

Advocacy \ædv_k_si:\ (15c) n : the act or process of influencing decision-making to defend / support a cause of a certain interest group [fr. ad- + vocare to call, fr. voc-, vox voice]...

ADVOCACY SUCCESSES of ATRC and its PARTNERS

ATRC and its partners throughout Kosovo and in the region have successfully advocated for



- Drafting and adoption of FOI Act
- Opening of Parliamentary Committees for the public
- Rules and Procedures for Public Participation in Decision-making in Gjakova and Deçan Municipalities
- Regulation on Improving Access of People with Disabilities to Public Buildings
- Inspection of Slaughterhouses in Gjakova Municipality
- Prohibition of Exposing Food Products Outside Shops in Theranda and Gjakova Municipalities



ATRC Mission

Advocacy Training and Resource Center (ATRC) is a Kosovar not-for-profit organization that works in increasing citizen and civil society participation in decision-making, as a prerequisite for a developed democratic society and regional stability.



ATRC aims at strengthening the role of NGOs as agents of change in the society; increase the capacity of NGOs and civic initiatives to undertake advocacy campaigns; and contribute in creating governing institutions that meet international standards.

ATRC works with representatives of NGOs, civic initiatives, public administration and political institutions regardless of religion, political affiliations, ethnicity, age, capability and sexual orientation.

ATRC accomplishes its goals through advocacy, training, information exchange and networking in and out of Kosova.

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ADVOCACY

Action of Support

AvoKo

Network

ATRC coordinates an ever-expanding 27-NGO Advocacy Network of Kosovo. During 2002 and 2003 AvoKo has successfully advocated for Freedom of Information (FOI) Law adoption and opening of Parliamentary Committee meetings to the public.



FOI

Law Campaign

AvoKo, with ATRC at the helm, has established an FOI Coalition in cooperation with IREX, IKDO and NDI. The coalition successfully advocated for improving the FOI draft-law and its adoption.

ATRC is a part of The FOI Advocates Network (see www.foiadvocates.net for more details on this worldwide network).

Parliamentary Committees

open to the public

Together with NDI, NAAC/Hope Fellowship and IKDO, AvoKo successfully advocated for legislation that opened the Parliamentary Committee meetings to the public.

Our House,

Our Colors!

In cooperation with the Gjilan Municipality, ATRC implemented the EWMI-funded Our House, Our Colors campaign to initiate and stimulate dialogue between the municipality, citizens and central governing institutions on property rights.



INFORMATION

Knowledge

Events



Public Discussions - establishing dialogue between the civil society, decision-makers and experts
State budget * Health Policy * Tax Evasion * EU Human Rights Court * Troubled Privatization in Kosovo * Women's rights * NGOs and UN Benchmarks * Introduction of Criminal Code draft and more.

Conferences - learning the lessons from the region and world on
Anti-corruption * Public Policy Analysis * How Municipalities Work

ATRC events gathered more than 500 NGO representatives, decision-makers and experts since 2002.

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THE ADVOCATE

on our website

WWW.ADVOCACY-CENTER.ORG

Democracy through informed citizenry

Our website aims at becoming an information tool for NGOs in and outside of Kosovo, working towards becoming proactive actors of change.

Publications

offering practical knowledge to citizens through

- Citizen's Guide to How the Governing Authorities Work
- NGO Guide to Working with the Media
- Advocacy Training Manual

TRAINING

Skills

Trainings on Offer

With a pool of international and Kosovar trainers, trained by top notch UK trainers/campaigners, ATRC offers training workshops in:

- Advocacy Work;
- Public Policy Analysis;
- Gender Awareness and Mainstreaming;
- Working with the Media;
- NGO Management;
- Strategic Planning;
- Creative Thinking; and
- Mediation and Conflict Resolution;
- Project Management;
- Accountability and Reporting;
- Fundraising Techniques;

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