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ERSTE Stiftung



Memorandum of Understanding

between

Assembly of Kosovo,

ERSTE Foundation and

NGO TOKA

2016 – 2017

FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
“DEMOCRACY WORKSHOPS / DEMOS-TI” PROJECT
OF THE ASSEMBLY OF KOSOVO

I SUBJECT OF THE MEMORANDUM

Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreed to mutually support the implementation, empowerment and promotion of the "Democracy Workshops/Demos-Ti" project in Kosovo, which aims to stimulate interest among young people in politics and the democratic processes and enable, through interactive content, the introduction to the work of MPs and the Assembly as an institution and to contribute to their better understanding. In addition to learning basic principles of democracy and adopting knowledge about parliamentary processes, the program aims to explain two other preconditions for political participation: media competence and willingness to express an opinion.

The "Democracy Workshops/Demos-Ti" project is designed as a civic education program for primary and secondary school children, through which they gain knowledge about democracy in the Assembly, functioning of an Assembly, adoption and implementation of a law and the role of media in a pluralistic society. The project is implemented in the form of workshops, through which children of primary school age (eight to fourteen/fifteen years), and with the help of trained trainers, through interactive contents and in a manner appropriate to their age, learn how democracy works. Gained knowledge and impressions are incorporated in a newspaper, radio or video broadcast, which is later published on a children's Assembly website. Further development of the project might plan the increase of the number of topics to be covered in the workshops.

At the initiative of former President of the Parliament of Austria, Mrs. Barbara Prammer, ERSTE Foundation, whose programs are focused on strengthening democracy and civil society in Central and South-Eastern Europe, had recognized the quality of the "Democracy Workshops" project, which has been implemented in the Austrian Parliament since 2007 and in the Montenegrin Parliament since 2012, and decided to financially support the implementation of the project in Kosovo.

Technical and professional support is being provided by the NGO TOKA, in close cooperation with the signatories to this MoU.

II PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the MoU is to establish a formal relationship between the signatories and in relation with the implementation of the "Democracy Workshops/Demos-Ti" project in Kosovo.

The objectives of cooperation include:

1. Incitement of the interest of young people in politics and democratic processes;
2. Enabling young people to get familiar with the work of MPs and the Assembly as an institution, through interactive contents;
3. Promoting of the participation of children and young people, eight to fourteen/fifteen years of age, to learn through interactive contents how democracy operates and in that way help the implementation of the "Democracy Workshops/Demos-Ti" project ;
4. Strengthening of cooperation with the NGO which has been involved in the education of young people;
5. Providing participation of primary school students from all Kosovo municipalities, on an annual basis.

III ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING COOPERATION

All signatories agreed to implement the following activities as defined by the MoU:

The Assembly of Kosovo shall:

1. Provide an appropriate space for the workshops, under the same conditions under which the space rent has been financed by ERSTE Foundation until now, by transferring funds to NGO TOKA for these needs periodically, starting as of January 01st 2017;
2. According to the final project objectives and goals, along with its best efforts and possibilities enable full project funding and incorporate at least eight previously educated trainers within its institutional structures as of January 01st 2018;
3. Contribute to the organisation and coordination of the activities to be implemented under the project;
4. Ensure the visit of MPs and parliamentary service staff as guests of democracy workshops, according to their availability;
5. Approve all content published on the website (children's Assembly site), as well as materials used for promotional purposes;
6. Provide trainings for trainers on procedures and methods of work of the Assembly;
7. Organize visits to the premises of the Assembly, in accordance with its capabilities, within the four workshop hours.

ERSTE Foundation shall:

1. Enable and financially support implementation of planned project activities in accordance with its financial capabilities and within the scheduled time frame of this MoU, including holding and supporting necessary trainings for trainers of "Democracy Workshops/Demos-Ti" in Kosovo, in cooperation with education agency Müllers Freunde which continuously provides extended expertise in implementing the project in the Austrian and Montenegrin Parliament;
2. Provide, through donations, and in accordance with its financial capabilities, technical equipment which is necessary for the development of children's newspapers, radio and video reports, which are produced as a result of workshops;
3. Contribute to the organization and coordination of the activities that will be implemented as a result of the project in accordance with its financial capabilities.

NGO TOKA shall:

1. Implement activities defined by the core concept of the "Democracy Workshop/Demos-Ti" project as it is set by education agency Müllers Freunde in the Parliaments of Austria and Montenegro;
2. Define, in close collaboration with primary schools most appropriate schedules for school participation and individual classes in the workshops and deliver it timely to the Assembly;
3. Develop a consent form – for the parents - for their child's participation in the project;
4. Organize appropriate child friendly transportation of students from schools to the workshop premises and back;
5. Choose a person who will design an appropriate visual identity for the project (logo, etc.);
6. Provide snacks and refreshments for the children during their time at the workshop;
7. Develop a website (children's Assembly site) where all of the work created as a product of the workshops will be published;
8. Provide first aid training for the trainers of the workshops;
9. Ensure supply of furniture, equipment and all other supplies necessary for the implementation of planned activities;
10. Produce appropriate promotional materials (leaflets, promotional videos, etc.).

All signatories will jointly:

1. Support and strengthen the activities of the participants of the "Democracy Workshops/Demos-Ti";
2. Make the selection of individuals who will work directly with children;

3. Contribute to media and other public promotion of the "Democracy Workshops/Demos-Ti";
4. Cooperate and continuously strengthen cooperation relations between the signatories of the MoU;
5. Actively contribute to the implementation and realization of the "Democracy Workshops/Demos-Ti", as well as regular exchange of relevant information;
6. Appoint an official contact person and coordinator of the activities towards the implementation of this MoU.

IV FINAL PROVISIONS

The MoU has been concluded in good faith and mutual trust. It has been designed to provide a legal basis and timeline for handing over of the project from ERSTE Foundation and NGO Toka to the Assembly of Kosovo, with the joint efforts of all signatories, as previously stated. The relationship between the signatories and support that will be provided from each side is to continue until the official takeover of the project activities by the Assembly of Kosovo, as stated below.

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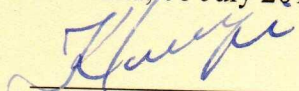
The MoU shall enter into force upon signature. The MoU will be in effect during the period necessary for the implementation of project activities, with the financial support of ERSTE Foundation and professional and technical realization of NGO Toka.

After the initial period financed by ERSTE Foundation (End of 2017), it is expected for the project to achieve full sustainability, namely for the Assembly of Kosovo to be able to continue to implement and provide full funding for all project activities.

All signatories confirm and agree to fulfill their obligations and responsibilities as set forth in this MoU.

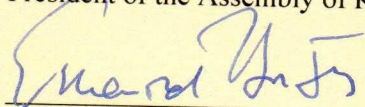
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Prishtina, 06 July 2016



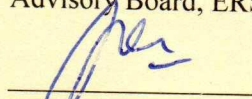
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