

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

EU Policy Hub

In a Year



Vision 2025

**Albania
an EU
member state**



Vision 2025

Environment
Diversity
Free Movement
Diversity
Peace
Freedom of Speech
Rule of Law
Social Dialogue
Democracy
Equal Opportunities
Environment
Welfare
Equal Opportunities
Solidarity
Democracy
Solidarity
Tolerance
Rule of Law

WE, members of the EU Policy Hub

apprise the principles and values upon which the EU has been established, and the aspiration of every Albanian citizen to join the European family as soon as possible;

acknowledge that the pace and quality of domestic democratic processes, and the destructive developments in the region and beyond, can have negative consequences not only for the country's European integration process but above all for citizens well-being;

remain committed to our vision for Albania's future as an EU member state based on



Public Awareness

Monitoring

Commitment

Partnership

Key Priorities of the work of EUPH

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Information, capacity building and public awareness on Albania's EU integration process, particularly with youngsters

MONITORING

Monitoring the implementation of public policies based on the needs and challenges of Albania in the EU integration process

COMMITMENT

Impacting positively the EU integration process through the pushing forward of the public debates on Albania's EU membership

PARTNERSHIP

Networking with national and regional organizations and experts that share common European values



Public Awareness

The motto of public awareness initiatives is the civic activism and responsibility, as well as the cooperation with various actors to advance causes of public interest

Public awareness aims to promote European values and inform public opinion on the impact and benefits of European integration. The process of EU integration is a civic engagement to be supported by civil society, more than an institutional agenda. Local democracy, driven by activist initiatives, is an European value that needs to be constantly promoted.

Public awareness initiatives aims at strengthening and promoting cooperation between civil society and central and local government, creating and facilitating ways of community participation in the decision-making processes, while drafting and implementing public policies at the local level.

Public Awareness

For an 'Independent Living' of Persons with Disabilities, in cooperation with "Together" Foundation. May 5, 2017



Protecting the National Park of Karavasta - Divjaka, 60 new seedlings were planted in cooperation with youngsters



Start-up Albania

In cooperation with 'Oficina' EUPH offers the award to the Ecological Tasting Center



Presenting the Handbook for Citizens



"I'm confident that the handbook you hold in your hands will help you learn and understand better all the opportunities that the EU enlargement process offers to your country. Enjoy reading it and come back to it as often as possible!"

Romana Vlahutin, Head of EU
Delegation in Albania

Debates 20 Cities

a journey to introduce the
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Integration Talks



“I hope to see more independent media in Albania. I think this is very important.”

Dewi Van De Weerd, Ambassador of the Netherlands in Albania

The European integration issues are widely discussed among elite groups in many European capitals. EU Policy Hub, through the Integration Talks initiative, aims to make this European practice a positive element of promoting and initiating a quality debate and interaction between members of civil society, policy-makers and academia.

The initiative is conceived as an exchange of expertise and opinions among well-known personalities on specific issues, members of the hub and a targeted audience, thus creating a space of dialogue among the participants.

Integration Talks

27 October

Justice reform:
Discussion with Mr. Ardian Dvorani,
Judge of the High Court



7 June

The role of media in EU integration of
Albania, University of Elbasan



16 January

Court transparency and the role
of the press judge
Marc Bax, Judge from the
Netherlands



31 May

Albania's progress and the challenges
towards EU integration, Aleksander
Moisiu University, Durrës



16 March

Proactive and
responsible media



17 May

Justice Reform
Dr. Agnes Bernhard, EURALIUS IV



Hub Monitor

Coordinating institutions
and structures of EU
integration: Why are they
important?

Lessons learned from
IPA I interventions in
Albania

Strategic planning
capabilities and the role
of the executive in the
EU accession process

The importance of
nature conservation in
the EU integration
process

Dialogue wanted: The experience
of EU-Albania inter-
parliamentary cooperation

Justice Reform and the
shadow of the executive:
The new role of the Ministry
of Justice in the judicial
governance in Albania

Budget support: A tool
to implement the
European Union
financial assistance

EU Policy Hub closely monitors EU integration process and the institutions involved, focusing primarily on inter-institutional coordination among domestic governmental institutional bodies and their basis and published reports. The monitoring indicators and the methodological guidelines include the enacted regulatory and/or legislative acts; the activities performed (no. of meetings, action plans, reports, strategies to address EC Report shortcomings, etc.); the evolution stage of draft instruments; and the institutional and public scrutiny over results achieved.

