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Summary

RIDEA Institute has extensively covered the process of the Normalization Dialogue between the Republic of Kosovo and Serbia. In concrete terms, we have conducted two (2) surveys/polls within the period of this newsletter, related to the perception of the Kosovo citizens on the scenarios about the eventual deal between Kosovo and Serbia. Likewise, we have organized several outreach activities (conferences, roundtables, informational meetings, etc.), about the EU facilitated dialogue for the Normalization Process between Kosovo and Serbia.

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transformation power
of ideas and creativity*



Conference: Vox Populi on 'Grand Finale' between Kosovo and Serbia

Under the auspices of RIDEA Institute, the main leaders of the government and opposition have gathered to discuss on the topic of -Vox Populi on the 'Grand Finale' between Kosovo and Serbia-. President Thaçi, Deputy Prime Minister Limaj, Albin Kurti from LVV, Mr. Lutfi Haziri from LDK, professors from Oxford University, as well as ambassadors from Kosovo's ally countries, civil society activists, and academics were together around the same table. Initially, Professor Anthony Heath from Oxford University presented the findings of the survey, the panel members discussed them and opened the discussion to the other participants. Initially, Professor Anthony Heath from Oxford University presented the findings of the survey, which were discussed in detail by panel members. After the panelists' speeches, the roundtable participants had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the findings of the survey.

Training on Fieldwork Interviewing Techniques

In line with the suggestions and rigorous supervision of Oxford University professors and the tireless efforts of local programmers working for US companies, RIDEA has established an online platform for surveys. Through this platform, the further sophistication of the working method is sought, and consequently the increase of accuracy and precision of the findings and the minimization of the margin of error in surveys, using, among other things, mechanisms such as *GeoLocation collection & tracking*. For this purpose, the training of the field interviewers on the use of electronic tablets and the techniques of conducting field interviews through the online platform has been held.



Dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia: Alternatives and Options – Roundtable in Prishtina

On 6 March 2019, in Prishtina, under the organization of the RIDEA Institute a discussion table was developed under the 'Chatham House Rule' model on alternatives and options of the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia. A greeting speech at the beginning of this roundtable was held by the Norwegian Ambassador to Kosovo, Mr. Per Strand Sjaastad. Participation in the round table was comprehensive, where participants were members of the Kosovo Assembly, leaders of youth forums of political parties, scholars, and representatives of civil society organizations.

Dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia: Alternatives and Options – Information meeting in Ferizaj

On 13 March 2019, in Ferizaj, under the auspices of the RIDEA Institute a roundtable on alternatives and options of dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia was held. Participation was inclusive, ranging from representatives and local leaders of political parties, representatives from the academia to representatives of local civil society organization.





Dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia: Alternatives and Options – Information meeting in Gjilan

On March 22, 2019, in Gjilan, we have developed interesting and productive discussions regarding the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue. An opening speech was delivered by the Norwegian Ambassador to Kosovo, Mr. Per Strand Sjaastad. Participation was inclusive, with panelists being the mayor of Gjilan, Mr. Lutfi Haziri, deputies of the Kosovo Assembly, local politicians, representatives from the academia, and local civil society organizations.

Women on the Dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia

On April 2, 2019, in Prishtina, we have extensively discussed the role of women in the final phase of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue. The conference has generated incredibly productive debate and discussions about the topic in question. An opening speech at the conference was held by the Norwegian Ambassador to Kosovo, Mr. Per Strand Sjaastad. Participants of the conference were representatives of all political entities in Kosovo, representatives from the academia, and civil society activists.



Training on Fieldwork Interviewing Techniques and the Use of Electronic Tablets

On May 15, 2019, in Prishtina we held another training on fieldwork interviewing techniques and the use of electronic tablets, thus to further increase the accuracy and precision of the findings. This activity was in line with the supervision of the University of Oxford and local programmers.

Conference: Vox Populi on ‘Grand Finale’ between Kosovo and Serbia (Volume II)

Under the auspices of the RIDEA Institute, regardless of the controversial positions on the process of the dialogue, the main leaders of government and opposition have gathered to discuss regarding the -Vox Populi on the ‘Grand Finale’ between Kosovo and Serbia. President Thaçi, Albin Kurti from LVV, Mr. Lutfi Haziri from LDK, Shpend Ahmeti Co- chair of the State Delegation, professors from the Oxford University, as well as ambassadors from Kosovo’s ally countries, civil society activists, and academics were together around the same table. The conference began with the unveiling of the survey findings by Professor Anthony Heath. Afterwards, the floor was given to the panelists who discussed the findings of the poll in detail.





ZONA B: Labinot Greiçevci on “Vox Populi on the ‘Grand Finale’ between Kosovo and Serbia (Volume II)”

The executive director of the RIDEA Institute, Dr. Labinot Greiçevci, was invited in ‘Zona B’ along with three analysts to discuss over the latest publication of the RIDEA Institute, namely the results of “Vox Populi on the ‘Grand Finale’ between Kosovo and Serbia, Volume II”. During this debate, Mr. Greiçevci has revealed the findings of the survey and pinpointed the main differences between the two volumes.

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