



Newsletter

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Study visit of senior ASP HQ Delegation to Croatia and Slovenia



On 10-15 June 2018, a senior ASP HQ delegation headed by the Director of the Department of Public Safety, leader of senior level, Gjovalin Loka, together with other senior executives and specialists of the State Police conducted a study visit in Slovenia and Croatia.



During their visit in Slovenia and Croatia, the delegation had the chance to meet the heads of various police structures in those countries, and acquire knowledge and specifics on public safety structures, in general and on community policing structures, in particular. The delegation was acquainted with the activities and the way of organizing work for the implementation of the community policing philosophy in those countries and the means used for this purpose. In general, the delegation concluded that the 3 countries applied similar approaches and some of the demonstrated practices could be implemented in the future in Albania, with the support of the SCPA Program. During the visit to these countries, it was agreed to extend to other cooperation phases to strengthen Community Policing in Albania, as a way of directly supporting the Albanian State Police and the Ministry of Interior.

Training of the 2nd group of CPOs of TLPDs of Elbasan and Kukes;



On June 5-8, was trained in Tropoja the 2-nd group of CPOs of TLPD Kukës (participants from Tropoja Commissariat and Kukes Commissariat), whereas on June 18-22, 2018, the PMT international experts in cooperation with the ASP HQ CP Sector continued the 5-day training series with the TLPD Elbasan (participants from Elbasan, Gramsh, Librazhd, Cërrik Commissariats, and Belsh Police Station).

In addition to the theoretical subjects on Community Policing such as: Community Policing as a philosophy, the paradigm of change, the Community Policing system and elements, practical topics were addressed among which were including the role, tasks and responsibilities of CPOs, prevention in the public order, proactive action instead of reactive one, cooperation with citizens and other community stakeholders, etc.



Summoning of the next meeting of the Local Public Safety Council in Elbasan and establishment of these councils in the Municipalities of Tropoja, Has and Patos.



In the Municipality of Elbasan, the next meeting of the PSC was summoned in which the results of the Study on Safety in the Elbasan Region were presented. This study was an activity organized in the framework of the support of the Swedish Program -SCPA.

The mayor highly appraised such a deep study, expressing his appreciation for the civic level of Elbasan region. According to him, these results should affect the improvement of the work of the Municipality of Elbasan, but also should positively influence on other institutions and especially on the cooperation between them. He stressed that the work of the police cannot be measured by figures and statistics, but by the level of citizens' trust appreciation. Seeking more community collaboration with the police, the LPD head appraised the initiative of the Municipality of Elbasan to offer an office for the police officer in each Administrative Unit.

Within similar context, with the assistance of the Program, took place on 27 and 28 June 2018, the first LCPS meetings in the Municipality of Tropoja and in the Municipality of Has. Participants welcomed this initiative and expressed their commitment to increasing co-operation in prevention and handling of safety and security problems. The Members are representatives of local institutions that are directly involved in safety and security issues, but also were representatives from civil society organizations, religious communities, business community, schools etc.



The Program will continue the support to these Councils to further strengthen their capacities as well as the impact on the security of the respective municipalities.



On June 20, the meeting for the creation of the LCPS of the Municipality of Patos was held at the Palace of Culture of Patos. The meeting was attended by the Mayor, the Head of the police commissariat, the public order head of Patos, citizens, intellectuals, teachers, businessmen, representatives of religious beliefs, and representatives of the security council at Patos municipality. This activity was carried in the framework of the implementation of a SCPA grant from the association "Epoka e Re" Fier.

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Activities within the Grant Scheme and the DV component;

On 19 June 2018 at the premises of LPD Tirana, the "EDS" Foundation organized the activity with the object of donating 10 (ten) bicycles and accessories for police officers. This activity was attended by the Director of Tirana Police, The Deputy Ambassador of Sweden, Representatives of the SCPA Program, various media representatives. Also the activity was joined by many volunteer students, bicycle



users. The project aims to increase the safety of cyclists in traffic in the city of Tirana. Further information on grantee activities can be found on www.cp-project.al.

On June 8, 2018, the first Cyber Camp Tirana project was organized by the organization "Center for Business Technology Leadership (CBTL)". The event was organized with students of the first, second and third grade of the Information Technology branch of the Hermann Gmeiner Gymnasium (High School). The purpose of this meeting was to inform them about the fundamental concepts of cybercrime, the importance of "Security by Design", the complexity of electronic infrastructure, and so on. Also, students were introduced to the project activities that will be developed continuously, such as boot camp and hackathon, to which they can be selected for participation.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMPONENT

Following the work to revitalize the Referral Mechanism for Domestic Violence and gender based violence in Gramsh, preliminary meetings were held with relevant institutions that were finalized at the meeting on June 20, in the town of Gramsh. The purpose and outcome of this meeting was the institutionalization of the coordination mechanism for the referral of cases of domestic violence in the Municipality of Gramsh and the signing of a cooperation agreement between the representatives of responsible institutions and members of the referral mechanism. This meeting was organized with the initiative of the Mayor of Gramsh, Luljeta Dollani and was provided with the technical assistance of the SCPA program.



Next Joint Working Group meeting held.

On June 8, 2018, the Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting was held at the Academy of Security premises. In this meeting were presented the findings and results of the Public Satisfaction Survey on Police Work for 2018

According to the survey, 63% of respondents are satisfied with the work of the police, but when it comes to their involvement in safety and security issues they seem reluctant to cooperate and interact with the police. The survey includes data for each region, making a comparison at the national level.

This meeting was attended by Vice Interior Minister and representatives of other ASP international partners, NGOs and media representatives. In addition to direct broadcasting, the meeting and the results were reflected in several media articles.

Materials donated to firefighters in Kukes region Municipalities



During the field visits of the Program Experts as well as in the meetings with the Traffic Police Officers and the Firefighters in the Kukes Region, was pointed out the lack of equipment which hindered successful intervention to assist in car accidents and to fight and extinguish fires.

Following a personal initiative of the program expert Mr. Alexius Schubert, the mobilization of an aid from the firefighters of Stenkirchen Municipality

in the Bavarian Land for their colleagues in the Kukes, Has and Tropojë municipalities was enabled. Donated equipment serves for efficient intervention in the case of road accidents (hydraulic scissors and openers) and to increase the material base of firefighters in these municipalities (large pumps, fire extinguishers, refractory uniforms etc. were donated for an approximate value of 100,000 euros).

Several German firefighters were present in handing over the materials and training their Albanian colleagues for handling the above equipment. On June 26, in cooperation with the police, fire brigade and emergency service, a demonstration was organized in the town of Kukes as a simulation of an emergency situation and intervention. Representatives of the Municipality, Prefecture and Kukës LPD participated in the activity, which served to strengthening the partnership among all stakeholders for enhancing security in the area.