Western Balkans & the Berlin Process

OBJECTIVES

Assess the progress of reforms deriving from the Berlin Process and their contribution to enhancing regional cooperation and improving policy making in the Western Balkans

- 1) assessing the effects of the Berlin Process in the six Western Balkan countries in terms of the EU integration process, regional cooperation, and progress achieved in the respective areas;
- 2) carrying out monitoring activities with regard to RYCO, bilateral disputes and connectivity agenda;
- 3) advocacy for NGOs' structural involvement in the policy-making process at national and regional level in the Western Balkans

RESULTS

- 1: **Regional policy paper** on the implementation of the commitments undertaken by the governments of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia regarding youth cooperation, infrastructure connectivity and bilateral dispute resolution as well as participation of civil society in this field.
- 2: **Regional policy paper** assessing the effects of the Berlin Process in the Western Balkans region with regard to the EU integration process and regional cooperation between states.
- 3: **Three advocacy activities** with key stakeholders organized in three Western Balkan countries, based on project recommendations.

Western Balkans & the Berlin Process



"The Berlin Process. What worked and what did not work? And why?"
The policy paper aims to evaluate the progress made in some policy areas such as regional cooperation, connectivity agenda and bilateral dispute resolution as well as to explain why the Berlin Process has been more successful in specific areas.

EU Policy Hub, was the partner of a regional project on the monitoring of the Berlin Process. In this context, a public activity was held in Tirana and during the Trieste Summit to present the findings of the policy paper.



6 July, Tirana

Towards the more visible, efficient and effective: Berlin Process 2.0 presented in December in Skopje. This second paper aimed to contribute with concrete recommendations for more visibility, monitoring, institutionalization and higher efficiency of the Berlin Process over the next four years.



Albanian development policy & CSOs' role in the EU accession perspective



Ky dokument gjendet në adresën: www.pontis.org.al dhe në adresën: www.eu-policy-hub.org



5 November, Bratislava



This policy paper presents the current situation in Albania and the best possible practices to deal with the policy for international development and humanitarian aid in light of the opening of EU accession negotiations

OBJECTIVES

Assess Albania's current situation for international development and humanitarian aid and compare it with best practices from other countries in the region;
Emphasize the critical role that civil society should play in international development policy in the European context, as well as the efforts to identify the opportunities and challenges of integrating Albanian CSOs into the regional civil society co-operation and networks for international development.

RESULTS

- Drafting the policy paper
- Presentation at the International Conference on Development and Democracy in Bratislava
- Advocacy activity in Tirana with key stakeholders



6 June, Tirana



Atelier Europe Tirana

"Atelier Europe - Tirana" aims to increase the understanding and promotion of the fundamental European values in Albania, given the country's EU integration process.

The EU is not just negotiation, agreement and politicians. Above all, it is a set of values, objectives and vision on how to bring prosperity and increase the quality of the lives of citizens.

"Atelier Europe - Tirana" is an all-embracing initiative, which has a multi-dimensional character, organizing various socio-cultural events, art exhibitions and screening of documentary films that have European values at its core.



This initiative aims to become a Culture Hub that hosts and promotes new artists and new artistic ideas, enhancing their capacities and stimulating cooperation with other partners from the region and the EU.

Atelier Europe - Tirana

19 April

Screening of the movie **"Shadows"**
following a discussion with the movie
director Jotti Ejlli

23 May

Screening of the docu-film **"Comizi d'Amore"** of
Pier Paolo Pasolini. Discussions with film expert
Drest Zeneli on the social, anthropological and
cultural aspects of the movie

08 July

"Comizi sull'Arte e sul Femminismo"
Theatrical performance that highlights the difficult
working conditions the girls experience today (ATA)

29 September

Paper 'n' Sound - Live
Broadcasting a special radio format that
combines poetry & music into a single event
(Diana Malaj dhe Altin Sulaj)

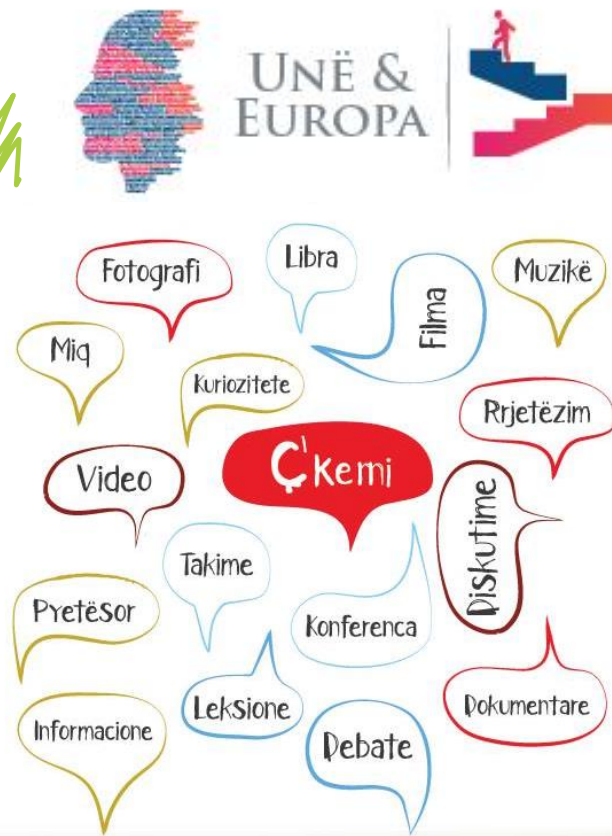
21 October

"Muzika e të Rinjve" education of Roma children
through music (musicians Vitmar Basha).
Musical concert in support of Roma children in order to
collect money for purchasing of medicines and clothing for
children.

