



UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION – ALBANIA

ACTIVITY REPORT 2022

January – December 2022



Meeting of UPF Presiding Council

Tirana, 15 January 2022



On January 15, 2022, the Presiding Council of UPF Albania held its first meeting of the year, with most of its members present physically, and some of them online through the zoom platform. At the end of the meeting, the national activity plan for 2022 was approved.



World Summit 2022 – High level representation from the Balkans, *Seul, 11-13 February 2022*



On February 11-14, 2022, the World Summit took place in Seoul, South Korea. The summit was organized online and with direct participation. Over 85 current and former heads of state and government participated in the Summit with their messages. **Albania and Kosovo were represented by President Meta and Prime Minister Kurti.**





Fier Peace Council remembers **the World Day of Social Justice** – *Fier, 24 February 2022*



On February 20, 2022, as part of the **World Day of Social Justice**, the Fier Peace Council held an activity to promote social justice in society. The event was held in the premises of the city's Culture Center where 70 Ambassadors for Peace, friends, guests and many young people participated. An important part of the activity was the appointment of 12 respected figures of the city of Fier as Ambassadors for Peace.





The book "**Families of the XXI century & Universal Values**" is promoted in Tirana – *25 February 2022*



On February 25, 2022, the Tirana Peace Council in cooperation with the Family Federation organized the activity to promote the book "**Families of the XXI Century and Universal Values**" co-authored by Dr. Saemira Pino and Gani Rroshi. The activity took place in the premises of the Peace Embassy where more than 120 participants attended. Former President Moisiu honored the activity with his presence, giving a welcoming speech. At the end of the activity, eight well-known figures in the academic field, letters and journalism were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace and became part of the peace family.



Activity of the Albanians' Peace Council «**Building the foundations for Peace & Development**» – *April 1st, 2022*



About 30 representatives of the **Albanians' Peace Council** from **Albania, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, the Presheva Valley and Chameria** participated in the event that took place at Tirana Hotel on April 1, 2022. The meeting addressed the current issues on the region, the impact that the war in Ukraine is bringing and how the foundations of peace and sustainable development can be consolidated, in the light of the principles of the Universal Peace Federation. **President Moisiu, President Sejdiu and Speaker of the North Macedonian Parliament Talat Xhaferi** also participated in the meeting.



Conference on "Peace, Security & Economic Development in the Western Balkans" – *Tirana, 2 April 2022*



On April 2, 2022, at the Embassy of Peace in Tirana, took place the Balkan Conference on "Peace, security and economic development in the Western Balkans". The conference was organized by the UPF Europe in partnership with the Podgorica Club, and over 130 dignitaries and Ambassadors for Peace from the Balkans and Europe attended. The conference addressed 3 topics: "The importance of peace and security in the Western Balkans in the light of current developments"; "Economic cooperation, as a precondition for reconciliation in the Balkan region"; "Youth and the future of the Balkans"



Activity of the Tirana Peace Council

«Preserving the Tradition", *Tirana, 9 April 2022*



«Preserving the Tradition" was the title of the cultural event organized at the Peace Embassy on April 9, 2022, where about 150 personalities of Albanian art and folklore and Ambassadors for Peace participated. The activity was moderated by the chair of Tirana Peace Council, Mr. Defrim Methasani and was organized in cooperation with the Family Federation. The activity was greeted by the Chairwoman of UPF Dr. Eva Çipi and the former Chairman of the National Center of Folklore Activities Mr. Esat Ruka. At the end of the activity, 12 respected personalities were appointed as Ambassador for Peace.



Ambassadors for Peace support the festival

"Family as the School of Love", *Vlora, 11 May 2022*



In the framework of the International Family Day, the Family Federation in cooperation with the UPF and Vlora Municipality organized the festival "**Family as the School of Love**", with the main aim to promote family values. Over 3000 family members, parents, grandparents and young people participated in the festival, showing their support towards the family. The march through the city, messages from dignitaries, the rich artistic program and the release of lanterns made the festival very successful.





Ambassadors for Peace support the festival

"Family as the School of Love", *Fier, 11 May 2022*



Në kuadër të Ditës Ndërkombëtare të Familjes, Federata e Familjes në bashkëpunim me Federatën e Paqes Universale dhe Bashkinë Fier zhvilluan festivalin «**Familja - Shkollë e Dashurisë**», me synim kryesor promovimin dhe lartësimin e vlerave të familjes. Mbi 3000 familjarë, prindër, gjyshër e të rinj u bënë pjesë e festivalit, në mbështetje të familje. Festivalin e përshëndetën edhe Presidenti Moisu, kryetarja e FPU, kryetarja e Këshillit të Paqes & nënkryetarja e Bashkisë.





