

Follow-up topical discussion at Debar

In addition to the public debates organized in 2007 in Delcevo and Debar, topical discussions as follow-up of the public debates took place in those cities in 2008.

In order to celebrate traditional Muslim holiday *Ramazan*, on 25th September, 2008 in Debar, gathering of people with Christian and Muslim religion was organized. It started with a traditional Ramazan dinner for 152 representatives of different ethnic communities, NGOs, local religious communities and local governments of Debar, Centar Zhupa and Rostuse. After the dinner, a public discussion named *Religious holidays – bridges for bounding ethnic communities* was organized. Main goal of this discussion was to strengthen the quality of joint life between different ethnic communities, as well as to achieve mutual familiarization on the occasion of religious holidays and tradition. Initiation of networking between NGO's from the region was a subject of discussion, as well.

An overview about this discussion was broadcasted on TV Kanal 5, TV Zupa and Albanian program on national Macedonian television.