



## GPKT Phase II – Municipal Capacity Building Report No. 2

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### **GPKT Municipalities Third Friendly Football Tournament - 'Football Without Borders' becomes a traditional annual event**



The third 'Football Without Borders' tournament brought together football teams from the four GPKT municipal administrations on 6 June 2007 - the same date as last year's event. This year, with EWI's support, the municipality of Kumanovo hosted the tournament, which is aimed at building relationships between staff of the four municipal administrations. Teams were composed of municipal staff and, among the supporters, this year the mayors of Presevo and Trgoviste were also present at the tournament.

Zoran Pavlovski from Kumanovo municipality and Chrissie Hirst from EWI opened the event, which took place in the Sports Hall in Kumanovo. The teams played 30-minute matches, and were refereed by sports teachers from GPKT schools, who are engaged in the GPKT Education Committee activities. As in previous years, EWI provided T-shirts for all the teams. The local media stations RTV Presevo from Presevo, Radio Duga from Trgoviste and TV Nova from Kumanovo covered the event.

Following four intense matches - two qualification matches and two finals - the home team of Kumanovo won the tournament, after scoring against the Gjilan/Gnjilane team on penalties; Trgoviste came third and Presevo fourth. The winner was awarded a trophy, and certificates were given to all teams and referees. The tournament ended with Kumanovo municipality inviting the participating teams to attend the tournament next year, which they kindly offered to host. The tournament was followed by lunch with around 60 participants and guests continuing their friendly engagement.



The previous friendly football tournaments took place in Gjilan/Gnjilane in 2006 and 2005. The event is organized in the framework of EWI's efforts to strengthen the relations between the four GPKT municipalities, and has been enjoying the support of all local administrations.