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COOPERATION AGREEMENT AMONG MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MINISTRY OF LABOR, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

"ON IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION IN SCHOOL OF ALL COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN"

Based on Article 57 of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, Law no. 69/2012, dated 21.06.2012 "On Pre-university Education in the Republic of Albania", the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, hereinafter referred to as "parties", enter into this Agreement for coordination of work for the identification and registration in school of all compulsory school age children.

I. Scope of the agreement

The scope of this agreement is:

- 1. Involvement of all the following institutions in accomplishing basic education attendance by all children of compulsory school age.
- 2. Coordination of the Regional Education Directorates (RED) / Education Offices (EO) and schools with the local government basic units, the Registry Offices, the Child Protection Units and the Health Centers for enrolling children in compulsory education.

II. Purpose of the agreement

This agreement aims at identification and school enrollment of all children of compulsory school age.

III. Common obligations

- 1. Parties communicate constantly through employees charged with this responsibility.
- 2. Parties organize joint meetings every six months, to analyze problems encountered and to provide solutions to them.
- 3. Parties shall send each other information in hard and/or electronic copy about problems that arise during the implementation of the Agreement.

IV. Obligations of the parties

IV.1 Obligations of the Ministry of Education and Science

The Ministry of Education and Science charges the REDs/EOs and basic education schools with the following tasks:

1. The REDs, as regards the territory where their EOs are not included, and the EOs compile a single list of names of the children who should start the first grade in the next school year, by matching the two lists submitted from the relevant registry office and the pertaining medical center.

- 2. RED and EO send the list provided for <u>in paragraph 1</u> to all the schools in their jurisdiction (public and private) <u>within May.</u>
- 3. At the end of the registration period in public schools, the principals of basic education schools, both public and private, send to the relevant RED/EO the lists with the names of the children enrolled in their schools.
- 4. REDs/EOs compile the list of children who are not enrolled either in public or private schools in their jurisdiction.
- 5. REDs/EOs shall, by September, send the list referred to <u>in point 4</u>, to the reeve/elder of the area concerned and to the local police inspector.
- 6. REDs/Eos, <u>until October 15</u> send to public schools the data collected by the reeves and the local police inspectors.
- 7. Public schools identify children who belong to their area, and <u>by the end of October</u> of the new academic year undertake enrollment of the pupils and officially inform the respective RED/EO.
- 8. REDs/EOs and schools collaborate with non-profit organizations operating in the field of education, for the implementation of Law No. 69/2012, dated 21.06.2012 "On pre-university education in the Republic of Albania", for compulsory education.

IV.2 Obligations of the Ministry of Interior

The Ministry of Interior charges the registry offices, reeves and local police inspectors with the following tasks:

- 1. In April, the Registry Office sends to REDs, as regards the territory where its EOs are not included, and to EOs, the list of names of the children who should start the first grade in the next school year, given the date of the beginning of the school year.
- 2. The reeve finds in the list of children not yet enrolled, which is sent to him by RED/EO, children belonging to the area he covers and who must enroll in the

first grade in a school of the RED/EO. The names of the children are associated with their locations.

3. The Police Inspectorate finds in the list of children not yet enrolled, sent by RED/EO, those children who belong to the area covered by it and sends to the relevant RED/EO the names of the children together with their locations.

IV.3 Obligations of the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

The Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, through the State Agency for Child Rights Protection, charges the Child Protection Unit at the municipality/commune with the following duties:

- 1. To collaborate with schools and help identify children who have reached the age of compulsory education, but do not attend school.
- 2. To cooperate with public schools for enrolling children who have reached the age of compulsory education, but do not attend school and officially inform respective RED/EO.

1.4 Obligations of the Ministry of Health

- 1. <u>In April, the relevant health center</u> sends a list of the children who should start the first grade in a given school year to the Department of Public Health, which it depends on, taking into account the date of the beginning of this school year.
- 2. <u>In April, the Department of Public Health sends to RED</u>, as regards the territory that is not included in its EOs and to EOs, the list of the names of the children who should start the first grade in a given school year.

V. REPEAL OF ACTS

Any previous agreements made between the parties, which run contrary to this Agreement, shall be repealed.

VI. DURATION, SIGNING AND RESOLUTION OF AGREEMENT

- 1. The Agreement is signed for a four year period: August 2013 to July 2017.
- 2. The agreement is signed in quadruplicate, in Albanian.
- 3. The agreement can be resolved upon written request to each of the signatory parties, but only after 30 days notice.

Signed on 02/08/2013

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