

## Project “Local Politics in Multiethnic Municipalities”

Project is supported by Kosovo Foundation for Open Society and implemented by Mother Teresa Society, Centre for Regionalism and KIPRED as expert partner.

This is a two year project which aims to analyse and evaluate legal and local regulations as well as practice on the subject of the minority rights, inter ethnic relations, and to build capacity of local governments in multiethnic communities. In this context, project seeks to promote human and minority rights and inter ethnic collaboration in order to contribute to normalization of situation in the entire Kosova.



The Conference, which was held on 5-6 July in Brezovica was the first one in the course of debates, meetings and discussions to be held during the implementation of the project. The main goal of the conference was to introduce the project introduction, enable exchange of experience from the region and to create a field of interest for involvement of Representatives of Municipalities together with other relevant actors on local government in accordance with transitional processes, with special emphasize on establishment of the necessary institutions for the law enforcement and inter ethnic relations.

The Conference gathered more than 40 participants, representatives of Prime Ministers Office for Good Governance, representatives of Ministry of Local Administration and Governance, representatives of local communities, president of Association of Kosova Municipalities, various NGO's and experts from the region -Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Hungary .



On the second day of the Conference ,two assisting bodies were formed. The first one was establishment of Project Board which included all relevant actors for advising, and

overseeing the project. After discussion , it was decided that the pilot project will be implemented in Municipalities of Gjilan, Obiliq and Prizren, as three different locations with diverse specificities.

A Focus Group was also formed, which gathered representatives of various NGO's as monitoring team of Municipal work. In addition, these participants were trained by experts from Vojvodina .