Activity of the Kuçova Local Peace Council

Kuçovo, 13 May 2022

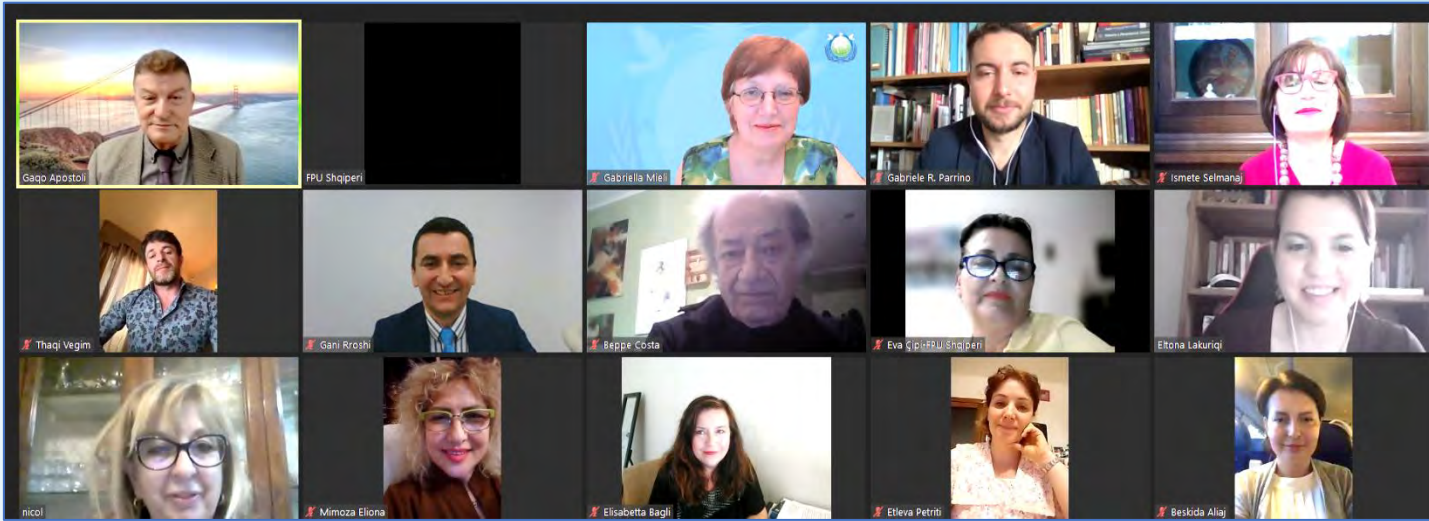


The beautiful city of Kuçova welcomed the leadership of UPF on May 13, 2022, in an event organized in the city library. The activity was honored with the presence of the MP of the area, Hon. Bardhyl Kollçaku, the Mayor of Kuçovo Municipality, the Chairperson of the Municipal Council and the Sub-Prefect of the District for the Kuçovo Municipality. At the end of the activity, 10 respected figures were appointed as Ambassador for Peace for their valuable contribution to the community.



Activity of the Albanian Peace Council Italy

Zoom platform, 13 May 2022



The Albanian Peace Council Italy organized an online activity on May 13, to expand its membership with respected ladies and gentlemen who are active in the Albanian diaspora in Italy. The activity was moderated by the Chairman of the Albanian Peace Councils for diaspora Mr. Gaqo Apostoli. Welcome speech was given by Dr. Eva Çipi - Chair of UPF Albania and Mrs. Maria Gabirella – General Secretary of the UPF Italy. In the end, 11 people received were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace.



Activity to establish the branch of Albanian Peace Council in France – *Paris, 20 May 2022*



On May 20, 2022, at the offices of the UPF in Paris, took place the activity for the establishment of the Albanians' Peace Council in France. From Albania participated Mr. Gaqo Apostoli, the coordinator of the Albanians' Peace Councils in the diaspora, and Prof. Dr. Mimoza Hafizi, chairperson of the IAPP Albania. 15 Albanian dignitaries became part of the Council. Several French Ambassadors for Peace and guests were part of the audience.



National conference "The role of media and fake news in shaping society" – Tiranë, 26 maj 2022



"The role of media and fake news in shaping society" was the theme of the event organized on May 26, 2022, where more than 100 VIPs from different fields participated. Speakers were president Moisiu, the president of the Union of Journalists Mr. Aleksandër Çipa, editor-in-chief of the sports newspaper Mr. Bashkim Tufa and investigative journalist Ms. Anila Hoxha. In the end, 9 Ambassadors for Peace were appointed, including Hon. Senida Mesi – former Deputy Prime Minister.





