



**COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO
FOR CULTURAL CENTERS IN DIASPORA**



The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and The Government of the Republic of Kosovo (hereafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Willing to strengthen and extend intercultural relations between Parties and Albanian community in diaspora;

Motivated by common will to promote and preserve the historical and cultural identity, and common values in the scope of culture and cultural heritage, and other scopes which are connected directly to the Albanian community abroad;

The Parties agreed as follows:

Article 1

The aim of The Agreement is to develop and support cultural collaboration and to preserve the identity through a network of cultural centers in coordination between The Parties.

Article 2

The Parties agree to use and empower existing culture centers in diaspora.

Article 3

The Parties shall enhance cooperation between relevant cultural and educational institutions, associations and individuals in diaspora, and will offer their assistance in managing joint centers.

Article 4

The Parties shall equally share any financial commitment and ownership in the cultural centers in the Diaspora.

Article 5

The Parties shall commit to support cooperation in cultural heritage activities, museum activities, gallery, folklore and activities that are related but not limited to this area of action and the interests of the diaspora community as well as host countries.

Article 6

The Parties in this agreement shall support and enhance cooperation through:



1. Exchange of experiences and drafting development policies in accordance with the domestic legislation standards and applicable international standards;
2. Realization of joint projects in all disciplines of education and culture, including seminars and trainings for various activities such as cultural heritage, visual arts, theater, cinematography, music, libraries, etc;
3. Information exchange, mutual technical and material assistance in publishing, literature and other artistic and linguistic activities;
4. Organization of joint programs of cooperation between educational, culture and art institutions (philharmonic, opera, ballet, theater, traditional song and dance ensembles, etc.) and other musical associations in the operation of diaspora culture centers;
5. Annual Coordination of Libraries, Archives, Galleries, Museums, Cultural and Artistic Institutions, book fairs, and promotion of publications in the framework of Diaspora activities;
6. Creating new networks and empowering existing ones, such as business networks, professionals, youth and students, association networks in diaspora, coordination of investment attractiveness, promotion of both countries for doing business opportunities, diaspora registration as well as areas of which is directly linked with the Albanian Diaspora;
7. Information exchange related to International Conventions in the scope of diaspora and are related to issues of identity and culture, subject of this Agreement;
8. Provide assistance in direct cooperation in the areas of protection of identity and culture for Albanian communities in Diaspora;
9. Artistic and cultural performances, in the organization of concerts, theatrical performances and other arts performances for the diaspora;
10. Realization of special exhibitions for diaspora within the framework of direct cooperation of cultural institutions; Realization of joint programs and exchange of information in the field of film, art photography, new technologies and audio-visual media and multimedia to present the common history of the diaspora;
11. Supporting contacts in the field of literature and the network of publishers in the Diaspora;
12. Encouraging direct collaboration of libraries and archives to identify Diaspora activity;
13. The Parties shall agree on the activities they will organize for each Diaspora cultural center under their own responsibility.
14. Non-commercial programming and assistance of books, periodicals and other types of typographical products for diaspora cultural centers;
15. Joint participation in book fairs and related activities to be organized in Diaspora host countries;
16. Enabling the joint publication of literature originating from Albanian diaspora communities;



Article 7

1. The Parties shall support and facilitate cooperation between registered associations and other forms of Albanian diaspora organization.
2. The Parties shall involve diaspora associations with their activities according to their field of activity and according to the plans and objectives set forth in this agreement.

Article 8

In the field of identity and culture, The Parties agree to:

1. Through Cultural Centers, improve the activity and the necessary acts in the field of protection and promotion of culture in the countries where the diaspora community is located sharing the best practices of this field, based on the legislation of the host countries, as well as the other local and international legislation applicable;
2. Promote the protection and promotion of cultural diaspora heritage in host countries;
3. Build direct cooperation between the institutions of the Parties and agencies specialized in promoting, and preserving identity and culture and identifying objects with material and non-material inheritance;
4. Promote the protection and respect of Albanian identity and culture;

Article 9

1. The Parties shall promote the development of bilateral relations with filmmakers, as well as facilitate realization of projects for joint production of films with the diaspora theme.
2. The parties will invite film producers and relevant film institutions to organize film festivals at the most popular diaspora centers.
3. The parties shall cooperate in the activities related to the film festivals for the Diaspora, organized in accordance with the festival rules and specifications.

Article 10

The Parties shall organize and coordinate all activities and events in their respective countries on the diaspora theme.

Article 11

The Parties agree to jointly harmonize and plan the annual joint national program related to the proposed activities of the two institutions of the Albanian diaspora.

Article 12

This agreement is for an indefinite period of time.



This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the latest written notice through diplomatic channels by which the Parties notify each other that they have completed the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the agreement.

Each of the Parties may withdraw from this Agreement at any time by notifying the other Party through diplomatic channels. In this case, the denunciation will take effect six (6) months from the date of receiving such notice.

This Agreement was signed in Korça, in 27 November 2017 in two original copies each in the Albanian language.