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**PROJECT COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Activity Report**

**1. Introduction**

A two-day coordination meeting was held to review the progress of project implementation, assess achievements within various components, and plan upcoming activities. The event gathered representatives from the implementing organizations in Kosovo and Serbia, experts involved in project components, and members of the project management team.

The meeting aimed to strengthen coordination between partners, enhance monitoring of project activities, and ensure coherence between planned outputs and the project's overall objectives.

**2. Meeting Proceedings**

Upon arrival, participants from Kosovo checked in and prepared for the opening session. The meeting was officially opened by **Mr. Zef Shala**, Project Manager and Director of KHCHS "Mother Teresa", who welcomed all attendees and presented the main objectives of the coordination meeting.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Shala highlighted the importance of regular coordination between project partners for the successful implementation of joint activities promoting dialogue, cooperation, and community development across Kosovo and Serbia.

Following the introduction, Mr. Shala provided an overview of the implementation progress of the project management work packages (PM1–PM7). He presented the achievements recorded so far, including coordination meetings, reporting activities, and monitoring visits.

The presentation also included upcoming activities within this framework, focusing on improving communication and ensuring timely delivery of project outputs.

The discussion then turned to the results of **Component 1**, which supports joint activities of youth CSOs from Kosovo and Serbia in the fields of employment, education, environment, and culture. Mr. Shala shared examples of ongoing initiatives and positive outcomes achieved through youth collaboration and cross-community engagement. He emphasized that these actions have contributed to building trust and creating new opportunities for young people from both communities. Future activities under this component will continue to promote cooperation, exchange, and skill development.

Subsequently, **Mr. Aleksandar Popov**, Director of the "Center for Regionalism" and Project Coordinator, presented the progress within **Component 2**, dedicated to encouraging active engagement for civil dialogue in multi-ethnic communities in Serbia and Kosovo. He outlined the main results achieved through dialogue forums, local meetings, and advocacy efforts, all designed to strengthen mutual understanding and civic participation at the local level.

Two expert teams (A.2.5) then presented the preparation process and contents of publications summarizing **support activities conducted in ten municipalities in Kosovo and ten municipalities in Serbia**. These publications aim to highlight the methods, tools, and best practices developed through the project's work with local actors, while also offering recommendations for future initiatives.

An open discussion followed the presentations, where participants exchanged experiences, shared feedback on implementation challenges, and proposed improvements for the next period. The discussion reaffirmed the value of joint planning and continuous information exchange between partners.

The first day concluded with a joint dinner that provided an informal setting for further networking and strengthening cooperation among the project teams from Kosovo and Serbia.

### **3. Second Day of the Meeting**

The second day opened with a continuation of the previous day's discussion. Participants revisited key points raised during the meeting and refined proposals for improving coordination and reporting mechanisms.

The meeting concluded with a summary of the Project Council's main conclusions, including:

- Strengthening coordination and information exchange between partners in both countries.

- Ensuring the timely completion of deliverables and reports under all components.
- Advancing the preparation of the two publications on municipal support activities.
- Increasing the visibility of project results through communication and outreach actions.
- Encouraging youth-led initiatives and cross-border cooperation to sustain project outcomes.

After the final discussion and adoption of conclusions, the participants from Kosovo departed, marking the closure of the two-day coordination meeting.

#### 4. Conclusions

The coordination meeting successfully provided a platform for partners to review the overall progress of project implementation, assess ongoing activities, and plan future actions. Both partner organizations reaffirmed their commitment to achieving the project's objectives—enhancing cooperation between Kosovo and Serbian communities, empowering youth and civil society organizations, and promoting inclusive dialogue and sustainable local development.

The event concluded with a shared understanding of next steps and a strengthened partnership framework to ensure the successful completion of the upcoming project period.





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