentary groups, mayors, domestic businessmen [More...](#) The ceremony of FIDES Award, you can follow [HERE](#).



Roundtable discussion in municipalities on reforms in the Kosovo Police

From 12-16 December 2011, FIQ and Saferworld, within the platform of the Security Forum, and as part of the “SafePlace” programme, in cooperation with their partner organizations in municipalities, have organized four roundtable discussions in Klina, Prizren, Gjakova and Gjilan, where the report titled “Reforms in the Kosovo Police” was discussed. The goal of this report is to provide Kosovo Police with a perspective regarding importance of a substantial police reform, which would contribute in further strategic development, advancement of policing philosophy and in provision of more qualitative and efficient services to citizens. You may find the report [HERE](#).



Smira, a community which aims to strengthen active citizenry

Smirë, Viti, 7 January – Village of Smirë in the Municipality of Viti is one of the rare villages in Kosovo running its own a website, which is maintained by three village activists, who upload important information about the village on daily basis, and also keep track of important events from the life of this village with 4,400 inhabitants. In the first anniversary of the running of the website, around 40 people got together to talk about this activity and discuss also about other aspects of civic activism. “The website was created in order to virtually connect all people from Smira wherever they are and this has happened, because it was visited by many fellow villagers... [More...](#)



A public discussion on energy alternatives in Kosovo

Energy sector is a key to Kosovo’s economy, especially due to its large potentials of lignite resources. According to current scenarios, energy sector in our country is predominated by Kosovo Energy Corporation (KEK). Almost 90% of energy production is based on lignite burning, said President of the Assembly of Kosovo, Jakup Krasniqi at a conference with the topic energy alternatives in Kosovo, organized by Institute for Developmental Policies (INDEP). Further on, Krasniqi said that Kosovo aims at EU integration, therefore this process requires an in-depth reforming and... [More...](#)

Announcement: FIQ appoints new executive director

Prishtina, January 17 - On January 16th Ms. Mexhida Spahija entered the position as the Executive Director for Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ). Ms. Spahija holds a Master of Science from Lund’s University in Sweden. Ms. Spahija has previously worked at the Swedish Parliament for the Liberal Party’s women’s organization.



Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) is a non-governmental organization working in the security sector, development of philanthropy, and through grants it supports projects for active citizenship and environment protection.

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