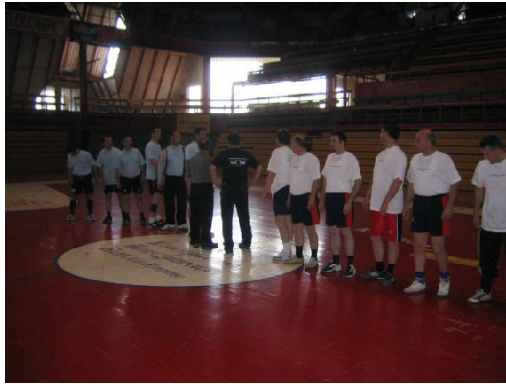


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6 June 2007

The third annual friendly tournament 'Football Without Borders' brings together GPKT municipal football teams



The third 'Football Without Borders' tournament brought together football teams from the four GPKT municipal administrations on 6 June 2007 - the same date as last year's event. This year, with EWI's support, the municipality of Kumanovo hosted the tournament, which is aimed at building relationships between staff of the four municipal administrations. The mayors of Presevo and Trgoviste were among the supporters present at the tournament. Following four intense matches the home team of Kumanovo won the tournament, Gjilan/Gnjilane team took the second place, Trgoviste came third and Presevo fourth. The winning team was awarded a trophy, and certificates were given to all teams and referees.

14 June 2007

GPKT School students visit a cave in Kosovo ahead of the summer holidays

Following the GPKT Schools Sports Competition in late May a one-day excursion was organised for over thirty primary school students from *Musa Zajmi* and *Bora Stankovic* schools from Gjilan/Gnjilane, *Toli Zordumis* from Kumanovo and *Branko Radicevic* from Trgoviste. The students accompanied by several teachers visited the Gadimlje Marble Cave in central Kosovo. For the first time the school students from Kumanovo and Trgoviste as well as the Serb school students from Koretiste and Stanisor villages around Gjilan/Gnjilane participated in a joint cross-border and multi-ethnic excursion day held in Kosovo. This activity aimed at bringing together students just a few days before the school year finished encouraging interaction between students from different ethnicities and further strengthening relationships built during previous activities of the GPKT Education Committee.



22 June 2007

Media professionals from Kosovo, Serbia and Macedonia discuss possibilities for enhancing conflict sensitivity of local media



The GPKT Policy Brief *Conflict Sensitivity of the Local Media in the GPKT Micro-region* was presented and discussed at a roundtable discussion held in Pristina, which brought together representatives of the regulatory and self-regulatory bodies, journalists' associations, NGOs and media stations. The discussion focused on various types of media monitoring and the role of journalists' associations in the promotion of the codes of ethics as tools for improving conflict sensitivity of the local stations. The policy brief was produced based on monitoring of the central news bulletins of the GPKT television stations in June 2006 and February 2007 and a series of interviews conducted by Angela Nicoara and Iliana Slavova.

29 June 2007

Practitioners in conflict prevention discuss challenges and priorities in their work at a roundtable in Pristina



A roundtable entitled *Challenges & Priorities for Practitioners in Conflict Prevention: A Case Study of the GPKT Micro-region* brought together representatives of the civil society organisations from Kosovo, Serbia and Macedonia to discuss the key findings of the research. Shelly Ross, who spent three months in the region over the summer of 2006 conducting interviews and collecting questionnaires from NGOs and donor organisations, presented the main conclusions of the policy briefs. This presentation was followed by a lively discussion focusing on the need for improved co-ordination between donors and NGO practitioners working in the field of conflict transformation and peacebuilding. The need for a targeted effort addressing sensitive issues like identity and dealing with the

past was also discussed. The policy brief and roundtable aimed to address the policy dimension of conflict prevention work from the perspective of GPKT, to stimulate much needed critical thinking and debate, and to help optimize and support peacebuilding efforts across the region.

GPKT Plans for July/ August 2007

GPKT Municipal CBC Info Points meeting - 2nd July, Skopje

GPKT Youth Council Peace Campaign - August 2007, Gjilan/Gnjilane