

PROGRAM

Panel discussion: Under Construction

Venue: North Mitrovica, Civic Energy Center

Date: 28 February 2018

- 09:30 – 10:00** Arrival and Registration
- 10:00 – 10:30** Welcoming Remarks and Introduction – Tijana Obradović, Civic Energy Center (2 min)
Introduction – KFOS Representative (5 min)
Screening of a Documentary: Pokreni se i poguraj [Move and push], Omonia Production (18 min)

10:30 – 11:30 **Panel I: On Brussels Accords and Implementation**

Dialogue between Belgrade and Prishtina and implementation of some agreements reached during this dialogue are considered to be most important processes which affect the quality of life of citizens directly, mainly citizens of North Mitrovica and other three municipalities north of Ibar, as well as relations between Kosovo and Serbia. While some agreement are still only on paper and it is unknown when and how will their implementation commence, some agreements are being implemented, such as the one on integration of the judiciary, telecommunications, freedom of movement, opening of the main bridge on Ibar etc. The process of dialogue is accompanied by already established opinion on non-transparency. Is the agreement truly non-transparent, how much does implementation of some agreements affect citizens in better life, receiving qualitative services, are mutual economic relations better than political, are some important topics forgotten, and is the dialogue influencing normalization of relations not only between Kosovo and Serbia, but also relations between Serbs and Albanians in Kosovo, or are we in a circle, are only some of the questions we are going to deal with in first panel.

Moderator: Željko Tvrđišić

Panelists:

Dušan Radaković – Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture, (10 min)

Sanja Sovrlić or Snežana Đapić – NGO Radio Mir, (10 min)

Dragiša Mijačić or Jovana Jakovljević – Territorial Economic Development Institute, (10 min)

Bojan Teofilović – Center for Peace and Tolerance. (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

- 11:30 – 11:45** Coffee Break

11:45 AM – 13:00 **Panel II: On activism, representation and civic participation**

Mindful, active and responsible citizen is a foundation for healthy and prosperous democratic society. We are witnessing people uniting around global problems, civic movements advocating for protection of their and others' rights and thereby using all means allowed by the law, while often using art and other innovative means to get the attention of responsible institutions and in this manner influence resolution of the problem. Without citizens, as problem "pointers" on one side, and their satisfaction, as end service users, on the other side, we come to a

situation that we often conclude that laws are good, but their implementation is bad. How much are we prepared for association, cooperation for a life in clean and healthy environment, how can we improve civic participation in decision making processes, how youth look at all this and are they ready for more active involvement in social flows, how can we, united, help in developing our environments and entire society; is the topic of the second panel.

Moderator: Anđelka Ćup

Panelists:

Aca Mitić – New Social Initiative, (10 min)

Milan Barać – Ecology Medicine Expert Group (10 min)

Nexhmedin Spahiu – RTV Mitrovica (10 min)

Jovana Stojanović – Educational youth club Sinergija, (10 min)

Miodrag Milićević – NGO Aktiv (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch for Participants, Restaurant:

14:15 PM – 15:15 **Panel II: On similarities and differences**

Bridge is a structure constructed to span natural or artificial obstacles. This is the definition. Bridge on Ibar is the only bridge which is not perceived as a simple construction, it is more a symbol of division, not only on North and South Mitrovica, but rather deeper, in understanding what are realities in which our neighbors on the other side of the bridge live. Lack of understanding and not knowing the facts how others, on the other side of the bridge, live, what do they face, what is bothering or making them happy, creates prejudice and brings division. Such division, not only in Kosovo, but throughout the region, is mostly of interethnic nature, although the ones within the community are not less dangerous. How much do we know each other, what do we think when we say “north” or “south”, do we understand and how much we understand each other and can language and communication contribute to better understanding is the topic of third panel.

Moderator: Sanja Sovrlić

Panelists:

Zana Sylva – Alternative Dispute Resolution Center, (10 min)

Maja Mladenović – RTV Herc, (10 min)

Isak Vorgučić – RTV Kim, (10 min)

Ivan Nikolić – Communication for Social Development, (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

15:15 PM – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 15:45 Conclusion – Moderators summarize panels