



Sport and Cultures in Dialogue

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT LOCAL CITIZENS PANEL IN TIRANA

Through the project 'Sport and Cultures in Dialogue' ISCA (International Sport and Cultures Association), CESS (European Confederation sport and Health) and project partners will organize and facilitate a direct and trans-national dialogue between citizens in EU member states and candidate, respectively potential EU candidate countries from South East Europe - Croatia, Macedonia and Albania. The dialogue will focus on the role of sport in developing civil societies and in particular highlight current strengths and weaknesses of sport and its organizations and exchange best practices on sport's societal roles through events:

- *Citizens Panel in Tirana, Albania, 7. – 9.5.2010*
- Citizens Panel in Skopje, Macedonia 28. – 30.5.2010
- Citizens Panel in Zagreb, Croatia, 1. – 3.10. 2010
- Sport Citizens in Ljubljana, Slovenia: 19. – 21.11.2010



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LOCAL CITIZENS' PANEL IN TIRANA - ALBANIA 7 to 9 May 2010

Participants in the citizens' panel will share experiences on the role of sport and sport organisations in developing civil society and formulate input to the Sport Citizens' Forum in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The main purpose is to facilitate a dialogue that is citizens-centred

(taking Albania and sports organizations as starting points, but engaging citizens in their personal capacity), specific (relating to Albanian particular situation) and culturally sensitive (acknowledging and working inside the vastly different starting points in terms of civil society concepts and development).



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SUPPORTERS:



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WHO IS ORGANISING THE EVENT?

The Panel will be coordinated by ISCA and CESS and organized by one of Sport and Cultures in Dialogue project partner "Intelektualet e rinj, Shprese" (IRSH) and the Albanian Youth Parliament.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Panel is expected to attract:

- persons who represent the leadership or management level of the involved civil society organizations
- citizens who are active in civil society debate or organizations at the grass-root level,
- local authorities and organizations,
- citizens' groups,
- civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations,
- educational institutions (universities)
- organizations active in the field of voluntary work

LOCAL CITIZENS PANEL IN TIRANA



Citizens Panel in Tirana takes great pleasure in inviting you to join the dialogue, to increase knowledge and awareness of the societal role of sport and sport organizations, including the content of the White Paper on Sport, to train the civic competences such as openness and receptiveness

towards other people's views and various methods of reaching decisions though deliberations, compromise and consensus, to learn from the opportunity to meet other sports organisations and other institutional stakeholders in the field of sport and to strength intercultural competencies through the meeting.

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LOCAL CITIZENS PANEL PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Arrivals

19.00 Welcome dinner and presentations of participants

SATURDAY, MAY 8

9.00-10.30 Introduction of project partners and host organization

11.00-12.30 External presentation on Introduction to the Europe for Citizens Program

Discussion in groups

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 External presentations on Active citizenship and the EU White Paper on Sport by Project partners; "Can you find yourself?"

15.30-16.00 coffee break

16.00-17.30 Reports and sharing of experiences on the societal roles of sport and White Paper

18.00-19.00 Be active (sport activities)

20.00 Dinner, Traditional Albanian food and drinks

SUNDAY, MAY 9

9.00-12.00 Discussions in thematic groups according to various societal roles of sport:

- Outdoor activities and facilities health and physical activity national promotion (campaigns)
- education and training
- volunteering
- social inclusion and sustainable development

Participants can circulate among several thematic groups.

12.00-12.30

Report from thematic groups

13.00 Lunch and departures

EXTRA AGENDA ACTIVITY

Over the course of the Panel in Tirana participant and local authorities will be "interviewed" by ISCA staff on best practise examples of their work and for getting more details for the report. The reports will include proceedings, lessons learned and best practises presented during the events. These reports will be reproduced in an electronic format only and will be disseminated by the individual project partners to national policy makers and leaders of sport organizations in Croatia, Macedonia and Albania.

The final declaration of the Citizens' Sport Forum will contain conclusion from all Panels and recommendations on the role of sport and sport organizations in the development of civil society. The declaration will be printed in 500 copies to be presented to the 85 participants in the forum, to national authorities of the ten participating partner countries, European Sport organizations, including ISCA members, and to relevant policy makers at the European level, such as representatives of the European Commission and the European Parliament.



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LOCAL CITIZENS PANEL IN TIRANA PARTNERS IN FOCUS



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International project partners invited to Panel in Tirana :

- International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)
- European Confederation sport and Health (CESS)
- Danish Gymnastic and Sports Association (DGI)
- Union Sportive de l'Enseignement dru Premier degree (USEP)
- Italian Sport for All Association (UISP)
- Romanian Sport for All Federation (FRSpT)
- Bulgarian Young People Federation (BYPF)
- Macedonia Sport for All Federation
- Citizens' Association for Recreational Movement (GARD)
- Croatian Medical Association, Croatian Sports Medicine Society
- University of Zagreb, Faculty of kinesiology
- Sport Union of Slovenia (SUS)

Organizer of the Local Citizens Panel in Tirana:

Intelektualet e rinj, Shprese" (IRSH)

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WHO IS IRSH?

During 1990-94 Albania has been transformed through a democratization process. The people and particularly intellectuals have however not participated very actively in the societal development. With the aim to promote the Albanian civil society, IRSH was founded in 1994. This was an initiative of students and professors of the "Luigj Gurakuqi" University, Shkoder. To keep ambitions sensible the students expressed in the name of the NGO the word HOPE giving meaning to their wish for societal change.

- HOPE to be, become good intellectuals
- HOPE to change the Albanian reality
- HOPE to promote a strong and vibrant Albanian civil society

Organization "IRSH" is a social-cultural, independent, non-political and nonprofit organization licensed by Albanian Youth, Culture and Sports Ministry.

"IRSH" work on the development of civil society and promotion of peace and stability in the Balkans.

IRSH represents people which hope to be intellectuals like teachers, university professors, students, engineers, advocates, doctors, economists and different other groups or NGOs.

Organization "IRSH" offers its partnership in developing different projects, mainly in these fields: juridical and human rights, social-economical, women rights protection, education, free and independent information development, and art, culture and sports.

IRSH's future goal is to develop its relations and collaboration with foreign and local organizations and different institutions for a better fulfillment of its mission.

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