Memorial event for **Mrs. Lavdie Ruci**, former Chairwoman of UPF Albania – *Tirana, 26 May 2022*



On May 26, 2022, 6 months after her departure from this world, the Presiding Council of the UPF Albania, in cooperation with the Tirana Peace Council organized a memorial activity in honor of Mrs. Lavdie Ruci - former chairwoman of UPF Albania and one of the first and most dedicated activists of UPF. Heartfelt messages and a video tribute prepared with photos from her activities over the years, brought and tears to the participants.





Activity of the Dibër Peace Council on the occasion of **Children's Day** – *Maqellarë, 1 June 2022*



June 1 was chosen by the Dibër Peace Council to organize a beautiful event in Maqellare, at a high school, where over 100 people attended. The activity was moderated by the chair of Tirana Peace Council. The city Mayor, the director of the school Mr. Edmir Asllani, and the head of the Dibër Peace Council, Mrs. Donika Hysenaj gave congratulatory remarks. Dr. Saemira Pino greeted participants on behalf of UPF HQ. At the end 12 local VIPs were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace.





Appreciating the work of Children's Development Center «The Doves» – *Tirana, 1 June 2022*



On June 1, 2022, the Tirana Peace Council decided to appreciate the work of the director of the Children's Development Center «The Doves" in Tirana, Mrs. Anila Shenjtolli for the unsparing care and investment in the service of children with different abilities.



Shkodra Peace Council, «A good society is built by loving each other» – Shkodra, 8 June 2022



On June 7, 2022, the Shkodra Peace Council organized a wonderful activity at the premises of the Colosseo hotel entitled "A good society is built by loving each other". The conference hall was graced by the participation of over 100 dignitaries, Ambassadors for Peace, respected city figures and young people. In the end, some respected figures with contributions in Shkodër, but not only, were honored with the title of Ambassador for Peace.



Balkan Leadership Conference in partnership with the Government of Kosovo – *Prishtina, 11 June 2022*



On June 11, 2022, under the auspices of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and in partnership with the Washington Times, KosovaPress and the International Organization of Youth and Students for Peace, the Universal Peace Federation organized the Balkan Leadership Conference with the theme "**Peace, Security and Development in Western Balkans**". The conference took place in Swiss Diamond Hotel, where 250 participants from 14 different nations attended.





Activity of Durrës Peace Council, «Ambassadors for Peace – Added Value for the City» – Durrës, 15 June 2022



On June 15, 2022, the Durrës Peace Council organized a beautiful event to appoint new Ambassadors for Peace under the theme "**Ambassadors for Peace – added value for the city**". About 90 respected figures of the city and UPF members participated in the activity. The Chairwoman of UPF, Dr. Eva Çipi, and the Coordinator of the Albanians' Peace Councils for diaspora Mr. Gaqo Apostoli attended as well. In the end, 28 new Ambassadors for Peace joined the big family of peace.

