



## Consultation about programming of EU pre-accession financial assistance, IPA 2015 organized by the EU Delegation to Albania

Tirana, 10 July 2015

On July 10, 2015, in the premises of the ABA Business Center, Tirana, a representative of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society took part in the consultation about the overall shape of the 2015 programme of the financial assistance to pre-accession to the EU, organized by EU office in Tirana, the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth and the Ministry of Innovation and Public Administration.

The focus of the meeting was the discussion of financial contracts between the EU and our government for budget support in two sectors, specifically, Reform in the Sector of Public Administration as well as Reform on Employment and Skills.

In the meeting there were present some representatives of the EU office in Tirana, namely Mr. Stefano Calabretta together with some experts, representatives from our two ministries, namely the Ministry of Innovation and Public Administration, Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth as well as representatives from civil society organizations.

The topics which they discussed about were as follows:

- Overall presentation of IPA 2015 programme
- Introduction of Sector budget support instrument
- Presentation of State of Play of PAR strategy by the beneficiary
- Summary of PAR SBS Action Document
- Presentation of State of Play of EMPL strategy by the beneficiary
- Summary of EMPL SBS Action Document
- Proposed date for consultation for IPA 2016 September

At the end of the meeting the participants also discussed about the next meeting which will be a discussion on the Program IPA 2016.





## Open meeting to establish cooperation between the ASCS, the Municipality of Tirana and civil society organizations

Tirana, 31 August 2015



On 31 August 2015, in the premises of the Municipality of Tirana was held an open meeting, organized by the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS), with the participation of the mayor, representatives of the ASCS and representatives of about 80 NGOs, mainly active in promoting youth, environment, people in need and to promote volunteering and work through their networks of volunteers.



The meeting, which is an initiative of the ASCS to promote civil society organizations to become active in decision-making initiatives of local government authorities, is only the beginning of a long-term cooperation between the ASCS, the Municipality of Tirana and representatives of civil society, which was confirmed by Mayor Mr. Erion Veliaj.

Meetings of this kind, aim to create a new model of government and decision-making that relies and represent the position and interests of civil society organizations, in the municipality of Tirana, will be included in the government program of the municipality and will be held periodically.



An important point that was discussed in the meeting was to promote voluntary and to remove from the mentality that obstruct the development of civil society organizations to be more active in the involvement of young people to volunteering and the implementation of their mission and civic initiatives for this purpose. More specifically, all organizations were invited to become part of the municipality action to clean Tirana on 4 September as well as a continuous contribute to the action against pollution of the territory in order to have concrete results, tangible and sustainable.

Many of the members of the participating organizations in the meeting, appreciated the important initiative taken by the Mayor, Mr. Erion Veliaj to clean the city on 4 September 2015, thereby confirming their civic engagement.

The mayor stressed that such meetings will continue in the coming months by making them periodically in order to establish benchmarks for sustainable cooperation between institutions and civil society and further enhancing cooperation between them.



At the end of the meeting, ASCS invites all interested persons to follow the future activities of the agency, and to submit their ideas and suggestions, so that this cooperation will be more fruitful.





## Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) joins the civic initiative "TO CLEAN TIRANA"

Tirana, 4 September 2015

Staff of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) joined the initiative on cleaning Tirana, on 4 September 2015, launched by the Mayor of Tirana Municipality, Mr. Veliaj.

Dressed in T-shirts bearing the motto "TO CLEAN TIRANA" and equipped with the necessary tools to perform the cleaning civil action, the staff of the ASCS, headed by the Executive Director, Mr. Andi Kananj, started cleaning the areas previously determined.

At about 9:00 o'clock in the morning, initially the cleaning action began in the area around "Frosina Plaku" street, to further continue to other areas.

The staff of ASCS also joined some other groups of citizens, who were very active and responsible for the implementation of this initiative.

After several hours of cleaning, the staff of the ASCS sent a lot of black bags full of collected waste to the containers.

All this cleaning campaign, from the beginning to the end, was fixed in a lot of pictures which clearly highlighted the expected result.

Such volunteering examples help to raise the awareness of citizens to keep clean the common environments and they also contribute to the well planning of the work of Tirana Municipality regarding the cleaning of our city.





## Announcement of the list of winning projects of the call for proposal no. 8

29 September 2015

Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS)  
thank all applicants who participated in this call for proposals.

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### Conference and National Fair of Tourist Entrepreneurship

Tirana, 30 September 2015

Representatives of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS), Mr. Kastriot Tota, took part in a Conference and National Fair of Tourist Entrepreneurship, which took place at the Tourist Center "Panorama Dajt" in Tirana.

The event was organized by the Association of Albanian Tourist Restaurants, which was attended by members of the Albanian Parliament, representatives of embassies, travel agencies, tourist ventures, international institutions and representatives of organizations dealing with the promotion of tourism in our country.



The conference, which was held on the occasion of World Tourism Day, was greeted by representatives of the Ministry of Youth and Social Welfare, the Chairman of Dajt county, Executive Director ICDQ Italy group, the Union of Tourist Operators, etc.

An important point that was discussed at the conference was the promotion of tourism in Albania. More specifically, all NGOs were invited to become part of agreements and trainings to increase the quality of tourist services.

