A word from the president:

Annually Report 2015 clearly shows the aspiration of “ACT for SOCIETY Center”, to contribute to the democratization process, to well-governance, to the fight against corruption, and to support the vulnerable groups of Albanian society as well.

Through this document, “ACT for SOCIETY Center”, guarantees the successful accomplishment of this goal, by offering the model of an Organisation with intellectual capacities, clear ideas and a defined program for the future. This report celebrates the intensive work of our staff, including their work meetings, interviews, data analysis, and also seminars and conferences organised by our center in good cooperation with our donors.

I would like to thanks my colleagues that during this year they worked with a lot of energy, they believe in good things and in a good society.

Sincerely,

Armela PENGILI

Executive Director
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“ACT for SOCIETY” Centre, who are we?

We are an Albanian NGO, established in January 2012, with a special focus on young generation and European values.

*ACT for SOCIETY Centre believes in the power of change.* It aims at making this change happen through "...new, creative, and effective strategies and initiatives..." ACT for SOCIETY Centre recognizes that Albanian's young democracy must become increasingly self-reliant and lead its own development. In the current situation, the pressing need is to encourage a greater capacity development, awareness, and participation by Albanian institutions and local communities.

ACT for SOCIETY Centre also believes that best results are produced through the right combination of development project integrating strong capacity development thus enabling project actors and beneficiaries to implement effective and efficient projects that also provide for impact on society and sustainability of results.

ACT for SOCIETY Centre experience suggests that any strategy to achieve these ends must incorporate an individualized approach to catalyzing change, and combine training in leadership and organizational dynamics with on-site technical assistance, mentorship and specific subject technical expertise. Organization and individual skills are both needed. Insistence on high standards of quality and accountability cannot be compromised. It recognizes the importance of developing effective advocacy skills and the effectiveness of coalitions of communities, NGOs, local government and business.

ACT for SOCIETY Centre has immensely invested in human resources development. Upon its establishment, staff received comprehensive training and technical support including training retreats, training of trainers/training of consultants, regional internships, and on-the-job training that is followed by continuous professional and personal development.
We are Accredited for EVS (European Volunteer Service) - **Sending, Receiving and Coordinating Organisation** with code 2015-1-SI02-KA110-013235 within the European Commission's Erasmus+/ Youth in Action Programme.

**Its Objectives are:**

- Promote human rights and inclusiveness of marginalized groups having in focus gender issues, Roma community, and other vulnerable groups;
- Enhance youth activities, initiatives and projects;
- Stimulate good governance, fight of corruption and transparency;
- Embrace think-tank ideology and stimulate research;
- Active participation in international, regional and national networks;
- Peace – Building through Culture and Art

**Our mission?**

ACT for SOCIETY Centre Mission is to **enhance the healthy lifestyles and stimulate the sustainable development of society, it's work consists on promoting culture, advocating for democracy and human right issues, connecting young's, stimulating the active participation in the social live and decision-making processes.**
Members:

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – ARMELA PENGILI**

Phd.Candidate on Int. Relations. Has Studied in Social Sciences SOCIOLOGY, and MSC-International Relations. She has been trained on social issues and by the EU comission training programes. She is also a lector to an Albanian University. Mrs. Armela has been a trainer on youth programes especially on youth workers issues, gender equality projects, human rights and democracy etc.. Recently, she has been engaged as a research assistant within an Albanian university.

**FABIO HAXHIU – COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS**

Has studied on Nursing. He has been trained on youth programmes organised from the Youth in Action and Erasmus+. He is the Coordinator of the Volunteers from Albania in our office. Fabio has been an active on supporting all the project activities implanted by AfS Centre.
XHOI BARE – PR/PROJECT STAFF

He is studying International Relations. Xhoi has been trained on leadership programmers for youth leaders, on politics issues, human rights and democracy etc. He also has been a trainer on youth programmers for the leadership and human rights too, such as on design training project. Xhoi is involved in the civil society sector, and he has been part of several trainings and conferences. Xhoi continuously works on different socio-cultural projects and programs, which aim at exposing and handling the problems facing young Albanians nowadays.