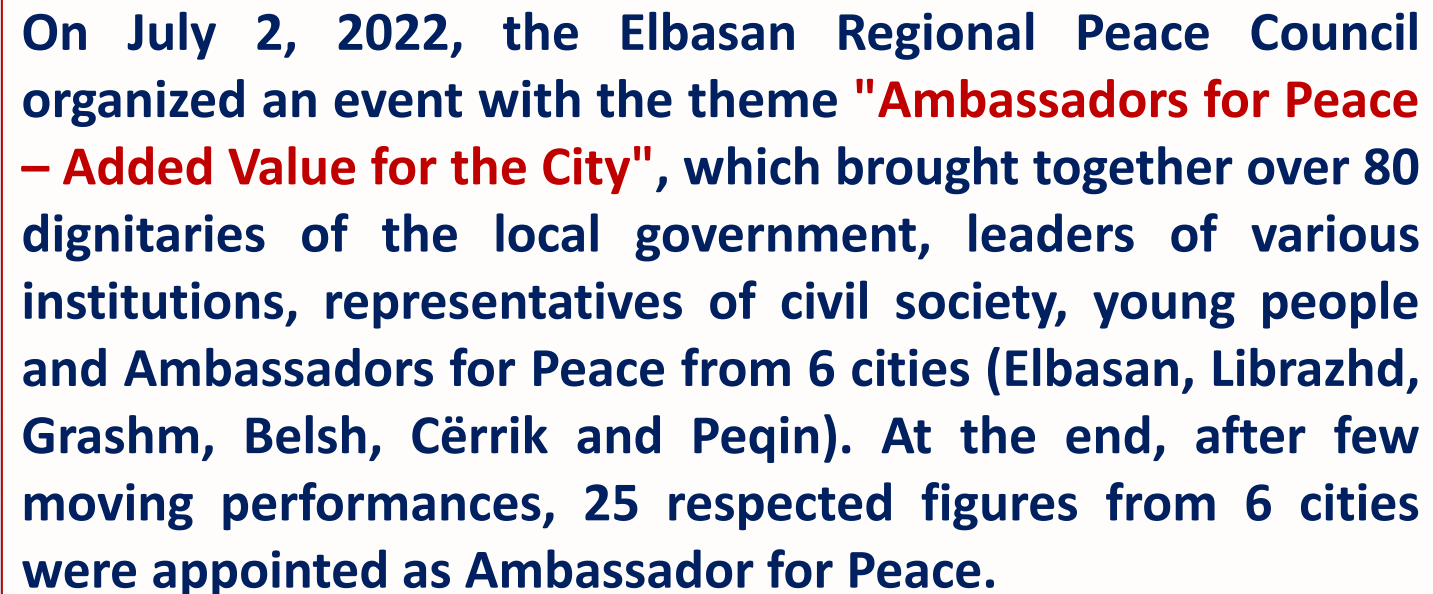




Event of Kurbin Peace Council, on the occasion of electing its new leadership – *Laç, 23 June 2022*



On June 23, 2022, the Kurbin Peace Council organized a beautiful event, bringing together about 130 respected local VIPs and Ambassadors for Peace, at the city's Cultural Center. The activity culminated with the appointment of 14 respected people as Ambassadors for Peace. **At the end of the event, the new chairman of the Kurbin Peace Council was elected Mr. Pashk Kaci, as well as the 3 vice-presidents of the Peace Council, Mrs. Majlinda Cara, Mr. Isuf Myrtaj and Mr. Imer Hysa.**





Activity to establish the **Albanian Peace Council for Austria** – *Vienna, 7 July 2022*



On July 7, 2022, the activity to establish the **Albanian Peace Council for Austria** took place in Vienna. More than 70 people participated in the event, including well-known Albanian personalities from Austria, Ambassadors for Peace from Vienna and other guests. At the end, 15 prominent Albanians living in Austria were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace, thus forming the Albanians' Peace Council for Austria. Chairman of the Peace Council was elected Mr. Bahri Troja.



International Leadership Conference

Tirana – Peace Embassy, 5 August 2022



On August 5, 2022, under the auspices of President Alfred Moisiu, the International Leadership Conference on **"Peace and Security in the Western Balkans - Towards Integration in the European Union"** at the Peace Embassy in Tirana. About 100 dignitaries, Ambassadors for Peace, guests and young people participated in the event. The referees were respected personalities & experts from Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro and North Macedonia. In the end, 9 VIPs were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace.





International Leadership Conference

Seul, South Korea – 10-15 August 2022



On August 11-15, 2022, the International Leadership Conference on the theme **“Contemporary challenges to the global order: towards peace, security & sustainable development”** took place in Seoul, Korea, attended by over 250 VIPs from around the world. From Albania attended Hon. Senida Mesi - former Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Saemira Pino - former Deputy Minister of Education, Mr. Lutfi Dervishi & Mr. Aurel Boriçi.





Event of Kuçova Peace Council

Library of the city, 15 August 2022



On August 15, 2022, with the initiative of some respected figures of the city of Kuçova, Ambassadors for Peace and with the support of the Kuçova Peace Council, the book "**Kuçova Unicef**" by the author Lindita Kurti was promoted in the city's library. In the end, after a presentation on the Universal Peace Federation and its principles, 6 respected figures of the city were appointed as Ambassador for Peace.





The project **"Young people co-design their cities and the future of Europe"** started, *19 – 27 August 2022*



On August 19, 2022, 20 young people from Albania, Kosovo, Austria, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Moldova, the Czech Republic and Venezuela joined together to implement the project **"Youth co-design their cities and the future of Europe"**. In close cooperation with the Municipality of Tirana, youth leaders worked hard to prepare project ideas for 3 public spaces in Tirana, and to transform them into functional and suitable spaces for the young people and the residents of the areas.



The project **"Youth co-design their cities and the future of Europe"** concluded successfully – 27 August 2022



On August 27, 2022, around 120 young people and Ambassadors for Peace gathered at the Embassy of Peace for the closing event of the project **"Youth co-design their cities and the future of Europe"**. 3 teams of young people from Albania, Kosovo, Austria, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Moldova, the Czech Republic and Venezuela, worked non-stop for 8 days to study the 3 public spaces determined in cooperation with the Municipality of Tirana, and to prepare a project -ideas to transform those public spaces to be more functional and suitable for young people and residents of the areas.



"Peace starts with me" – a project to promote the work of UPF founders – 31. 08 – 03. 09. 2022



The Peace Councils of Lezha, Vlora Fier and Tirana supported the project organized by the Family Federation "Peace starts with me" with the aim of promoting the life, work and extraordinary achievements of the founders of the Universal Peace Federation around the world. The mobile exhibition started on August 31 in Lezha, on September 1st in Vlora, on September 2nd in Fier and closed on September 3rd in Tirana.





