

PREVENTION comes FIRST



The beneficiaries

The project targets members of youth civil society organizations in Kosovo with the potential for and/or interest in a civil society leadership and conflict prevention role.



The project is operating in the regions of: Mitrovicë/a, Gjilan/Gnjilane & Peja/Pec.

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Promoting sustainable peace by encouraging greater civil society leadership and political participation among Kosovo's youth.



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» Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding «

Albert Einstein

Conflict Prevention Group

The project will support the creation of the Kosovo Conflict Prevention Group (KCPG) that will promote action and advocacy among youth for civil society networks and conflict prevention mechanisms.

KCPG will lead peace-building and conflict resolution initiatives among civil society organizations and will also collaborate to design and implement conflict prevention projects, increase multiethnic youth leadership and participation in social actions.

KCPG will utilize media and existing Kosovo networks to mobilize youth in supporting:

- ▶ Freedom of movement
- ▶ Security
- ▶ Inter-ethnic reconciliation

Early Warning System

The Project will develop online Early Warning System (EWS) to support peace building efforts. **Early Warning System** will contain up to date information on key social and political events in Kosovo in order to monitor and evaluate potential and acute conflicts and systematic indications on its evolution.

The System will be fed with information and shared among civil society organizations that would monitor trends and developments of inter-ethnic relations in Kosovo.

Link: ▶ www.conflictprevention-ks.org

Conflict prevention mechanisms

The project will establish joint conflict prevention mechanisms between civil society and government actors at national level in eight selected municipalities.

The Project would support the dialogue and cooperation between civil society structures and governmental bodies at the municipal and central level.

The project will also design strategies for prevention of possible interethnic conflict among communities in Kosovo.

Youth activities

The action recognizes that Kosovo has a very young population and that their involvement in the peace building processes is critical. It therefore seeks to promote approaches that involve youth in peace building that could be replicated throughout the country. The project will, therefore, involve youth in leading minimum eight short term activities in the areas of:

- ▶ Civic participation
- ▶ Security
- ▶ Minority reintegration
- ▶ Conflict prevention
- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Youth participation in policymaking