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8th ALF B&H Network Meeting Mostar, 03rd – 5th September 2015 REPORT

At the meeting in Mostar participated 24 representatives from 22 organizations members of the ALF B&H network, and one organization who has expressed willingness to join ALF B&H (organization for post conflict research CPI Sarajevo)¹

Upon arrival, participant registration and welcoming cocktail, eight meeting of the ALF B&H network members begun at 16:00 hours as was foreseen by the agenda, after already finished meeting of the executive board.

Mr. Miralem Tursinovic as the national coordinator of ALF network B&H after welcoming speech has informed members with the meeting agenda, plan, program and technical details of the meeting, afterwards all members have presented themselves as well their organizations.

Mr. Tursinovic has submitted report on work and activities of the office as well of the coordinator till now, and regarding conclusions from seventh annual meeting of the ALF B&H network members.²

After the report of Mr. Tursinovic and short discussion were network members were informed that on this meeting were invited also representatives of the organization for post conflict research – CPI Sarajevo, they have presented themselves and have expressed willingness to become members in ALF B&H network, Mr. Jasmine Jasarevic has submitted report from the executive board which took place before this meeting.³

At the end of the first part of the meeting was a discussion with questions and commendations for the work of main office and ALF network in general, as well as recommendations from members for the improvement of network work. Questions of members were mostly regarding total budget of ALF foundation and regarding expected call for projects. Both questions were answered by Mr. Tursinovic and he has directed all members to visit net page of ALF and find out more info. Suggestions and comments were regarding increased visibility of work and results of ALF B&H network and all present have agreed that there is a need for more active involvement of members during reporting on their activities undertaken as a part of ALF, and that it is needed to respect and apply what has been agreed upon on previous ALF B&H network meetings, as well to actively use existing resources for the promotion of ALF B&H network work ea. Facebook page and mailing list from the main office. During discussion it was pointed out that it is needed to start more joined activities as a part of ALF B&H network and thus build positive image of the network and its members. A conclusion was made that main office will deliver vector logo to members so they could put it on their respective web pages (those who haven't done it already).

¹ *Participant list has been delivered with the meeting materials*

² *Coordinator report on the work of the main office and ALF B&H network for the period October 2014 – September 2015 has been delivered with the meeting material*

³ *Executive board report is attached to this minutes report*



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After the informational part of the meeting, members have been invited to present their achievements and work for the period between two annual meetings:

- Foundation CURE: have pointed out that they are feminist organization and have pointed out some most relevant projects such as: book "My voice is echoing", project Political participation of women in B&H "Sarajevo female heroes", "PICVAJZ" festival and other activities which were presented through promotional material divided at the meeting.
- Glas Zene: they exist for ten years now and their target groups are marginalized groups – young people and women. Realized projects are: Participation of women in election process, Women in peace building, Gender based violence in Unsko-Sanski canton schools, "Peace with women face", Initiative – "engendering of B&H constitution".
- CPI Sarajevo: target group are young people, they are working on reconciliation between young people and have pointed out project "Regular heroes"
- IPAK Tuzla: 18 years of work, projects: "Older brother-older sister" and regional youth conference which took place in Tuzla
- proMENTE: have pointed out projects regarding school programs and inclusive programs, they are working on projects of social research and project evaluations. Have worked on publication analysis of so call national group of subjects and have organized trainings for teachers as part of the project reconciliation implemented in 19 schools in B&H.
- ToPeer projects: "Brana" regarding restoring banks damaged in Doboj flooding's, "Consumer protection", "Living Library", "Work with children from destructive families" and project of women activism from rural areas "Signs of existence".
- SEEYN: 15 years of work and network of 21 organizations active in ten countries. Focus is on peace building and tolerance among young people. They are mostly active through international projects and are working on building capacities and networking.
- Leptir Srebrenica: are working with children with special needs and have pointed out that for this population situation is very difficult, they are working on project of children education and sport promotion (two members have participated on Special Olympics in Los Angeles were they have represented B&H). They are active In the field of culture as well and have pointed out on the problem they have with the premises for their organization.
- LDA Mostar: Are working through coalition ALDA as one of 13 organizations members established by the council of Europe 1993. They are supporting development of young people, women, local communities and society in general. They have pointed out Regional platform for participation and dialogue of young people from Balkan and strengthening young people in society as well as research on young people that is being conducted as a part of this project, initiative Center for architecture, dialogue and art as well as ERASMUS + project for young people.
- ODISEJ Bratunac: have pointed out making documentary movie "Seobe" as well as initiative which will deal with un marked places of suffering in B&H.



