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## Open Day - PRO PAK Service Centre

Tirana, 8 July 2019

Representatives from the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) took part in the opening ceremony of the PRO PAK Service Centre, organized by the “Down Syndrome Albania” (DSA).



100 children with disabilities and their families in Albania will benefit from the services at newly opened PRO PAK Service Centre managed by Down Syndrome Albania. All people with disabilities have the right to access all public services, contribute to the community and live valued lives.





**Main services of this centre:**

1. Assessments by the multidisciplinary team
2. Physical therapy, psychomotricity and hydrotherapy
3. Language and Speech Therapy
4. Developmental and occupational therapy
5. Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy
6. Therapy with the Floortime method
7. Art Therapy and Music Therapy
8. Group therapy
9. Service of early therapeutic intervention in the natural environment of the family
10. Kindergarten / school support service
11. Language and mathematics course
12. The dance course
13. Personal Autonomy Course for Children 3-13 years old
14. Social autonomy course for adolescents and adults
15. Individual psychological counseling with parents
16. Group therapy with parents
17. Legal assistance





# Hospices of Hope officially launched its projects in Albania

Tirana, 9 July 2019



Representatives from the Agency for the Support of Civil Society took part in the Garden Reception on the occasion of the official launch of Hospices of Hope projects in Albania, which was held at Grand Hotel & Spa Tirana.

The event was attended by the British Ambassador to Albania; diplomats from various international missions as well as members of the local and international business environment; the representatives of country partners Ryder Albania and ABC Health Center were also present.

Hospices of Hope is an international charity organization founded in the United Kingdom that dedicated almost the last three decades to the development of palliative care services in South-Eastern Europe. Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psycho-social and spiritual.







Hospices of Hope’s mission in Albania is to contribute to the development of palliative care within the country and to increase access to this type of services for those in need. In order to fulfill its mission Hospices of Hope has partnered with local organizations and is actively implementing the following four projects: Two mobile multidisciplinary teams in Tirana and Durres with Ryder Albania; One Palliative Day Care Centre developed with ABC Health Centre in Tirana and A remote mobile palliative care team integrated into the municipal hospital of Kukes.

The project covers the costs of care, salaries, administrative costs including transportation, palliative care trainings as well as the development of an online application for the providers of services. All services offered within the Hospices of Hope Network are free of charge for the beneficiaries.

Hospices of Hope Albania’s projects are implemented with the financial support of Medicor Foundation and Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation.





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## ASCS Announces Final Nominees List of Qualified Candidates to be elected as new civil society members on NCCS

Tirana, 23 July 2019

As part of the elections for the four vacant seats of civil society representatives in the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS), due to the expiry of one-year terms, the ASCS in the role of Technical Secretariat of NCCS announces 14 (fourteen) qualified candidates to vote, respectively:

- **4 (four) candidates** for the field of action B.  
*“Economic-territorial-environmental development”*
- **10 (ten) candidates** for the field of action C.  
*“Improving welfare, social services, health protection and quality of life”*



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## VOTIM ONLINE

*për zgjedhjen e katër anëtarëve  
nga shoqërisë civile në KKShC*



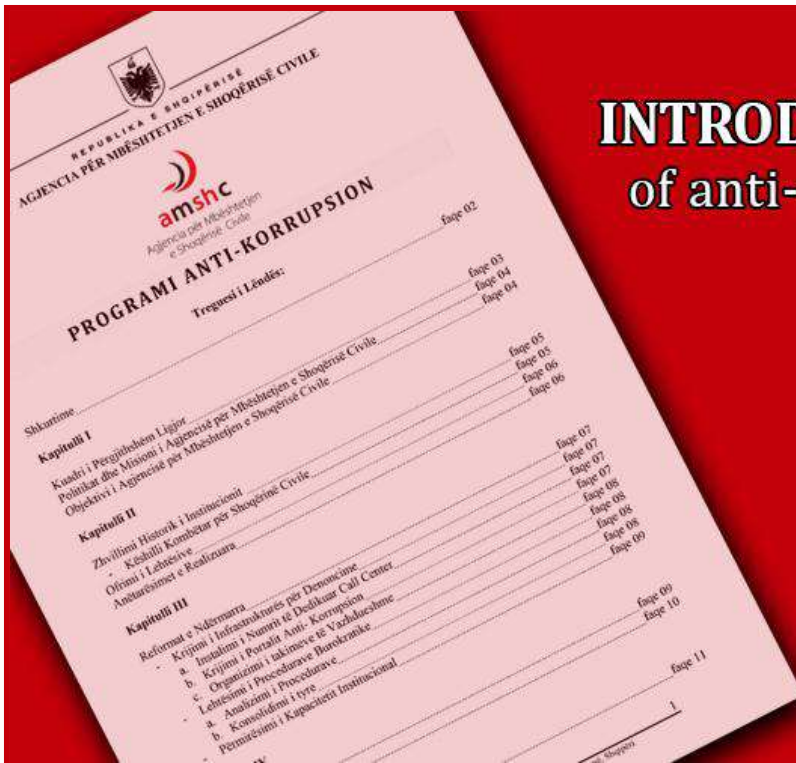
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Agjencia për Mbështetjen  
e Shoqërisë Civile

