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OPENING SPEECH AT THE SSP CONFERENCE

Dear Ministers, dear Ambassador(s), ladies and gentlemen.

I am pleased and honoured as Team leader of PAMECA IV to address this event gathering representatives from the sectors of Education, Social Service and Police around an important issue such as prevention and reduction of crime and anti-social behaviours among youths.

Today's conference is organised in the framework of PAMECA IV project Workplan where strengthening of community policing (together with protection of human rights) is a dedicated Component.

Under this Component (Component 3) a specific Activity (Activity 3.2) is devoted to support Community Policing in strict collaboration and coordination with other projects.

As part of its action in the area of community policing, PAMECA IV has supported the Regional Police Directorate of Tirana in its objective to establish a inter-institutional structure for crime prevention based on the cooperation between Schools, Social service, and Police, and open to the wider participation of other actors from government, local authorities and civil society.

In support of this objective, PAMECA IV recruited and deployed an expert to design, develop and implement a pilot phase for the creation and operation of such structure in Tirana.



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The pilot phase, launched last October consisted in the establishment of an inter-institutional partnership structure at strategic level and in its mirroring at local level, involving local police officers, school teachers, and social workers.

The model is being tested in Tirana with the aim to replicate it in other regions.

Today, we will be presented in more details with School, Social Service and Police partnership (known as SSP) a successful juvenile crime prevention model, coming from a best practice in an EU Member State, Denmark, where like in Tirana and soon in all Albania, teachers, social workers and police officers join efforts to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour from affecting the young generation, our future.

I wish all a successful Conference and I would like to conclude by saying that:

PAMECA IV will continue to support the development and consolidation of the SSP organization in Tirana and its introduction and implementation in other districts of Albania.

(or alternative closing sentence)

PAMECA IV will continue to support similar initiatives based in EU MS best practices contributing to bring Albania up to European Union standards.

Thank you for your attention.

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