

Summary of activities during the period of July – October 2011



Roundtable “Reappointment process, independence and influences”

Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) and Kosovo Law Institute (KLI), today in the premises of Hotel Prishtina, in Prishtinë/Pristina have organized a roundtable discussion, where a report titled “Reappointment process, independence and influences” was presented. This report is part of the project “Strengthening of the civil oversight in the rule of law”, supported by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), implemented by FIQ in partnership with KLI and tried to conduct research and analyse problems encountered in the process of reappointment of judges and prosecutors, and raise these issues as matters to be addressed by relevant institutions... [More...](#)

A report published in this conference, can be found [HERE](#)



The Campaign "Neither joy, nor fun with a gun. DON'T shoot!"

Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) and Saferworld, in cooperation with Kosovo Police and their partner organizations, within awareness raising campaign activities organised in seven cities in the country, organised the next debate in row in Prishtinë/Pristina on Wednesday. Officials from MIA, Kosovo Police, non-governmental organisations, students’ representatives, security experts, journalists, participated in this roundtable, reads a press release issued by this organization. The goal of this campaign was to raise citizens’ awareness on the consequences (including the tragic ones) because of use of weapons (shootings) at parties, and also awareness on the part of institutions for an efficient implementation of Kosovo... [More...](#)



Press Conference: FIQ, GAP and KIPRED publish a study on energy sector in Kosovo

The Institute KIPRED, the Institute GAP and Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) held a joint press conference on Wednesday, where a study on energy sector in Kosovo has been made public. This research study is an analysis concerning perspectives and role of the influential stakeholders involved in the energy sector in Kosovo, by focusing on current energy projects and policies. The study analyses Kosovo strategy on energy, a model in energy and privatization. Lack of transparency in privatization, inexperienced pre-qualified companies in construction and distribution, and inclusion of Kosova B in the privatization agreement are essential problems concerning the energy sector in Kosovo... [More...](#)

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Reply on MED reaction concerning the publication “Energy projects in Kosovo”

KIPRED, GAP and FIQ, through media outlets received a public statement of the Ministry for Economic Development (MED) on the publication “Energy projects in Kosovo”, published last week by these three NGOs.

This statement on its introductory part referred to the study published by KIPRED, GAP and FIQ, qualifying it as non-credible, unprofessional and not based on facts. This ascertainment is done by many experts, who, according to the MED “assessed” the report... [More...](#)



Regional conference on sharing experiences, best practices and lessons learned in the issue of police reforms in the Western Balkans (20-21 September 2011, Prishtinë/Pristina)

The Security Forum held in Prishtinë/Pristina on Tuesday, a regional conference on sharing experiences, best practices and lessons learned in the issue of police reform in the Western Balkans. The regional conference has brought together non-governmental organisations, interns, experts, security institutions from Kosovo, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Montenegro. The goal of the conference was to exchange experiences and best practices in police reform processes in the Western Balkans, and to promote and strengthen regional cooperation between NGO... [More...](#)



Conference "Kosovo's lignite and its impact on public health"

Prishtinë/Pristina, 20 October 2011 – Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) has, in cooperation with few other civil society organisations, organised a conference on coal impacts on public health in Kosovo. The objective of the conference is to open the discussion with relevant international and national stakeholders involved in the energy sector in Kosovo about the prospects of avoiding the use of lignite for a healthier energy future for the country. The conference titled "Kosovo's lignite and its impact on public health", started with presentation of a study prepared by two prominent researchers from two U.S. universities, Jonathan Buonocore from Harvard University and Michael Hendryx from West Virginia University... [More...](#)



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...](#)



Kosovo Police: Combating economic crimes and corruption

Within the project "Increase of public oversight in rule of law", which aims at assessing and supporting fulfilment of objectives in the field of security and justice within the European Partnership Action Plan (EPAP), FIQ organised a roundtable where a research titled "Kosovo Police: Combating economic crimes", prepared by FIQ and its partner organisations in this project, was presented. Police officers from the Directorate for Investigation of Economic Crimes (DIEC) stated that the research report prepared by FIQ and its partner organisations is a genuine one, and it touches upon all challenges of this Directorate, including recommendations... [More...](#)

NOTE: Changes in FIQ Management

Five years after having managed the Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) and his long experience in this organization since its establishment in 2000, Executive Director, Ferdinand Nikolla resigned his positions from this organization following his new endeavor. He received a position in an another organisation - Saferworld from London, in its Pristina Office, which is a close partner of FIQ, where he will manage Saferworld Programme in Kosovo, and as necessary, he will be engaged in other Saferworld projects in the Balkans and other countries.

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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