### ONLINE VOTING for the Election of NCCS Members

**24 – 31 July 2019**

At the end of the opened online voting process,  
accessible at [www.amshc.gov.al/kkshc](http://www.amshc.gov.al/kkshc),  
which lasted for 8 days, resulted that voted 425 voters.



# INTRODUCTORY MEETINGS of anti-corruption measures

July – August 2019



*Intersectoral Strategy  
against Corruption 2015-2020*

## ASCS organizes introductory meetings on anti-corruption measures

July – August 2019

As part of the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy, the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) organized introductory meetings on anti-corruption measures in several cities of the country with civil society representatives.

These measures are organized in the function of the Intersectoral Strategy against Corruption 2015-2020, in order to provide to civil society actors the ASCS's obligations in implementing this strategy.

Representatives of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) during the info sessions presented the measures and the anti-corruption action plan, extended until 2023 and discussed and exchanged ideas with participants for the most successful implementation of the measures.

### Meetings were held in these cities:

- **Vlora:** 18 July 2019
- **Kukës:** 25 July 2019
- **Saranda:** 1 – 2 August 2019
- **Korça:** 8 August 2019
- **Berat:** 15 August 2018



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## The names of four new members from civil society in the National Council for Civil Society are announced

Tirana, 26 August 2019

Following the end of the counting and reconfirmation phase of the online vote, as part of the election for the four vacant seats of civil society representatives in the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS), vacancy due to the expiry of one-year terms, the Technical Commission of ASCS at the NCCS announced the names of four new members elected by the voting process:

- **For action field B.**

*"Economic-territorial-environmental development"*

- 1. Shpëtim MYRTO**

*Association of Communal Forest and Pasture Use  
"DROJA-1", Brret villages, Picrrage, Gjyraj-Kruja*

- **For action field C.**

*"Improving welfare, social services, health protection  
and quality of life"*

- 2. Atrida FERKETI**

*Woman in Integration (GI)*

- 3. Fabiola LAÇO – EGRO**

*Community Development Center "Today for the Future"*

- 4. Indrit SEFERI**

*Association "MAYA" (Medical Association Youth Albania)*

The Technical Commission of ASCS at the NCCS also made the announcement and online publication on the official website, social networks and e-mails of the "Summary Table of Voting Results" and "Nominee Lists of Voting Candidates with Final Voting Results".

For more information, visit the link:  
[www.amshc.gov.al/kkshc](http://www.amshc.gov.al/kkshc)



## Working meeting of civil society members of the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS)

Tirana, 23 September 2019



A working meeting of CSO members of the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS) was held at the premises of the ASCS, at 11:10.

### Meeting agenda:

- *Introducing of the four new elected members of the Council;*
- *Monitoring the implementation of the revised “Roadmap for Governing Policy Towards an Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development 2019–2023”;*
- *Discussion on the organization of the First National Civil Society Conference, where civil society representatives meet with Government and donor community representatives on the challenges of this sector;*
- *Discussion on the agenda and the organization of the Council’s meeting also the proposal of setting a date.*



## Activity “Strengthening accountability, transparency and sustainability of civil society organisations – Code of Standards for CSOs”

Tirana, 26 September 2019



Representative of Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) participated to “People2People” event - “Strengthening accountability, transparency and sustainability of civil society organisations – Code of Standards for CSOs”, organized by “The National Resource Centre for Civil Society in Albania” and “The Partners Albania for Change and Development”.

In this event participated about 55 representatives from civil society organizations, international agencies and donors in Albania, who have contributed to the development of the civil society sector in Albania and its sustainability.

The focus of this event was the creating path of a self-regulating mechanism and increasing the CSOs functioning standard and their transparency.



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