"YOU ALSO CAN DO IT" – a project to support orphan children – *Tirana, 7 September 2022*



On September 7th, 2022, the project **"You Also Can Do It"** with the aim to provide educational equipment for 50 orphan children from the district of Kavaja was successfully finalized. The final event was organized by the Family Federation, UPF and the National Institute for the Integration of Albanian Orphans. In the end, the Family Federation and the UPF Albania awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Ilir Çumani in the context of the 20th anniversary of the National Institute for the Integration of Albanian Orphans.





2-day activity by the Albanian Peace Council USA

"Memories for continuity", 12–13 September 2022

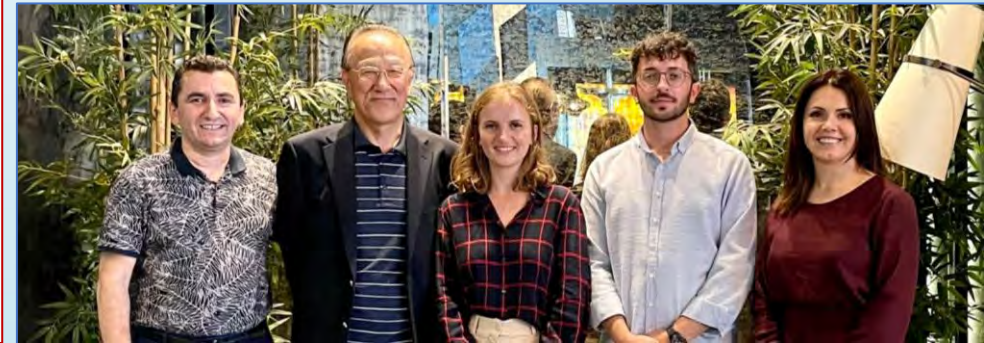


"Memories for continuity" was the motto that poets, writers, painters & artists from the Albanian diaspora and from Albania, as well as Ambassadors for Peace, gathered together in Elbasan city, on September 12 to commemorate the well-known Albanian poets and artists. The two-day event – in Elbasan & Struga – was undertaken by the Albanian Peace Council USA, lead by Mrs. Iliriana Sulkuqi. Part of the activity was also the appointment of 14 respected personalities as Ambassadors for Peace.





Dr. Katsumi Otsuka – Chair of UPF for Europe & Middle East, visits the Balkans, 12 – 21 September 2022



During his visit to the Balkans, the Chair of UPF for Europe & ME, Dr. Otsuka, visited Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia and Greece. The purpose of his visit was to hold meetings with high dignitaries in these countries, as well as leaders of the UPF and Ambassadors for Peace. Among others, Dr. Otsuka met with President Moisiu, President Vujanovic and Speaker of the Parliament of North Macedonia Talat Xhaferi.



Activity on the occasion of **the International Day of Peace** in Tirana – *20 September 2022*



In the framework of the International Day of Peace, on September 20, 2022, UPF organized an activity with the theme **"PEACE STARTS FROM ME"**. More than 120 personalities from different fields, young people and Ambassadors for Peace attended. In the end, 10 VIPs were appointed as Ambassador for Peace. Among them were H.E. Bamir Topi - Former President of Albania, Deputy Minister of Tourism - Hon. Almira Xhembulla, the director of Faxnews - Mrs. Nertila Spiri, the businessman Mr. Lutfi Nuri, the publicist Memi Llubani,, etc.



«Leadership and Good Governance», 1 – day training for high school students – 15 October 2022

