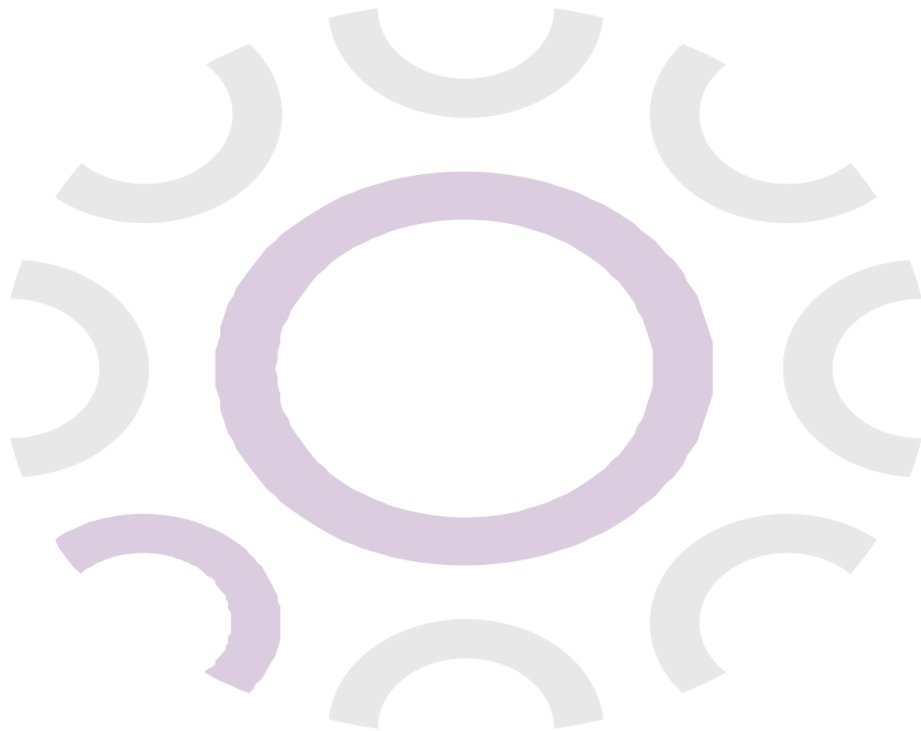




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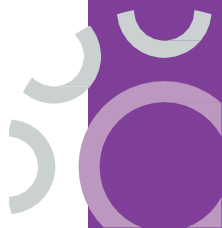
## About FIQ

Since 2000, FIQ has been dedicated to the development of an active, healthy citizenship model, built on the voluntary engagement of citizens, supporting and advocating for individuals, formal and informal groups in both rural and urban areas, with the aim of guiding policy-making at both local and central levels towards the meaningful inclusion of citizens. As such, FIQ's working model over the years has been a symbiotic collaboration with citizens, a model that has enabled a large number of protests against the "Kosova e Re" power plant; the filing of a lawsuit against the World Bank with the Inspection Panel regarding the forced relocation of citizens from the village of Hade in the municipality of Obiliq, which ultimately led to the withdrawal of the World Bank and Contour Global from the construction of the TEC Kosova e Re.

FIQ's working model enabled the collection of over 33,000 signatures within 5 days across Kosovo, against the decision to increase electricity prices, forcing the Kosovo Assembly to discuss the resolution with citizens' demands for the reversal of the decision to double electricity prices. FIQ's working model over the years, based on strategic collaboration, support, and capacity-building for local NGOs, especially those outside of Pristina, has made it possible to identify the revitalization of the civil society sector with an inclusive, non-monopolistic approach, oriented towards creating conditions for sustainability rather than permanent dependency.

The revitalization of the civil society sector in Kosovo requires new actors, fresh ideas, and certainly, well-tailored training based on the individual needs of local organizations and the conditions under which new community initiatives emerge and are created. This partnership model of FIQ with local NGOs, informal groups, researchers, and students paved the way for the creation of spaces and the development of free training packages through the Kosovo Core Center/FIQ (supported by EUOK).

