



The short report on training of the Slovak Expert, director of Slovak Foreign Policy Association – Alexander Duleba

The meeting with the Slovak expert Alexander Duleba took place on October 16 in Comrat in the Hall of Art Gallery. Participants of the meeting were representatives of different structures and organizations, representatives of civil society, experts of the GaMCon project, young leaders and also the Deputy of Bashkan for social problems.

The main idea of the meeting “*In search for political consensus: How to bring expert solutions to political life?*” was to discuss the questions regarding the organizational issues of the working groups meetings of Gagauzian Modernization Convention. Alexander Duleba, as one of the authors of this platform tried to present the whole idea and aim of this activity.



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He told about the Slovak experience in this field in details. Slovak Republic passed similar stages in its development as the Republic of Moldova. The emergence of such convention was necessary for better discussion of the state decision making process. Over time, this structure became very influential and almost 80% of their recommendations were accepted by the state government.

However, Gagauzia has their own characteristic features which demand a special approach. Mr Duleba emphasized that, first of all, it is necessary to involve the interested citizens and the state bodies as much as possible in different sectors of work.



Secondly, the high-qualitative research in the context of the discussed issues has the key role in this platform. The convention has to combine professional knowledge and public discussion, because only in this way we can get more quality results.

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We want to emphasize, that opinions of participants were in many aspects similar and pointed that the civil society in Gagauzia is not as active and interested in participation in such discussions as it could be. But the Slovak experience of carrying out the convention shows that holding meetings and discuss important questions also with participation of citizens is inherent. Participants came to a conclusion that it is necessary to make a lot of efforts in order to involve them into such process.



Among others, regional growth, social problems, tourism, business were discussed. All these issues can be also submitted for discussion among citizens. If we will all together get involved in this work and if the government will meet people's demands, it should lead to an establishment of the decision-making process in the format of national convention.

All participants had a lot of interesting remarks and questions during a whole session and everybody came with interesting ideas how to develop this thesis further.

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