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Naming of the school in Mamuşa/Mamushë – in quod of institutional [mis]communication

Within the project of monitoring the work of the municipal executive of Mamuşa/Mamushë, in May EC Ma Ndryshe has reviewed the issue of re-naming of the Lower Secondary School in this municipality.

According to the observations during monitoring it is evidenced that Mamuşa/Mamushë Municipality uses the name “Anadolu” for this school, while the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, in their official documents, refers to it as PLSS “Haxhi Ymer Lutfiu”.

In regard to this issue, the Municipal Assembly of Mamuşa/Mamushë, in its meeting held on 31 March 2011 voted for the re-naming of the PLSS to “Anadolu”.

On 12 April 2011, the Mayor, Mr. Arif Bütüç, through an official letter addressed to the Minister of MEST, Mr. Ramë Buja, a request for the approval of the new name of the school. As Mamuşa/Mamushë municipality receives no response from the Ministry of Education, the request was repeated on 19 August 2011. The same request on 4 July 2012 was submitted also to the Committee on School Denomination at MEST.

However, according to the Mayor of Mamuşa/Mamushë, MEST still has not issued an official response whether the name of the PLSS in Mamuşa/Mamushë was approved or not.

Administrative Instruction 10/2008 of MEST defines the procedure for naming and renaming of schools. It is clarified therein that schools can be named by: a) Name of personality, b) Geographic name, and c) A meaning name. It also determines the procedure to be followed for naming or renaming of schools, where it is required that “to the MED recommendation a written reason should be given” and that “the complete request should be sent to MEST for the name of the school.”

In the case of Mamuşa/Mamushë these procedures were not accurately followed. However, the highest municipal body, the Municipal Assembly, has approved the decision for the naming of the PLSS.

Therefore, EC Ma Ndryshe considers that MEST would prove rectitude if it would send an official response to Mamuşa/Mamushë Municipality regarding the request for (re)naming of this school. Also to clarify whether or not the procedures were adhered to and what steps should further take Mamuşa/Mamushë Municipality for this matter to be resolved within the existing legal framework.

EC Ma Ndryshe considers that institutional communication between central and local levels should be channelled on daily basis in order to provide solutions to citizens’ concerns.

EC Ma Ndryshe expresses its view that the resolution of this procedural matter should not have lasted for more than two years, but it supposed to be settled in an optimal timeframe so that the official name of the school would not remain in abeyance.

EC Ma Ndryshe calls upon the MEST to review this issue and give a merited response to Mamuşa/Mamushë Municipality.

Whereas Mamuşa/Mamushë Municipality is recommended that when rendering decisions to be thorough in adhering to the procedures set forth by laws and sub-acts (bylaws).

Project of EC Ma Ndryshe for transparency oversight of the executive branch shall continue on publicizing the monitoring findings through regular press releases and project's website, where the findings shall be posted directly by the monitors. So far, all the monitoring findings, including regular press releases and other information relative to local government of Mamuşa/Mamushë, are published on regular basis on the project's website: www.online-transparency.org.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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