

LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK 2018 7-11 MAY 2018

The Civic activism is fundamental for a functioning democracy and good governance at local level. LevizAlbania (LA) project is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and is implemented by the Consortium of three Albanian organizations "Open Society Foundation for Albania", "Partners Albania" and "Co-Plan". Over its implementation, LA has supported around 130 initiatives that aim to strengthen local democracy and improve the life of Albanian citizens. Local Democracy Week 2018 is the time to take stocks and discuss about the achievements of LevizAlbania and the challenges faced by civil society activists during their grants implementation and to discuss these issues with the change actors and policy-makers. Comprehensive and nation-wide activities will aim to engage citizens, civil society activists, local and central elected officials, in public forums and debates.

NATIONAL FORUM "CIVIC ADVOCACY IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PROMOTION"

This is the opening event of the Local Democracy Week 2018. A high-level forum discussing on the initiatives supported by LevizAlbania on environment issues, with the participation of the Swiss Ambassador, the Minister of Environment & Tourism, the LA Consortium and International Experts.

MONDAY ⌚ **09:30 - 14:00** 📍 **HOTEL THE PLAZA - GERALDINA, Tirana**

7 MAY SUCCESS STORY - VIDEO DOCUMENTARY 2 OF LEVIZALBANIA

LevizAlbania will present for the first time the video documentary "Success Stories" on initiatives that have addressed concerns related to local democracy and government and have managed to bring changes in the targeted communities. After the presentation of the documentary, civil society experts, journalists and LevizAlbania grantees will discuss on the importance of an active civic society on boosting local democracy.

⌚ **18:00 - 20:00** 📍 **OFFICINA** (inside Harry Fultz), Tirana

STATUS REPORT OF LOCAL FINANCES BY CO-PLAN

"Co-Plan" as member of LevizAlbania consortium will present the status report on local finances prepared in the framework of the project "financatvendore.al" platform funded by LevizAlbania through the enabling strategic instrument.

⌚ **10:30 - 13:30** 📍 **ROGNER HOTEL - ANTIGONEA 2, Tirana**

TUESDAY
8 MAY

THEATRE "OUT IN THE SEE" & OPEN PUBLIC DEBATE

The first theatre show was appreciated by the capital's audience. This time it will be presented in Durrës, followed by an open public debate among LevizAlbania grantees, civil society actors and local elected representatives.

⌚ **13:00 - 15:00** 📍 **PALACE OF CULTURE "ALEKSANDËR MOISIU", Durrës**

ROUND TABLE "EMPOWERING CITIZENS PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING"

Citizens' Right to direct participation in decision-making. A round table with participation of SDC representatives, the LA Consortium, the members of the Ad-hoc Parliamentary Commission on Electoral Reform and LevizAlbania Grantees.

⌚ **10.30 - 13.30** 📍 **ROGNER HOTEL - ANTIGONEA 2, Tirana**

WEDNESDAY
9 MAY

LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

This event combines the activities of two LA grantees implementing their projects in the region of Korça, focusing on increased civic participation in local decision-making. DemoArt and the Street Theater come with an intertwined performance to increase civic attention to the right to participate in decision making. The activity will be followed by the citizens' debate with the Mayor of Korça.

⌚ **16:00 - 18:00** 📍 **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF EDUCATION, Korça**

THURSDAY
10 MAY

LOCAL DEMOCRACY CAMPS

To engage more young people in strengthening the local democracy, "Partner Albania" as member of Consortium and under LA project will organize "Local Democracy Camps". Young people will be skilled to design projects and civic engagements.

⌚ **Ora: 10.00 - 12:00** 📍 **VLORA**

OPEN FORUM - "PUBLIC DEBATE ON SOCIAL ISSUES IN BULQIZA MUNICIPALITY"

An activity organized by LevizAlbania grantees, implementing their projects in the Bulqiza district aiming to raise the public debate on more social policies in this municipality. This awareness and advocacy activity brings together young people, civil society actors and local elected officials.

⌚ **11.00 - 14.00** 📍 **HOTEL BULQIZA, Bulqiza**

PRESENTATION OF THE PLATFORM

"Open Society Foundation for Albania" will launch for the first time, the multifunctional platform, an initiative undertaken under the LevizAlbania project. The platform is designed to become a guiding instrument for citizens providing them with detailed information on the functioning of local government and empowering local journalism by using this platform as a tool for more news at local level. In this event will participate representatives from civil society, LA grantees, distinguished journalists and the LA Consortium.

⌚ **10.00 - 12.00** 📍 **YOUTH CENTER TIRANA**

FRIDAY
11 MAJ

CLOSING EVENT: AWARDING CEREMONY "CIVIC ACTIVISM BOOSTING LOCAL DEMOCRACY"

Two events in one. An event dedicated to young persons and their activism for an enhanced local democracy and improved youth policies by local elected officials. Awarding the winners of the Video-competition launched by LevizAlbania, encouraging youngsters through their videos to address community issues and problematics regarding the services provided by administrative units and the awarding ceremony "Recognition Certificate" dedicated to LA fellows who have pushed forward youth policies at local level.

⌚ **18:00 - 20:00** 📍 **ART ACADEMY - BLACK BOX, Tirana**

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