KOSOVO TRUSTBUILDING PLATFORM

NSI and UNMIK partnered in 2019 on developing a Trustbuilding platform, which follow actions, previously agreed at UNMIK organized Forum in 2018, needed to build a more peaceful and inclusive society and seeks to promote grassroots and civil society initiatives and efforts by international organizations, as well as institutional policies and actions to advance trust-building in Kosovo.

The Kosovo Trustbuilding Platform help to share information, promote collaboration, avoid duplication and advance the implementation of the trustbuilding recommendations. What makes the Platform different is that it is the only database that allows you to search for Kosovo-based initiatives all in one place, regardless of location, type of organization, or thematic focus. So, the Platform is a singular source of information on all trust-building initiatives in Kosovo.

In February NSI and UNMIK officially started the Social media campaign for the platform, which you can visit at: www.kosovotrustinbuilding.com to seek all trustbuilding related initiatives.

On February 18, NSI started a campaign for Kosovo Trustbuilding Platform which includes Voices of the Champions and Op-eds. Voices and Op-Eds are opinions, experiences, knowledge of all stakeholders involved in trustbuilding in Kosovo in different ways, as international interlocutors, activists, journalists, politicians, among others. Campaign is active on Kosovo Trustbuilding social media profiles including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and the website.

First three Op-Eds are written by female leaders, including Adrijana Hodžić I don’t Want to be the Only Woman at the Table, Njomza Emini Be the Change you Want to See in the World! and Andelka Ćup Kosovë is not mine, or yours. Kosovë is ours!
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“Yet international observers of Kosovo’s independence are nervous about the new leader. With figures like the current president, Hashim Thaci, they had a predictable politician who they could rely on to do what they needed him to do. […] With Kurti they can’t rely on this. He is everything but predictable, especially in the way the international community want him to be.”

wrote Una Hajdari in her op-ed Is Kurti a Nightmare for the International Community Monitoring Kosovo?

“After years spent in opposition, Kurti rise to power begins. That’s why there are people who are not sure whether he will bring significant changes in Kosovo society, or that he will only continue the discourse of political leaders before him.”

wrote Sanja Sovrlić in her op-ed Albin Kurti - New Hope or New Disappointment?

“Despite the many challenges listed in this brief report, the participants agreed that the new government represents a new opportunity for Kosovo. The majority of speakers believe that the Kurti government will not get corrupt, strong currency in Kosovo whose past governments have been characterized by major corruption affairs. Kurti may not be able to fulfill his campaign promises, but people would be happy if they see that his government is doing its best and does not get corrupt”

recaptured the brief Domestic And Foreign Policy Challenges Of Kurti’s Government which followed discussion.

The Kosovo Serbia Policy Advocacy Group (KSPAG) conference on the achievements and effects of a technical dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina was held February 26, in Belgrade. Panelists, experts and representatives of civil society had an opportunity to discuss signed energy and regional representation agreements, as well as the perspective of daily life. One of the panelists was the Executive Director of the New Social Initiative - Jovana Radosavljević who presented her expert and personal views on the achievements and impact of technical agreements on the daily lives of citizens in Kosovo.

Participants of “Kosovo Women in Politics - confidence, influence and effective leadership” project, among which Jovana Radosavljević, executive director of NSI, took a two-day study visit to Brussels. The group had the opportunity to meet and exchange views on relevant issues with EU officials and services in charge of the Western Balkans throughout three main EU institutions European Parliament, European Commission, European External Action Service - EEAS and also with relevant NGOs. With this visit the women influencers were empowered and supported to effectively influence peace and political processes.

Internal and International Challenges of Kurti’s Government

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