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Successful Good Governance Training Held in Elbasan

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Thirty-six representatives of local administrations from the Pelagonia Region in North Macedonia and the Elbasan Region in Albania participated in a two-day good governance training organised within the framework of the “Krushevo and Elbasan, Journey in Nature and Adventure” project, funded by the European Union through the IPA III Cross-Border Cooperation Programme North Macedonia and Albania.

The training brought together municipal officials, experts and local stakeholders to strengthen knowledge and skills related to transparent, accountable and inclusive local governance. Participants exchanged experiences and explored practical approaches to improving public services and increasing citizen participation.

During the training, participants discussed key principles of good governance, transparency, accountability, inclusive participation and civic engagement. Through presentations, moderated discussions, case studies and group exercises, they analysed common governance challenges faced by municipalities and identified practical solutions to address them.

Particular attention was given to:

- Strengthening transparency and accountability in local services.
- Promoting citizen participation in decision-making processes.
- Identifying barriers to inclusion and community participation.
- Developing practical activities for consultation with local communities.
- Exchanging good practices between municipalities from the two countries.

The interactive format of the training encouraged active dialogue and cooperation among participants, creating opportunities for mutual learning and strengthening cross-border partnerships.

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