


Forum of Social Dialogue at Municipality of Tetovo



Need for establishing of Forum for Social Dialogue

What the Forum represents?

- The need to establish a Forum for Social Dialogue comes from a joint, continuous cooperation with the Municipality of Tetovo on various problems and challenges, mostly of socio- vulnerable categories and inability to find a final and optimal solution for this type of citizens.
- The Forum for Social Dialogue is a joint initiative of the civil society (in the founding phase it was represented by the NGO SONCE) and the local self-government of Tetovo represented by the Mayor of Tetovo.
- The founders of the Forum are: the Municipality of Tetovo and NGO SONCE. Other founders: NGO Multikultura, NGO Community Development Institute (CDI).

□ Structure and membership in the Forum:

The FORUM has the following basic structure:

- **The President of the FORUM is the President of the Council of the Municipality of Tetovo**
- **The secretariat of the FORUM is NGO SONCE**
- **FORUM members**
- The members of the FORUM can be all citizens and civil society associations, the local government represented by officials and councilors from the Municipality, officials from the Center for Social Work and other local institutions of public character.
- In case when a member of the FORUM is an institution/ organization, it is mandatory to nominate a permanent representative.
- FORUM membership is regulated by keeping a register by the FORUM secretariat. The Secretariat is also obliged to report any changes and additions to the register on an ongoing basis.

- The President of the FORUM (President of the Council of the Municipality of Tetovo) convenes meetings at least once a month. FORUM members could request the President of the council to convene as needed and an emergency meeting if requested by 1/3 of the current members registered in the register.
- The Municipality of Tetovo appoints at least one representative from the municipal administration.
- A mailbox with the FORUM logo will be placed in front of the Municipality.
- The Secretariat of the FORUM (NGO SONCE) maintains communication with the members of the FORUM, with the structures of the Municipality and with the civil society organisations.
- NGO SONCE provides an e-mail address and a telephone number for public contact.
- NGO SONCE, with the support of the Municipality, is responsible for processing the signals that will come through the announced communication channels, and for their presentation at the regular meetings of the FORUM.
- NGO SONCE has a role in ensuring continuity and stability of the activities of the FORUM.
- The FORUM holds Open days in the Municipality every three months (quarterly), where the citizens can turn to the FORUM with their concerns and suggestions.
- The FORUM has the right to initiate projects.
- It can also function as a center for non-formal education and can organize trainings for practical skills (sewing, IT, etc.).
- The FORUM may also request external funding from national and /or international donors.
- All generated incomes will be used for the public good.

AIMS and TASKS of the FORUM

- In the FORUM, the participants come together to facilitate the realization of equal and inalienable rights and freedoms of each person and the special rights of vulnerable categories.
- **The main goal of the FORUM** is to provide conditions for achieving equal access and rights of all citizens regardless of their ethnic and social belonging.
- **Specific objectives:**
 - Improving the quality of life of vulnerable categories by ensuring cooperation between public institutions and civil society sector in the municipality of Tetovo,
 - Providing conditions for active integration of vulnerable categories through activities within the sectors: social and health care, education, employment, infrastructure and housing

Target groups:

- The FORUM works for the benefit of all citizens of the municipality of Tetovo, all groups in need of social support, all vulnerable groups, all ethnic communities and society as a whole.
- The public good takes priority over individual benefits, but besides that all individuals are treated with respect and care.
- The FORUM can also support individual cases if their importance is determined.
- Projects and activities that are beneficial to more than one group are treated as a priority

At the first official meeting of the Forum for Social Dialogue, special focus was given to specifying the structure and members of the Forum for Social Dialogue of the Municipality of Tetovo, reviewing the Statute of the Forum for Social Dialogue, Action Plan and voting for its approval and implementation .

The members of the Forum had jointly written several projects, 3 of them were applied and passed at a session of the Council of the Municipality of Tetovo, but given the pandemic of Covid-19 they are in a period of stagnation, we hope that soon they will be able to smooth implementation. We hope that we will contribute to the joint solution of at least a part of the problems faced by the socialized categories in our municipality and we will motivate the others to accompany and contribute more to the communities.

Photos of Forum members and realized meetings of the Forum for Social Dialogue at Municipality of Tetovo



Thank You for the attention !!!

