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BOOK PRESENTATION

“SOCIAL SERVICES IN ALBANIA: BACKGROUND AND STATE OF THE ART”

A report from Tirana, Shkodër and Elbasan

AGENDA

Thursday, March 5th 2020

@Europe House, Tirana, Albania

9.00	9.20	Registration of Participants
9.30	9.40	Opening remarks for the Book Presentation

First Panel:

- Prof.dr. Skender TOPI, Rector of University of Elbasan “Aleksandër Xhuvani”,
- Prof.dr. Edmond RAPTI, University of Tirana.
- EU delegation.
- Mr. Olti RRUMBULLAKU, Vice Minister, Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth.
- Ms. Merita XHAFAJ, General Director of Social Policies at Ministry of Health and Social Protection.

Second Panel:

- Mr. Gledian LLATJA, Mayor of Elbasan.
- Ms. Anisa RUSETI, Deputy Mayor for Social Affairs in Tirana Municipality.
- Mr. Robert GAJDA, Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination in Albania.
- Ms. Elona SARAÇI, Head of Erasmus+ Office, Tirana Albania.
- Prof. Laura BINI, President of the Professional Order of Social Workers (Tuscany Region), online video participation.

10.30	11.00	Coffee break and networking. Academic presentation of the Book
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11.00	12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of the group work from University of Florence and OAS-Tuscany. - Representative of the group work from University of Tirana. - Representative of the group work from University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”. - Representative of the group work from University of Elbasan “Aleksandër Xhuvani”.
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Discussions and Conclusions of the event.

Short presentation of the Volume

The book is a scientific product of the EU Capacity Building funded Project
T@sk
Towards increased Awareness, responsibility and shared quality in Social Work

T@sk aims at reinforcing and modernizing the delivery of Social Services in Albania by
empowering the Albanian Higher Education System

From the Introduction to the Volume:

The heterogeneous distribution of human and economic resources in Social Work, along with the insufficient implementation of Social Service delivery, is a crucial problem for the socio-economic development of the Albanian society. Moreover, the unequal distribution of the Social Services – predominantly concentrated in the urban areas – makes the implementation of the recent law on decentralization crucial also with regards to the creation of a network of Social Services in the peripheral areas of the country.

The volume is divided into two parts. The first two chapters introduce the reader to the understanding of the Albanian current socio-demographic situation. The second part of the volume offers an unprecedented insight view on the organization of the Social Services in the areas of the capital city Tirana and in the districts of Shkoder and Elbasan.

The main addressees of the present volume are foreign observers – both academics and experts in Welfare State studies – who wish to receive an accurate picture of the Social Services' delivery in Albania, on the main actors and resources of the Albanian social policies and on the challenges for the future developing of a Welfare model inspired by the European standards but respectful of the Albanian context.

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