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### Participatory budgeting for a more accountable local authorities

**Implemented by:** National Center for Community Services (Fushe Arrezi branch)

**Location:** Fushe Arrez, Shkoder

**Duration:** 12 months

**Total budget:** 14,410.66 Euro

**Overall objective:** To increase the cooperation and participation of the civil society in North Albania, in good governance and fight against corruption.

**Specific objective:** To strengthen the role of civil society in development and implementation of the annual local budget of Fushe Arres and Puka Municipalities.

#### Expected results:

1. Increased volunteer and participatory culture of the local communities;
2. Increased involvement of the local administration with the local community and increased awareness on the priorities of the local community.
3. Increased transparency of the Municipality of Fushë-Arrëz and Puka.

**Target groups:** 10 administrative units of Fushë-Arrëz and Puka municipality: Fushë-Arrëz, Iballë, Qafë-Mal, Fierzë, Blerim, Pukë, Qerret, Rrapë, Gjegan, Qelëz; Heads of 76 villages and 2 towns of the municipality of Fushë-Arrëz and Puka.

**Final beneficiaries:** Citizens of the 76 villages and 2 towns of the 2 municipalities (Puka 11,069 inhabitants and Fushë-Arrëz 7405 inhabitants).

<b>Main activities:</b>	1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Training materials compiled for local budgeting.</li> <li>1.2 Training of 8 activists who will form 2 monitoring groups, one for each municipality.</li> <li>1.3 Workshops with each local community of the 10 administrative units of Fushë-Arrëz and Puka, to gather the priorities of the local community with regard to local budgeting.</li> <li>1.4 78 meetings with heads and headships of Puka and Fushë-Arrëz villages, towns.</li> <li>1.5 TV documentary production and broadcasting.</li> </ol>
	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Participation in the public consultations organized by the municipality of Fushë-Arrëz and Puka on the budget of the next financial year.</li> <li>2.2 Participation in the open meetings of the municipality councils relevant to the budget approval and implementation.</li> <li>2.3 Formal recommendations will be sent to the municipality of Fushë-Arrëz and Puka to improve the budget, the budget approval and the implementation process.</li> </ol>
	3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1. Filing formal requests with the municipalities on information regarding local budgets, and following up with the municipality on request fulfillment.</li> </ol>