

## IN A NUTSHELL

*On behalf of 'EU Policy Hub', it is our pleasure to introduce you our main activities and initiatives for the period 2015-2016. We have held a series of activities and presented a number of written contributions on European integration issues. We have been also collaborating with different stakeholders to creating synergies for Albania's EU integration, and to effectively support the Albanian citizens in this process.*

*The present newsletter is the result of an intensive work and commitment of the EU Policy Hub members to our common objective to contribute to the process of EU accession.*



## VISION

We aspire Albania's integration into the European Union, where the diversity of values and dialogue are the bridges that connect us.

## MISSION

The mission of the EU Policy Hub is to contribute in creating synergies for the country's EU integration, through the creation and operation of a structure of young professionals, who promote, monitor and influence the performance of the European integration process.

## OUR VALUES

Trustful and determined that our work and contribution will advance the integration of Albania in the European Union, our common values are inspired by:

- **Professionalism:** Efforts to achieve concrete results in all aspects of our work and disseminate them with filed experts, citizens and other relevant actors;
- **Responsibility:** Being responsible to the public by providing the implementation of optimal solutions;
- **Innovation:** Strive for innovation in applying unique and contemporary results;
- **Collaboration:** Close collaboration with peer organizations that share common values and objectives;
- **Voluntarism:** Continuous attempts to positively impact the advancement of the EU integration process;
- **Respect for others:** Appreciation, respect for the dignity, skills, contribution of the staff and all those interested to follow a common path in the mission of the EU Policy Hub.

RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS WITH A FOCUS ON KEY PRIORITIES FOR THE EU ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALBANIA

CAPACITY-BUILDING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS ON ALBANIA'S EU INTEGRATION PROCESS, PARTICULARLY WITH YOUNGSTERS

MONITORING PUBLIC POLICY-MAKING BASED ON THE NEEDS AND CHALLENGES OF ALBANIA'S EU INTEGRATION PROCESS

PARTNERSHIP AND NETWORKING WITH PEER ORGANIZATIONS AND EXPERTS THAT SHARE COMMON EUROPEAN VALUES AND OBJECTIVES





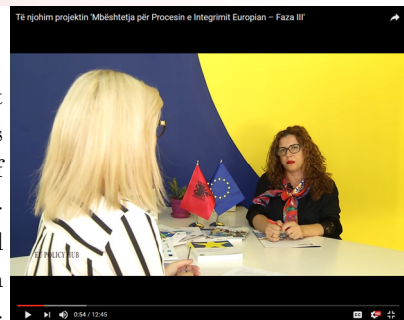


## Capacity-building & Public Awareness

**#EuropeanOnTheTrack** initiative aims to show that Albanian citizens share values and apply standards which are profoundly European. We want to show good examples of how integration process is translated on daily bases into concrete actions of the citizens, especially youngsters. **#EuropeanOnTheTrack** is a viral online campaign inviting youngsters to post photos on social media of their own everyday life complying with best European values and norms, and encourage their friends to do the same.

### Get to Know EU Projects

Albania benefits from EU funds, yet little is known on the EU projects implemented in Albania. A series of interviews about the EU funded projects implemented in Albania will inform the public and serve as an instrument to initiate thematic debates on sectorial reforms.



### EUPH INITIATIVES

**Integration Caravan** is an initiative which aims to promote European values and raise public awareness on the impact and benefits of Albania's EU integration. The meeting in different cities stimulate debate, promote cooperation between civil society and government, facilitate community participation in decision-making at the local level.



- Consumer protection and food safety in the process of European Integration (Peshkopi)
- I protect Shkumbin (Librazhd)
- Youth participation in local decision-making (Kamez)



**Integration Talks** is the forum for discussing issues relating to the future European integration with experts with deep knowledge on the subject. Today, European Integration challenges are discussed at intellectual fora in many capitals of Europe. We bring this European experience into Albania and gather academics, policy-makers and other experts to discuss and contribute to the idea of the European project from their perspectives.

- Investigative Journalism: How Judges Escape Justice?
- BREXIT from Tirana Perspective
- Robert Schumann and the European Idea
- Spinelli, De Gasperi and the European Dream

## PARTNERSHIP & NETWORKING

THE WORK OF THE EU POLICY HUB IS GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION, OPEN DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION WITH PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS. PARTNERSHIP AND NETWORKING ARE INCREASINGLY CONSIDERED AS EFFECTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL METHODS IN ADDRESSING EUROPEAN INTEGRATION ISSUES, THEREFORE, WE ENGAGE IN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR ACTIVITY

### EUPH MEMBERS PARTICIPATE

- BELGRADE** - Civil Society and Beyond: A Joint Dialogue on the European Path  
**BRUSSELS** - Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: The Role of Research  
**BELGRADE** - EU accession countries and the EU common Foreign and Security Policy  
**PRISHTINA** - Role of Civil Society in Public Administration Reform: EU Standards & Practices  
**SKOPJE** - Civil Society Forum

### EUPH MEETS EU INTEGRATION STAKEHOLDERS

**Romana Vlahutin**, Ambassador of the EU Delegation

*Albania's European integration - role and challenges of involving civil society*, July 23, 2015

**Thomas Schnöll**, Ambassador of Austria

*Achievements of the Vienna Summit and the Challenges Ahead*, September 23, 2015

**Majlinda Bregu & Taulant Balla**, Chairs of the National Council on European Integration (NCEI)

*Progress of Albania towards European Integration and the role of National Council on European Integration*, October 6, 2015

**Knut Fleckenstein**, Member of the European Parliament

*Challenges of integration of Albania and the Western Balkans*, October 22, 2015

**Klajda Gjoshaj**, Minister of European Integration

*Albania's Progress towards European Integration*, November 13, 2015

**Angelina Eichhorst**, European External Action Service

*The reforms so far*, January 18, 2016



#### Invitation

International Conference  
February 25-26, 2016  
Civil Society and Beyond:  
A Joint Dialogue on the European Path



By the motto "for a European Albania, without poverty", EUPH contributed to support two families in need, in the Spitalle area in Durres.

EUPH joining Activism on Albania's important civil causes:

*Against the Law on Waste Imports  
Vjosa – No Dams*



EUPH members at the Assembly Bureau to urge MPs to vote for the Reform of Justice

### EUPH Capacity Building

- ✓ **Master Mind Group on Leadership and Growth**, John Maxwell Team, 10 days, Oct-Nov, 2016, Tirana
- ✓ **Leadership & Communication**, E. Goci & A. Bashllari, June 13, 2016, Durres
- ✓ **IPA/CSF EU Grands Application Procedures**, TACSO. December 18-20, 2015, Gjirokaster
- ✓ **EU Public Funding and Communications**, European Citizen Action Service, December 12-13, 2015, Tirana
- ✓ **Writing Effective Public Policy Paper Workshop**, International Center for Policy Advocacy, Oct. 31- Nov. 1, 2015, Durres
- ✓ **Negotiation Process: How CSOs Could Contribute to it**, SMEI III, September 3, 2015, Tirana



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