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AGORA – Center for promotion of civic values

INTRODUCTION

AGORA – Center for Promotion of Civic Values continued its active work in 2024, strengthening civic participation, promoting democratic values, and advancing gender equality at local and national level. Through engagement in numerous initiatives, networks, and partnerships, the organization made a significant contribution to the development of local communities and the growth of an active civic sector in North Macedonia.

KEY ACHIEVMENTS

During 2024, AGORA implemented several important activities and projects, including:

1. **Increasing Women's Participation in Local Decision-Making**
    - Completion of the project *"Support for Women's Active Participation in Local Decision-Making and Budgeting,"* in partnership with the National Council for Gender Equality and supported by international donors.
    - Organization of final workshops and training sessions for women in municipalities, focusing on representation in local councils and budgeting processes.
2. **Strengthening Youth Activism and Civic Engagement**
    - Conducting a survey on the needs of young people in local communities, emphasizing education, sports, culture, social protection, and the economy.
    - Supporting youth initiatives in several municipalities to encourage young people's participation in decision-making processes.
3. **Supporting Sustainable Local Policies and Green Transition**
    - Organizing public debates and forums to advance the circular economy and sustainable development at the local level, aiming to gather data and develop project applications.
    - As a result, the project *"Leading Environmental Change through Advocacy for Inclusive Policies"* was approved, set to launch in March 2025 with a focus on textile waste management.
4. **Enhancing the Capacities of the Civic Sector**
    - Organizing training and mentoring sessions for civil society organizations to improve their capacities fo advocacy, project management, and financial sustainability.
    - Networking with national and international partners to exchange best practices.

CHALLENGES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Despite significant achievements, AGORA faced certain challenges, such as limited financial resources and the need for greater support from local institutions. In 2025, the organization will continue to focus on:

- Expanding initiatives to increase women's participation in politics,
- Further promoting green transition and circular economy efforts, and
- Supporting youth involvement in decision-making processes and development of leadership skills.

AGORA remains committed to its mission of strengthening the civic sector and fostering inclusive and democratic societies.