PROGRAM MANAGER – FATJONA BRAHIMI

She is studying Psychology. Fatjona has been trained on leadership programmers for youth leaders, human rights and democracy etc. She also has been a trainer on youth programmers for the leadership and human rights too, such as on design training project and gender issues. Fatjona has been involved in the civil society sector, and she has been part of several trainings and conferences.
NETWORKS WE ARE PART OF

- ACT for SOCIETY Centre is the founder of the IRIS- Youth Initiative on Sexual Issues Network.

  National Network
  - National Youth Congress
  - Youth Voice Network

  International Networks
  - Anna Lindh Foundation
  - MasterPeace Movement
  - UNITED for Intercultural Actions
  - No Hate Speech Movement.
  - European Youth Foundation
  - SEYF-South Europe Youth Forum
“ACT for SOCIETY” Centre Activities

Chronological order

“Screen Movie – The TEAM” with the main focus on promoting the equal rights for women in political participation of the women through movies. Also, No Hate Speech Movement was presented and promoted. December 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2015, Tirana.
“Typology of violators and the affectivity of rehabilitative measures” was a Forum for No Hate Speech Campaign with well recognized people that offered to make an open dialogue with students in the way that they could share their own experiences and how hard it was for them to be in the center of attention in this small country with all the prejudice that our society have, regarding cases of violence.
“No Hate/Remember 9 November”- ACT for SOCIETY Center, part of UNITED for Intercultural Action Network, presented on 9th of November, in the city of Fushe-Kruja, the campaign Against Anti-Semitism and Fascism: No Hate/Remember 9 November, one info session in Shote Galica High School.
Boot Camp in Qeparo, Albania. An international project in collaboration with Masterpeace Albania and Unique. The topic of this boot camp was Cultural Diversity and Tolerance.
“Hand in Hand for Diversity, Stop Racism”, this activity was an info day on the School Qemal Stafa in Fush-Kruja, and “Day Diversity” in Primary School ”Tufina” in Tirana this project was about how to be without borders and to be more open mind on this issue. We select the city of Fush-Kruja and this School in Tirana because the most students there are Roma People, and this project was a big impact because was a good way to show the other schools how they learn and live together without borders.
“Supporting children from the poor Families”.
This project aimed at supporting children the poor families on the Christmas Occasion, by offering them living and sanitary products and presents for them.
MEMBER ACTIVITIES

- “Balkan Youth Exchange” 2014-2-HR01-KA105-007044 06/03/2015 - 15/03/2015 organized by Outward Bound Croatia
- "Youth Work From Different Angles and European Future" 2014-3-TR01-KA105-014395 organized by Malatya İl Milli Eğitim Müdürlüğü Turkey. This training took place in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, during the first week of July 2015. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey, Czech Republic and Hungary were included.
- “YE Gender Equality” 2015-2-HR01-KA105-013305 organized by Outward Bound Croatia
This Youth Exchange took place in Samobor, Croatia, from 17.10.2015 until 25.10.2015.
The topic of this youth exchange was Gender Equality. Organised by Outward Bound Croatia, this activity gathered young people from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and also from Finland in a wonderful experience. Lots of outdoor activities, games, challenges, info sessions and also an official debate, were conducted in this youth exchange. Not only information, but also experiences, fun and international friendships!
- “Solidarity Lab” 2015-2-IE01-KA105-008687 organized by Eurobug, International Youth Work Training and Collaboration Ltd -Ireland
How do we keep connected?

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Who are our partners?

- European Commision
- ABC Foundation
- Agency for Support of Civil Society
- MasterPeace Movement
- Raiffeisen Invest
- UNITED for Intercultural Action
- Netherlands Embassy
- TACSO Albania
- UNFPA