The identification of innovative ideas and the development of a green economy, despite the focus on investments in coal; the promotion of the legal framework and the acceleration program for self-employment for youth, women, and girls; the development and promotion of social entrepreneurship across all municipalities in Kosovo; the development of an original model for startups in agriculture, environment, ICT, and ecotourism; the enhancement of the advocacy capacity of local NGOs, all give FIQ the dimension of a hub—a center that welcomes citizens in need, youth organizations interested in developing their organizational capacities, environmental experts, employment specialists, journalists from Kosovo, the Western Balkans, the EU, or beyond the continent, with the primary goal of empowering the civil society sector in Kosovo as one of the vital indicators of the quality of democracy in the country.



## Address by Dajana Berisha, Executive Director of FIQ

Dear friends,

Dear colleagues and esteemed partners,

I am pleased to present the Narrative Report for 2022 of the Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ). This year has been a testament to our commitment to fostering positive and sustainable change and empowering communities to drive progress in Kosovo. Through FIQ's initiatives, we have supported causes that bring tangible change, strengthen civic engagement, and uphold human rights and social justice.

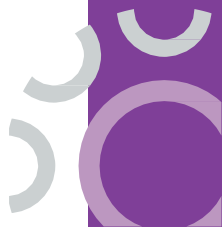
In 2022, we focused on key areas: increasing youth participation in democratic processes, strengthening community resilience, and advocating for political reforms. Our programs engaged hundreds of individuals, equipping young people and citizens with skills and platforms to lead initiatives addressing real issues impacting their communities. From workshops on civic engagement to advocacy training and policy dialogues, our impact is measured not only in numbers but also in the stories of empowered individuals taking initiatives in their neighborhoods and regions.

An important achievement this year has been the expansion of our partnerships. By working closely with local governments, NGOs, and international organizations, we have built a coalition of support that amplifies our efforts and extends our reach.

This report highlights these achievements as well as the challenges we have faced. Together, they shape the path forward. As we continue to strengthen civic voices and empower change, I am deeply grateful for the dedication of our team, the trust of the community, and the invaluable support of our partners.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment, and let us continue working together for a more engaged and empowered Kosovo.

Thank you.



We started the year 2022 with the project “Enhancing Students' Capacities in Research, Law Implementation, and Academic Writing Related to Human Rights and the Environment.”

On January 12, 2022, students Albulena Kokollari, Agrina Baraku, and Elona Kurti worked on the article and research titled “The Coal Strategy and Energy Efficiency in Kosovo.”

The project was supported by the Community Development Fund and financed by the Embassy of Sweden in Kosovo.

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## Ambasadorët e Rinj



*YOUNG AMBASSADORS Call for Applications for Community Projects!*

- Do you have an IDEA but lack funding?*
- Do you have a creative idea for sports, culture, art, healthcare, journalism, or innovation??*
- Join your friends, form your team, and win a grant of up to 650 EUR to bring your idea to life and benefit of your community!*

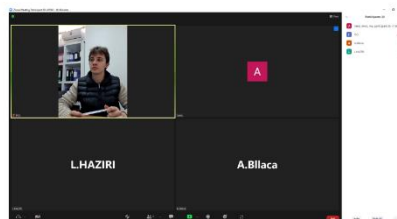
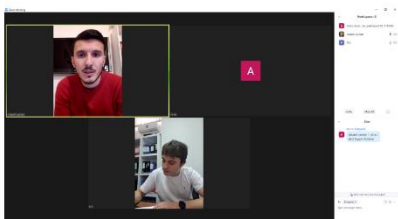
*The application deadline is **February 13, 2022**.*

*This project is supported by the **Global Fund for Community Foundations**.*





## Takimet mentoruese në kuader të projektit - ICEDA



During the months of February and March, the Forum for Civic Initiatives, as part of the **CSO Going Digital** project, conducted mentoring sessions with representatives of civil society organizations regarding their digitalization.

This project was supported by ODK, Metamorfoza, and the European Union Office.  
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FIQ organized a discussion on Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine. 🇺🇦

✿ The discussion, moderated by Jeta Xharra, featured a panel including H.E. Ambassador Tomas Szunyog, the Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, Mr. Haki Abazi, and the Executive Director of the Forum for Civic Initiatives, Ms. Dajana Berisha.





On April 27, 2022, the Forum for Civic Initiatives organized the closing conference of the project “Digital Transformation of CSOs in Kosovo.”

This conference was held with the participation of representatives from public institutions, trainers, and civil society organizations that benefited from this project. The project “Digital Transformation of CSOs in Kosovo” marks a significant step in the digitalization of civil society organizations. It involved 115 applications from civil society organizations to participate in the project’s trainings, over 20 organizations trained in digital skills, and more than 22 mentoring sessions conducted.