2018



Gallery 'Me and Europe'



Gallery 'Me and Europe' was organized at the premises of the National Museum of History from 7 to 16 of December as a form of alternative expression and aesthetic communication of the European integration process with citizens through photos, videos, installations and organization of targeted debates with certain groups

Regardless of the long time-line of the integration process representing the achievements and challenges of the process, we hope that the next step in 2018 will be the opening of accession negotiations

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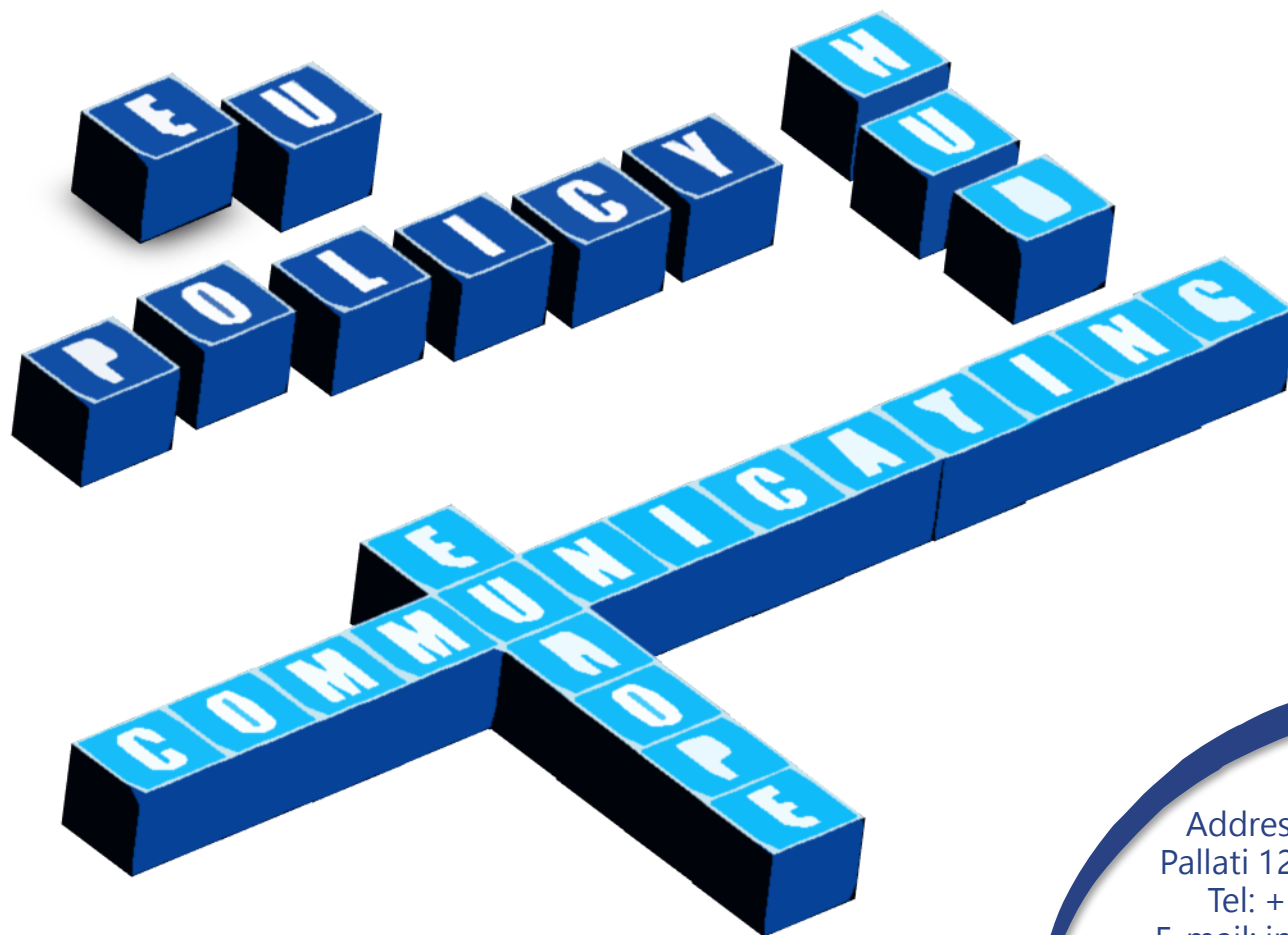
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