

PROFILE OF THE ORGANISATION

Mission of organization: The main mission of the organization Civic Resistance is the empowerment of citizens in the society, through policy advocacy, public awareness raising and capacity building training to community groups, in order to improve governance.

History and impact of the organization

The Civic Resistance is a non-profit organization, founded by a group of young professionals, who come from different civil society experiences, bringing together the knowledge and energy to contribute to the Albanian country and society.

PROGRAMS OF THE ORGANISATION:

1. Program on Higher Education

The higher education program is one of the main areas in which the team of 4 years of the Resistance has been conducting research and monitoring. The focus of the program has been on the implementation of Law 80/2015 on Higher Education and the "Pact for the University". The purpose of the program is to promote debate on education system issues and student involvement in decision-making policies of public universities.

Main projects realized under the Program on Higher Education:

Project Title: Education in focus

Supported by: Olof Palme International Center

Duration: 01 January 2019- December 2021 (ongoing)

Main objectives:

1. Monitoring and evaluation of the "Pact for the University" (governmental policies in the field of higher education system), with the participation of students.
2. Student Participation Monitoring of University Academic Bodies and Governmental Policies on Teaching Quality.

Link of details for this project: <http://qq.com.al/index.php/2019/03/01/arsimi-ne-fokus/>



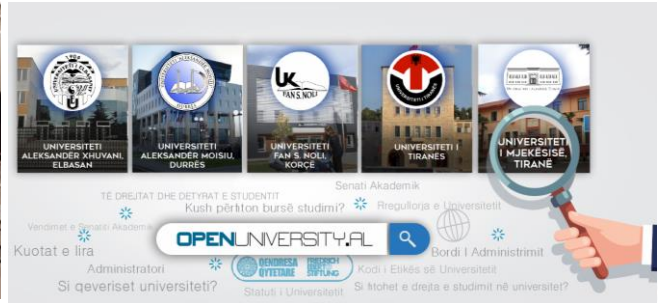
Project Title: Open University www.openuniveristy.al

Supported by: Friedrich Ebert Foundation Tirana

Duration: 01 January 2018- December 2020 (ongoing)

Main objective: Increase accountability and transparency in public universities through student involvement in monitoring the finances and the autonomy of universities.

Link of details for this project: <http://qq.com.al/index.php/2018/04/10/monitorimi-i-transparences-financiare-dhe-autonomise-se-universiteteve-publike-2/>



2. Program on Good Governance

The program on good governance is directly related to the mission of the Civic Resistance to strengthen and increase the capacity of citizens for good governance. The methodology used in this program relates to the monitoring “watchdog” on the finances of institutions and the implementation of the law on the rule of law. The goal of the program is to strengthen the mechanisms that enable citizen participation in national and local decision-making.

Main projects realized under the Program on Good governance:

Project Title: Without noise/ Pa Zhurmë

Supported by: Lëviz Albania Project/Swiss Embassy

Duration: 2018

Main objectives:

1. Awareness raising campaign including 20,000 citizens of Tirana to reduce noises from cars and public transportation vehicles honking in the capital.
2. Advocacy campaign through a drafting and signing of a civic initiative from 1% of signatures from residents of the capital for the issuance of a national plan to be voted for implementation by the Municipality Council.

Link of details for this project: <http://qq.com.al/index.php/2018/10/16/pa-zhurme/>



Project Title: City Council Student

Supported by: USAID Albania

Duration: 01 February 2019-31 June 2020

Main objective: Improving living conditions in dormitories through stimulation of the accountability process and student mobility.

Link of details for this project: <http://qq.com.al/index.php/2020/01/29/keshilli-i-qytetit-studenti/>



3. Program on Anticorruption

We believe that corruption is the main cause of the problems of our country and is often caused by government failures or rooted culture and negative models created in our society. The Anti-Corruption Program works to identify the causes, consequences and tools with which to fight this phenomenon in our country. Another focus of this program is to promote integrity and transparency in public administration and governance.