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- Pod Istim Suncem: project for active communities, online center for youth education, Jablanica summer (canoe school and rowing marathon), Club be a man, City of equal possibilities – project directed to the Roma population rights, Movie Theater in Jablanica and have announced forming a Congress center in Jablanica.
- EKO Leonardo: 10 years of work, focus is on protection and improvement of life environment, Building EKO Camp Majevisa – project ongoing.
- ENTER Vitez: have pointed out City youth theater Vitez, focus on young people, culture and sport. Activities directed on raising awareness that something's can be archived and have mentioned some positive examples of art gallery, Youth info fair, Youth initiative of Central Bosnia and Initiative for European house.
- New women initiative: established in January 2015 and have project relax room for children in elementary school Mejdan, Tuzla
- Sesto Culo: are active since 2015 through different educations, workshops, volunteer and humanitarian actions. Currently are members of the coalition Tolerant and positive.
- ORC Tuzla: are coordinators of ALF B&H Network, have pointed out ORC Tuzla youth groups, initiative Trazimposao.ba, project citizens network for peace, reconciliation and human security, Bulletin of the Youth network B&H and continually informing young people and organizations of civil society through mails and mailing groups.
- Magic factory Tuzla: have pointed out Tuzla film festival and Nexus gaming fest as most significant activities and are announcing feature-length movie and acquiring equipment for making movies.
- PRONI: have pointed out work of local volunteering services in Brcko and Bijeljina, PRONI is contact point for ERASMUS+ program for youth in B&H, support to 26 youth clubs in Brcko, project for promotion of volunteerism in Bijeljina, Brcko and Orasje, project of adult education – training for managers of social networks and have mentioned participation in several ERASMUS+ projects of youth exchanges.

With these reports by organizations first day of the meeting has come to an end.

Second part of the meeting has started with discussion and adoption of ALF B&H media plan.⁴ Media plan has been adopted as starting point for development of future activities regarding promotion of ALF B&H network activities, as a addition to that a decisions was adopted to form a PR group of ALF B&H made of following members:

1. Medina Mujic, CURE
2. Azur Ramic, IPAK
3. Emir Vildic, GEC

It has been agreed that this group prepares and offers detail plan of media activities in accordance with available budget funds, which are at the moment at their minimum for these purposes. Head office will coordinate this process.

As the meeting progressed it has been discussed about plans for next period – mutual network activities: „Network intercultural action“, were all meeting participants have been

⁴ **Media plan ALF B&H has been delivered with meeting materials**



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informed that two projects part of the ALF B&H network are currently in the evaluation phase and that soon one of them will be approved. Three year strategic plan and activities (2015-2017) have been presented as well as the call for projects of ALF 2015.

It has been pointed out that so far lobbying strategies toward ministry of external affairs B&H have not been successful and it has been pointed out that the members of the executive board have taken responsibility for establishing contacts. As for definition of roles of the ALF members and strategic positioning of ALF B&H network for period 2015-2017 it has been discussed that network stands open for all organizations, individuals and other networks who express interest to join but that there is a need to work more actively on promotion of positive results of the network primarily by the members of the ALF B&H network, which have been reminded on several occasions on existence of strategic network documents and that the head office have taken the responsibility to forward to all adopted strategic documents of ALF B&H network in order to stimulate and build mutual identity of members as part of the ALF B&H network.

Electoral Assembly of ALF B&H network

During the meeting it has been decided to extend term for two more years to all existing members of the executive board, and to add one more member to the executive board (from three offered members from the organizations).⁵ After the discussion it has been decided, that the eight member of the ALF B&H network executive board will be Mrs. Sretenka Mihajlovic, **from the organization "Sesto Culo" Dobož**. Executive will define its future work with the rule book.

After electoral assembly present members of the ALF B&H network have continued their work at the workshop Networking and writing project proposals for ALF.⁶

**Report made by:
Mirjana Stamenkovic**

⁵ **Report on nominations and reelection of ALF B&H network executive board has been delivered with the other meeting materials**

⁶ **Report from the workshop networking and writing project proposals for ALF B&H network is attached to this report**