The training modules of this project included:

- Social Media Management;
- Web Design;
- Graphic Design;
- Web Management;
- Digital Accounting and Finance;
- Digital HR.



On April 29, 2022, the Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) and the Ministry of Local Government Administration (MLGA)) signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will enable cooperation between civil society and policy-making institutions at the central and local levels on various community issues at the local level.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Mrs Dajana Berisha - Executive Director of FIQ and Mr Elbert Krasniqi - Minister of Local Government Administration.

Cooperation between the signatories of this agreement includes:

- Organizing information sessions for the local community throughout Kosovo;
- Engagement in facilitating discussions between key actors on various community issues at the local level;
- Providing support through programs, projects and activities for municipalities in addressing the main concerns of communities;
- Engagement of FIQ in working groups for legislative initiatives in the field of MLGA.



On May 17, 2022, the Forum for Civic Initiatives began conducting training sessions as part of the "Young Ambassadors" project.

On the first day, the first training module was delivered, focusing on the topic of "Leadership," led by trainer Bukurije Rrustemi.



On May 19, 2022, the Forum for Civic Initiatives organized the closing conference of the project **"CSOs Going Digital,"** a project implemented as part of **ICEDA – Increasing Civic Engagement in the Digital Agenda.** The event was attended by representatives of public institutions, trainers, and civil society organizations that benefited from this project.




The Western Balkans Civil Society Declaration on Social Economy was launched at the Social Innovation Forum taking place in Belgrade. The declaration called on the EU and Western Balkan decision-makers to take the necessary steps to further contribute to the development of the social economy as an appropriate economic model focusing on social protection and the planet's resources.

The declaration was signed by representatives of civil societies of the Western Balkan countries. Mrs Dajana Berisha - Executive Director of FIQ has signed on behalf of the civil society sector of Kosovo. In her speech, Mrs Berisha emphasized the importance of three elements: 1) entrepreneurial spirit; 2) innovation (due to demographics - the young population of Kosovo) and 3) solidarity to be the foundation of Kosovo's social economy. She emphasized these three elements because they are the main values of Kosovar society and therefore should be considered when drafting laws.





A public meeting with citizens in the Municipality of Peja on the topic **“Legalization of Unauthorized Constructions”** organized by the Forum for Civic Initiatives with the support of the **USAID Economic Governance Program in Kosovo**.

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Komuna e Pejës**



**“Legalizimi i ndërtimeve pa leje”**

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Kuvendi Komunal  


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## "1st KOSOVO RIVER SUMMIT"

This summit was held on October 14-15 of this year, at the Civil Society House in Pristina.

Civil society representatives participated in this summit as panelists, where the current situation of Kosovo's rivers was discussed.



**On December 8, 2022, "Young Ambassadors" project concluded with a showcase of the most prominent cases of youth leadership while implementing local community activities.**

**"Oda e Rinisë" was the first showcase presented by Drenojeta Berisha together with her colleague Basri Oruqaj, who explained the definition of many interesting topics of discussions with youth from Suhareka and Prizren during the timeframe of "Young ambassadors". Topics like mental health, archaeology, history, sports and art had been proposed and discussed with youth from above mentioned municipalities as hot issues/topics of interest for young people.**

**Fitim Sadiku, leader of the group and at the same time physiotherapist at HANDIKOS, revealed more about his work together with two other collaborators in the "Shëndeti, ambienti dhe ushqimi" project. During the training days in Mitrovica, and Prishtina 20 participants attended and the goal of these lectures/discussions were to increase the knowledge of people with disabilities regarding the impact of lifestyle on the musculoskeletal system and to increase knowledge about food in our health.**

**Next, Lorik Ramaj with his "Hiking and Camping Kids" project, showed that 70 children from 5 to 13 years of age participated in his two-day training in Valisela Lake and Gërmia Park. The main goal of the project was to encourage, encourage and raise awareness among children about the importance of outdoor activities where discussions about the importance of keeping the environment clean, and exploring the beauty of nature were among the key activities of the project.**

**At the end of the showcase event "Përcakttohu" was the last project presented by Bedri Kalisi from Hani I Elezit, where he spoke in more detail about the project and the main goal, which was orientation, determination in places to visit.**

**Young Ambassador project was supported by GCFC - Global Fund for Community Foundations and implemented by Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ)**







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