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FIQ believes that the philosophy of each policy or action should reflect the views of Kosovo citizens, in order to establish the relations citizen-state

Donate a Tree-Give Life to a Community



Under the “Week of Sustainable Energy”, Forum for Civic Initiatives organized the campaign “Donate a tree-Give Life to a Community”. The activities took place in Obiliq and Shkabaj.

- “Donate a tree- Give life to a community” campaign aimed at promoting the importance of a healthy environment for the citizens of Obiliq and for offering symbolic support, especially for the displaced community in new Hade/Shkabaj. The planted flowers were donations from individuals, businesses, public institutions and civil society organizations.
- The fundraising campaign will continue until the end of September. All the collected money will be used for the purchasing of trees and woods which will be planted in October 2015. The campaign’s three biggest contributors were KEP Bank, “Parajsa” flower shop and Municipality of Obiliq.

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FIQ promotes innovation and the importance of green economy through organizing the yearly regional campaign for green and innovative ideas. On June 4th 2015, the Forum for Civic Initiatives organized the "Business Ideas-Green and Innovative 2015" competition for the third consecutive time. The selection committee, comprised of experts of different fields, selected 3 winning ideas of the national competition. Diversity and innovation of project ideas, supported by seriousness and professionalism of finalists was an added value of this competition. All three winners of the 2015 Green and Innovative Business Ideas received funds in the amount of 2,500 € each from the executive director of Raiffeisen Bank Kosovo, Rober Wright, as a FIQ partner in this project.



Forum for Civic Initiatives thanks Raiffeisen Bank for supporting the 3 winners of 2015 Green and Innovative Business Ideas. FIQ hopes their ideas will contribute in the economic, social and environmental development of the country.

Three winning ideas of the 2015 Green and Innovative Business Ideas Competition

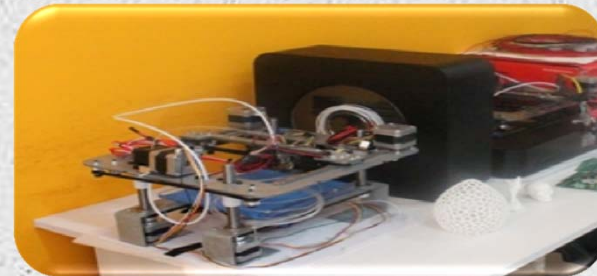
- o Havushe Bajrami-Bunjaku - "99 Lule"(99 Flowers"

It is a social business. Collection and cultivation of more than 20 types of plants from women, head of families, who come from households with social assistance and live in mountainous villages located around the Badovc lake



- o Rron Ceka – “Formon”

Innovative creation of 3d printers where, instead of the classic, dangerous plastic which is harmful to the environment, the biodegrading plastic created by mixing of wheat and potato starch is used as raw material



- o Ymer Dullaj – “EkoFerma”

Establishment of a successful model for farms all around Kosovo with the purpose of saving electricity, preserving the environment and increasing income by using biogas which in turn, is produced by chicken manure as alternative energy.



FIQ participates in the second phase of “Academy for Sustainability”



- Academy for Sustainability is a training program in which civil society organizations gain knowledge on how to ensure financial sustainability. The Academy supports organizations with sufficient information on getting involved in the process of raising funds for the community around them, with a clear notion that strategic planning is connected to fundraising.

FIQ signs the contracts with NGO-s for the project with SIGN Network

- FIQ signed the contracts with the 5 selected organizations for the project SIGN for Sustainability. With these contracts, each organization received a technical grant in the amount of 10000€ which will be used for raising funds. The aim of the project is to increase NGO capacities on raising funds based on different donors, mainly local. SIGN for Sustainability is a regional initiative, financed by the European Commission.



FIQ, together with National Democratic Institute (NDI) supports an initiative from the Women's Leadership Academy, a program organized by NDI and USAID

EKOsova is focused in dealing with the environmental issue; more specifically, the project deals with the ecologic tax. The interest to take on the field of the environment came as a result of the numerous daily challenges and problems faced by citizens. The problem of air pollution is current in Kosovo, especially when taken in consideration the old state of Power plants A and B, as well as the possibility of investing in a new coal power plant.

Organizations with different funds, which are in the position to include citizens will be the ones to receive more support from the local and central level and ensure improvement in the inclusiveness of the citizens and mobilizing local resources.



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