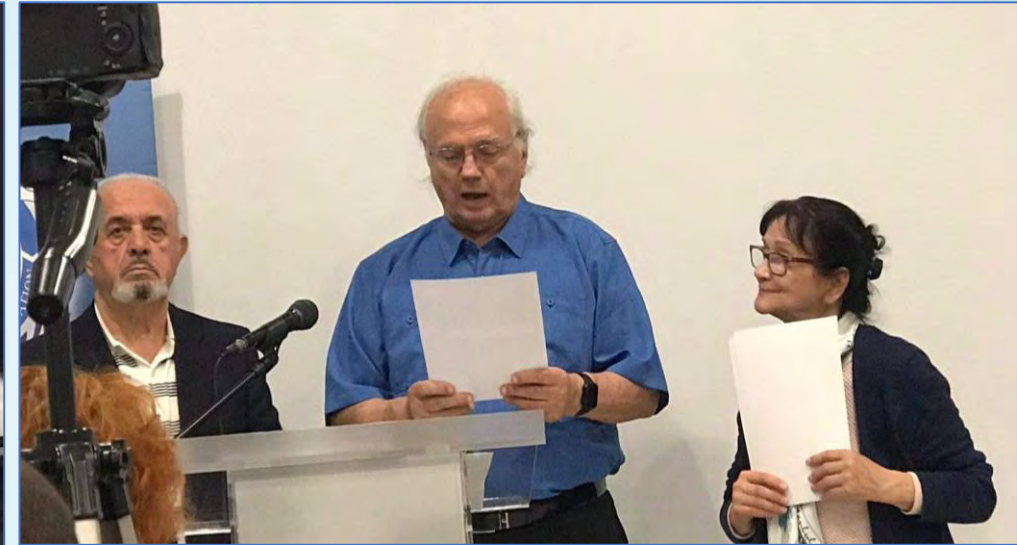


On October 15, 2022, 1-day training on "Leadership and Good Governance" took place at the Embassy of Peace. The training, which was part of the project "Me - Active Part of My City", in the framework of *Tirana - the European Youth Capital for 2022*, brought together 90 high school students from high schools of Vlora, Fier and Tirana.





Activity of the **Albanians' Peace Council USA** in Tirana, *Peace Embassy, 27 October 2022*



On October 27, 2022, the Albanians' Peace Council USA organized at the Peace Embassy in Tirana the activity called **"Voices that Follow Me"**, organized by Mrs. Iliriana Sulkuqi. About 70 personalities participated, including poets, artists and representatives of the local government. In the end, 12 distinguished VIPs were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace.



Activity of the **Albanians' Peace Council** in **Germany** – *Pforzheim, 6th of November 2022*



On November 6, 2022, the **Albanian Peace Council Germany** in the framework of Independence Day celebrations, organized a beautiful event in the city of Pforzheim, where about 100 activists of the Albanian diaspora attended, as well as representatives of the Kosovo consulate. About 30 activists of the Albanian diaspora were appointed as Ambassador for Peace.





High-level conference at **Vienna Diplomatic Academy** – *Vienna, 11 November 2022*



On November 11, 2022, at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna in Austria, the UPF in cooperation with the Podgorica Club organized a high-level conference on the topic: **"Relations between the Western Balkans and the European Union – Challenges and Prospects"**. The conference was attended by about 160 dignitaries from the Balkans and Europe, representatives from 17 diplomatic missions in Austria, Ambassadors for Peace and 7 former presidents and prime ministers from the Balkans.



«Leadership and Good Governance», second training for high school students – 13 November 2022



On November 13, 2022, the training on "Leadership & Good Governance" took place for the second time. The second training, part of the "Me, active part of my city" project, brought together 80 high school students from high schools of Korça, Shkodra, Durrës and Tirana.





International conference on the family "**Family, society and Universal values**" – *Tirana, 19 November 2022*



UPF Albania, in partnership with the International Professors for World Peace Academy, organized on November 19, 2022, at the premises of the Embassy of Peace in Tirana, the scientific conference entitled "Family, Society and Universal Values**". About 100 social science researchers, political scientists, demographers, lawyers, sociologists, educators, teachers and professors, psychologists, social workers, philosophers and historians, young people as well as Peace Ambassadors participated.**



The final activity of the project **“Me - Active Part of my city”** – *Tiranë, 10 December 2022*



“Me - Active Part of my city”, was the title of the project which was realized by the Family Federation for World Peace & Unification in partnership with the UPF. The project was developed in the framework of **Tirana as the European Capital of Youth for 2022**. In the final event, which was held on December 10, 2022 at the Peace Embassy, 150 young people from Tirana, Durrës, Korça, Shkodra, Fier and Vlora, along the performances, the winners of the public speaking contest were also announced.



Seminar për Ambasadorët për Paqe «**Duaj Zotin, Duaj Njerëzit, Dua Kombin**» – *Mal i Zi, 16-18 dhjetor 2022*



