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FORUM 16 Elects New Managing Board

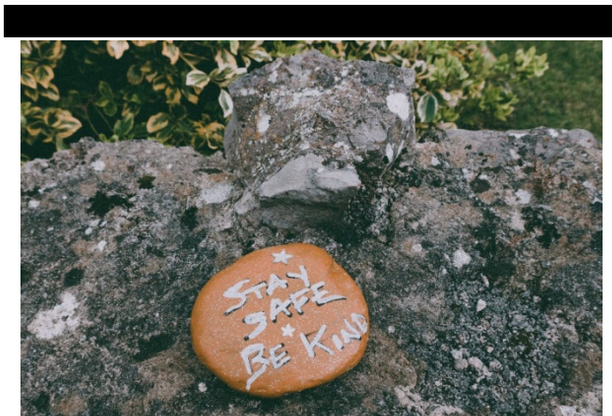
At the regular Annual Assembly of FORUM 16 which was held on November 28, 2020, a new Managing Board was elected to oversee the work of the organization. The Managing Board includes: Marija Kostovska, President; Vladimir Ristevski, Vice President and Bojana Popovska, Secretary. The founders Natasha Chavdarovska (former President) and Ivana Ivanovska (former Vice President) remain members of the Managing Board for the next four years. The sixth member is Tomislav Naumovski (the former Secretary).

Discussion: "Kino Kabaret events before and after KOVID-19: challenges and solutions"

On December 10, 2020 (when is marked the International Human Rights Day) at 18:00 (CET) via Google meet will be organized an online discussion. The aim is to identify solutions for adaptation of Kino Kabaret events in changed conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The participation should be announced on the following link. FORUM 16 through KinoBit cell is organizing Kino Kabaret Bitola since 2018 and movies produced during this event are addressing human rights issues.

Young people in action against the rumors that they only drink coffee on Shirok Sokak

From October 16-18, 2020 FORUM 16 for the third time organized the volunteer activity within the Anti-rumour campaign "Glasno Sokache - Budno Chimache". The purpose of this activity is to change the narrative and combat the rumours that "young people in Bitola only drink coffee on Shirok Sokak and do nothing", and therefore are often characterized as "lazy" and "disinterested in the community." This year the Campaign was supported by the Council of Europe through the European Youth Foundation. We produced a promotional video and wrote a Manual on how to organize anti-rumour campaigns



Stay safe and be kind!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the time is spent at home, as well as on the Internet. Since 2013, through the activities for combating hate speech online, we are constantly appealing for attention on how the time on the Internet is spent, and due to abuse of the right of free speech by individuals and groups of citizens behind the monitor. Faced with recent experience in this context, we have concluded how important the support is, offered at the moment of the attack and when it can't be obtained from the institutions responsible for that. FORUM 16 team remains more committed to offering support to victims of disinformation, insults and hate speech.