

Cultural Events

»Greetings from Albania«

Albanian Days in Frederiksberg arranged in cooperation with the Albanian Embassy in Denmark, and supported by the city of Frederiksberg and the CKU.

Upcoming activities

Further information will be sent by e-mail to members and will be made public on the website.

Albanian music

Music ethnologist Birte Traerup

Albanian history og culture

Tue Magnussen and Bjoern Andersen

Albanian films

About Miqësia's experience exchange project

Managing Board

Chairman: Tue Magnussen

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If you would like to become a member,

please use the electronic form found at:

<http://miqesia.dk>

Membership fees

Single person: DKK 200

Household: DKK 300

Company/organisation: DKK 500

You can contact us at:

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Miqësia

Danish-Albanian association



In the outskirts of Tirana

<http://miqesia.dk>

Miqësia. Danish-Albanian association

Denmark supported Albania over several years through transitional assistance projects.

Albania wanted to develop from being an antiquated totalitarian regime to being a modern democracy: open to the rest of the world, and politically and economically integrated into Europe.

Denmark wanted very much to support this aim, and several different projects were set in motion.

Many Danes have visited the country either for work or pleasure, and strong links have been created.

When the transitional assistance came to an end at the close of 2003, many expected that the expertise that had been built up would be lost.

They sought a forum where people could meet and talk about Albania – not only about projects, but also about the country's people, culture, traditions, and especially the future.

The association was founded in Copenhagen in January, 2002. »Miqësia« means »friendship«.

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In the Fall of 2004, Miqësia will begin working on gathering the experiences from the various development projects. The materials will be discussed among the association, and later will be published on the internet. In addition, a report and several brochures will be published – if possible in Danish and English as well as Albanian.

The Purposes of the Association

- to develop personal and professional relations between Denmark and Albania, and to maintain the existing contacts with friends, colleagues, institutions and associations in Albania

- to broaden knowledge of history and culture, and to promote tourism

- to organize activities and exchange of experiences in a variety of fields:

information og communication
culture og science
sport
social and health sectors
humanitarian efforts
police and legal system
trade and industry

- to seek support for new activities in Albania that can promote democratic development and the country's integration into Europe

- to cooperate with other organizations that have contacts with Albania, and with all others interested in Danish-Albanian relations.

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Activities completed

on-the-way-home meetings

The Seal of Skanderbeg

Museum Director Peter Pentz,
National History Museum, Cph

The current situation

Finn Theilgaard
Chargé d'affaires, Tirana



Hans Gammeltoft-Hansen and H.H. Brydensholt

Support for build-up of new Ombudsman institutions,

Ombudsman, Professor Hans Gammeltoft-Hansen

Meetings with Albanians

Representatives of the Albanian towns in the Dibra region, about the projects that have received support from Denmark.

Film followed by presentation

»The Last Vendetta« about conflict mediation in cases of clan and blood feuds. Presentation following the film by the association's then-current chairman Hans Henrik Brydensholt.