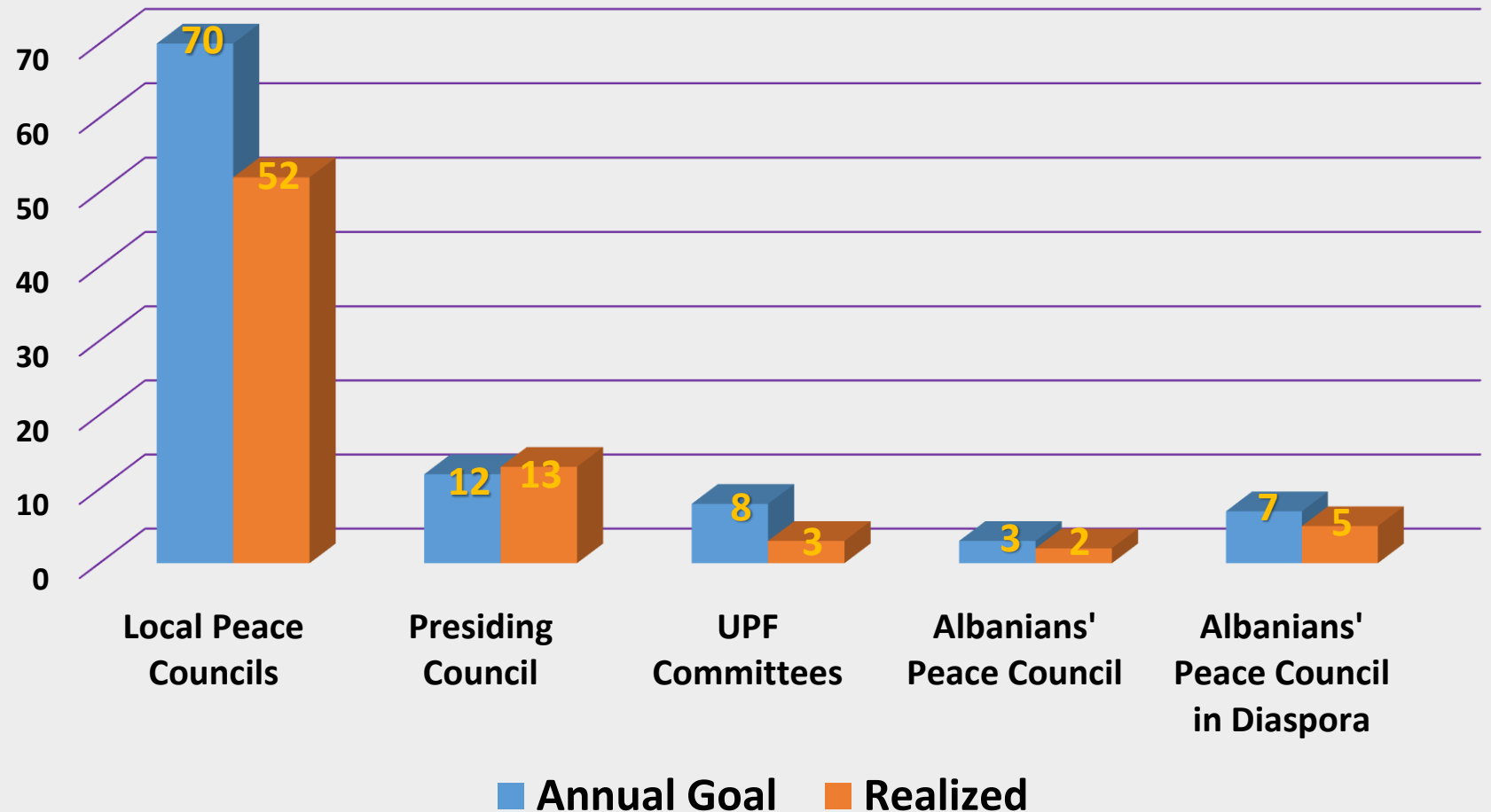
“Duaj Zotin, Duaj Njerëzit, Dua Kombin” titullohej seminari që u zhvillua nga data 16 – 18 dhjetor në ambientet e Hotel Palas Lux, në Petrovac të Malit të Zi. Seminari, i organizuar nga Federata e Paqes Universale në bashkëpunim me Federatën e Familjes për Paqe Botërore & Bashkim, pati si synim njohjen e Ambasadorëve për Paqe me parimet e paqes, duke eksploruar më në detaje disa nga Parimet e Unifikimit, që janë pjesë e filozofisë udhëheqëse të FPU. Në seminar morën pjesë 55 Ambasadorë për Paqe.



