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**AGENCE DE LA DEMOCRATIE LOCALE DU KOSOVO
LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCY OF KOSOVO**

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Gjilan/Gnjilane, the 16th, October, 2008

**Invitation to attend to a seminar
in the frame of the European Local Democracy Week.**

Topics of the seminar :

In the frame of the European Local Democracy Week, initiated and supported by the Council of Europe, Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality confirms its engagement in Europe by organizing a meeting on the topic on the Participation of Young People in Local Life. This meeting is organized with support of the Council of Europe, the Local Democracy Agency of Kosovo, and the Association of the Local Democracy Agencies.

Aims of the meeting :

- To further meetings between young people who are engaged in local life (Local youth councils, associations of citizens, political youth organizations...).
- To propose activities implicating European partners on the participation of young people based on the European Charter.

Date and place of the meeting :

Friday, 17th October, 2008. The meeting will take place in "Kuvendit" (town hall), Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality.

Agenda of the meeting :

Morning :

- 10.00: Opening of the meeting by a member of Gjilan/Gnjilane municipality.
- 10.05: Presentation of the European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional life by LDA Kosovo.
- 10.15: Showing of the movie about the European meeting of the participation of young people organized in 2006 in Gjilan/Gnjilane.

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- 10.30: Presentation of the youth office of Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality by Bujar HAZIRI, officer for Youth in Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality.
- 10.40: Presentation of the Youth Council of Gjilan/Gnjilane by the president of the Youth Council.
- 10.50: Coffee break.
- 11.00: Debate between the participant and the Members of Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality on the participation of Young People in Local life.
- 11.30: Closing of the morning meeting.

Lunch (in Hotel Kristal)

Afternoon:

- 12.30: Presentation of a proposal of an activity made in 2006 on the participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life.
- 12.35: Working groups about the proposal: Presentation of a method of consultation and of the strategy for finding international partners (associations, cities, regions...)
- 13.40: Press conference.
- 14.30: Cloture en séance plénière.
- 14.40: Groupes de travail sur la Charte et le projet.

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The seminar is supported by the Council of Europe. The office of the mayor and of the NGO of Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality (Contact : Fadil OSMANI) organize the meeting with the help of LDA Kosovo.

The meeting is organized in the frame of the cooperation between LDA Kosovo and Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality. The Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly admitted European dynamic of Gjilan/Gnjilane Municipality and gave its the European Diploma in 2005.

LDA Kosovo will prepare and will give to the participants of the meeting a bag with :

- The European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional life. (In Albanian and Serbian languages).
- One DVD of the movie on the European meeting on the participation of young people in local life organized in Gjilan/Gnjilane in 2006.
- One European flag.
- One brochure about LDA Kosovo.
- One letter of the mayor of Gjilan/Gnjilane referred to the participants of the meeting.

After the seminar, LDA Kosovo will prepare a press release and an article for promoting the meeting and the proposal of an activity in the Balkans and in the rest of Europe. The press release and the articles will be distributed in LDA Kosovo networks.

A member of the Council of Europe, a member of the Association of the Local Democracy Agencies and a member of the French Embassy will participate to the seminar.

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