Main projects realized under the Program on Anticorruption

Project Title: Resist Corruption in Higher Education

Supported by: European Union

Duration: 09/15/2017 - 15/01/2018

Main objectives: Reducing the level of corruption in universities and increasing the transparency of the process of distribution and management of funds.



Project Title: Creative Action

Supported by: Open Society Foundation Albania

Duration: 2020 (on going)

Main objectives: Organizing of creative protests by using irony to address the phenomenon of corruption in Albania.

Link of details for this project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJr4Dotpnlk>



4. Program on Democratic Education

The democratic education program is focused on educating young people on democracy elements vote, referendum, protests, boycotts, concepts which will be accompanied by new forms and creative public communication and commitment to professional experts independent in the country. In the framework of this program, through the studies conducted, political academies and schools are expected to increase the capacity of the youth in the field of democracy.

Main projects realized under the Program on Democratic Education

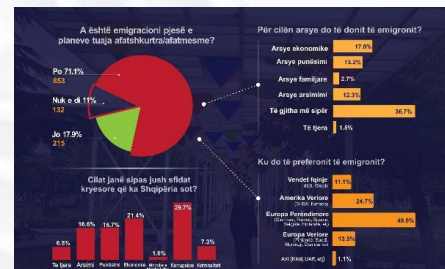
Project Title: Attitudes and issues of youth in Albania

Supported by: Westminster Foundation for Democracy

Duration: 2019

Main objectives: The survey aims to deliver information on the relationship between young people and political parties, their evaluation and trust on politics, governance and institutions.

Link of details for this project: <https://www.wfd.org/2019/11/15/troubled-times-young-people-and-politics-in-albania/>



Project Title: Politeach Academy
Supported by: Konrad Adenauer Foundation
Duration: 2020
Main objectives:

1. Presentation of ideas and concepts that deserve to be recognized by young people (Europe, left-wing politics, right-wing politics, parliament, president, municipality, government) through motivating videos and educational four-minute social networks.
2. Political education of young Albanians through the use of new forms of public communication and digital media and encourage them to put pressure on the government.



*For our all project and activities, please visit www.qq.com.al or www.facebook.com/qendreseqytetare

Some success stories during our work in policy advocacy.

Case 1

* In October 2017 we published the first Survey on the Perception on Corruption, from which the University of Elbasan came out as the most corrupted, with 77.5%.

* In November 2017 - March 2018, we developed some communication sessions between the Anti-Corruption Office of the State Police and students in several Universities.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/qendreseqytetare/photos/a.2401463590079524/2401464806746069/?type=3&theater>

* On May 8, 2018, the Dean of the University, a Chief of Department, a lecturer and 4 “mediators” were arrested as a result of a cooperation between the police and the students

Link from Birn: <https://www.reporter.al/ryshfet-ne-kembim-te-notes-arrestohen-dekani-dhe-dy-pedagoge-ne-elbasan/>

Case 2

In June 2018, the Civic Resistance publishes the report on the financial management and transparency in Universities.

One of the issues addressed during the student protest in December was the transparency of financial transactions:

<https://tvklan.al/lista-8-kerkesat-e-studenteve-kushtet-jane-te-panegociueshme/>

In January, the government promises and creates the transparency online portal of the universities <https://u-transparenca.al/>

Case 3

On October 2, 2019, we raised the alarm on the closure of the university study fields because of the entrance average grade set by the Ministry of Education as a wrongful policy.

Link: <http://www.gsh.al/2019/10/02/shifrat-alarmante-87-programe-studimi-ne-rrethe-rrezikojne-te-mbyllen/>

6 days later, on October 8, the Ministry of Education removes the average grade for 2 Universities (Arts and Sports) <https://balkanweb.com/qeveria-u-jep-shans-maturanteve-heq-mesataren-6-5-per-artet-dhe-sportet/>

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