UPF activities in numbers & graphs

**During 2022,
UPF Albania
organized 75
activities,
out of 100
activities
planned at the
beginning of
the year**

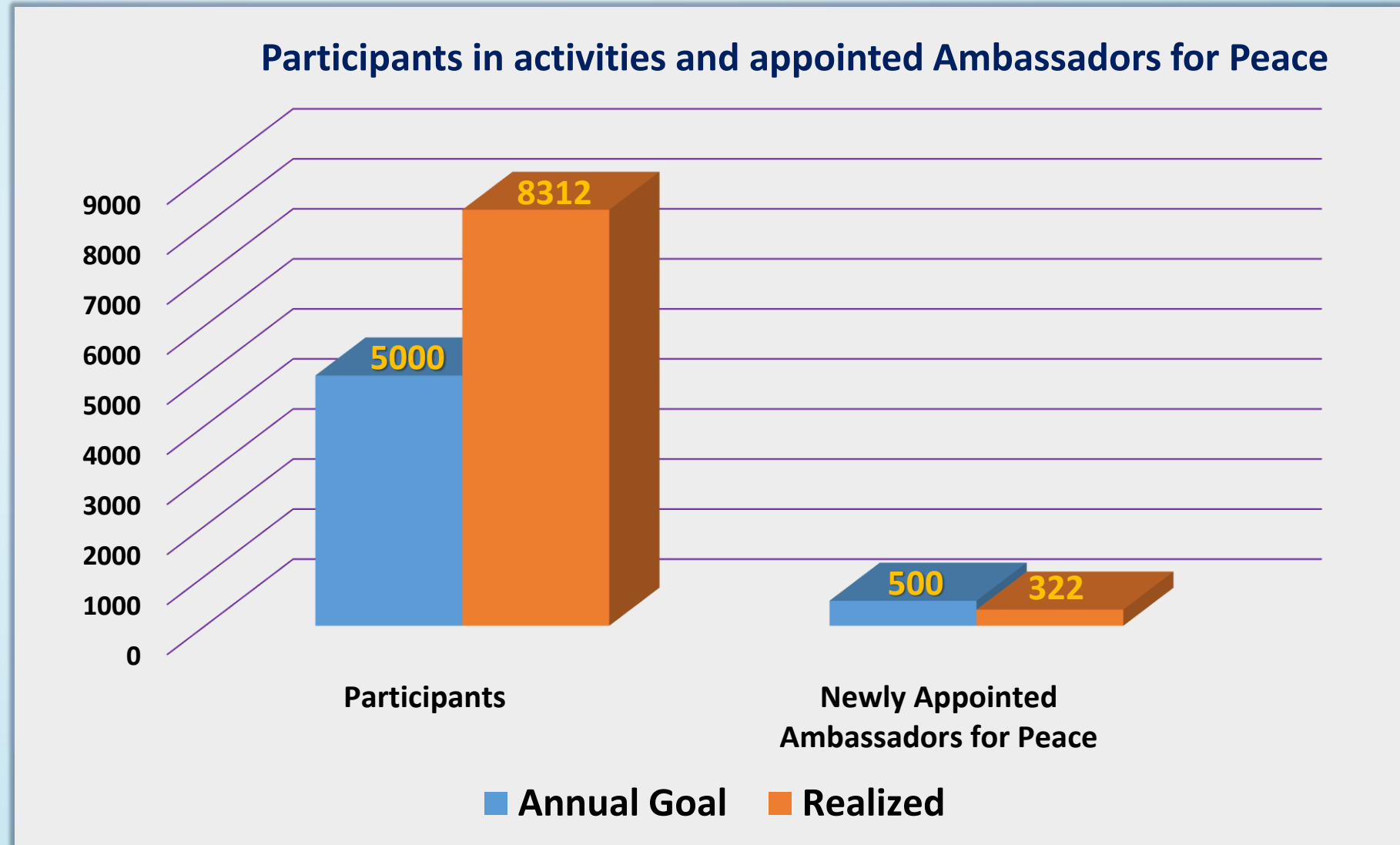
Organized activities compared to the annual goal





UPF activities in numbers & graphs

In total, 8312 people attended UPF activities and 322 new AfP were appointed, compared to the annual goal of 5000 participants and 500 new AfPs to be appointed





UPF Albania – Plan of activities for 2023

No.	Events to be organized by UPF Albania during 2023	Number of events
1	Events organized in Local Peace Councils	61
2	Events organized by the Presiding Council	5
3	Events organized by UPF Committees	5
4	Events of Albanians' Peace Council, Balkan	2
5	Events of Albanians' Peace Council, Diaspora	3
6	Divine Principle Seminar for AfPs in Montenegro, North Macedonia or Albania	1
7	Special events (national or regional, UPF board)	3
8	New Ambassadors for Peace to be appointed during 2022	400
9	The total number of participants to participate in UPF events during 2022	5000
	TOTAL NUMBER OF EVENTS	80 events



UPF Albania – Plan of activities for 2023

No.	National and Regional Activities during 2023	Month
1	International Scientific Conference on the Family	March 2023
2	Seminar for Ambassadors for Peace, Montenegro or North Macedonia	April 2023
3	Event on the occasion of International Day of Families	May 2023
4	International Leadership Conference in Kosovo (WFWP, UPF & YSP)	June 2023
5	Event on the occasion of the International Day of Peace	September 2023
6	“Balkan Peace Road” project – UPF and YSP	September 2023
7	Balkan Leadership Conference in Skopje, North Macedonia – UPF & Podgorica Club	October 2023
8	Youth Activity – UPF in partnership with FFWPU and YSP	October 2023
9	Project in partnership with other organizations – Independence Day celebrations	November 2023
10	Seminar for Ambassadors for Peace, Montenegro or North Macedonia	November 2023
11	Project in partnership with other organizations	December 2023
12	End of the year activity	December 2023
	Number of National and Regional Activities during 2023	12 Activities



THANK YOU!