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## INVITATION

*Dear Colleagues and Friends,*

Institute for Activism and Social Change is organizing a Closing Event within the program “Right to Truth – Fact or Fiction” for the launching of the assessment report on legal and institutional contexts of *supporting the families of missing persons during communist dictatorship in Albania*.

Through the presentation of some key findings, the discussion of the recommendations with state actors, national human rights institutions, civil society and academics, we aim to address the actual needs in dealing with the past, the fundamental importance of the family engagement through comparative lens with ECHR case law and other countries legacies. Such approach may be a point of reflection for the Albania’s challenges towards consolidation of rule of law. This event is organized:

 **6 JULY**       **10.00 – 12.30 h**  
      @ **WISDOM University auditorium**  
(Rr. Medar Shtylla, Komuna e Parisit)

This event is organised within the framework of the program “Public awareness raising on transitional justice and reconciliation: addressing the issue of missing persons during the communist regime” implemented by ICMP- AIDSSH, with the support of the European Commission and the Embassy of Switzerland in Albania.

Your participation in this event is considered valuable in the process of legal and institutional solutions.

Looking forwards to meeting You in person!

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## PROGRAM

9.30 *Registration – coffe to go*

*Participants are invited to take copies of the publication*

**10.0 – 10.30 OPENING** - Panel and welcoming speeches

- Mrs. Blerta Balili, Chair of Board – IASC

- Mr. Luigj Ndou, Head of Government Relations, ICMP

- Mrs. Ardita Repishti, AIDSSH

**Moderator:** *Prof. As. Dr. Ervin Karamuço, professor of Penal Law and Criminology*

**10.30- 12.30** Fact findings and recommendations from the Assessment report on legal and institutional contexts of *supporting the families of missing persons during communist dictatorship in Albania*

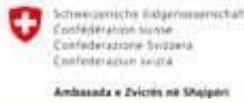
Expert Panelists: Dr. Anita Pilika & Mrs. Erinda Bllaca, IASC

**Discussions and reflections** - with contribution of participants

12.30 Closing of the day/ Buffet

With participation of:

- ÷ *Institution of People's Advocate*
- ÷ *Commissioner for the protection from Discrimination*
- ÷ *Judicial structures*
- ÷ *Law enforcement structures*
- ÷ *Local Government structures*
- ÷ *Representatives of FPP organizations*
- ÷ *Representatives from civil society and media*
- ÷ *Academics and researchers, etc AND*
  
- ÷ *Everyone who considers his/ her contribution important towards solving the Issue!!!*



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## # About the program:

Right to Truth has emerged as a legal concept at the national and international levels, and it does relate with the state's obligation to provide information to victims or to their families or even society as a whole about the circumstances surrounding serious violations of human rights. Such right is supposed to fulfill and that go way above and beyond merely finding guilt or innocence of particular individuals.

The project is a unique opportunity to increase participation in transitional and reconciliation justice processes for the families of the missing persons during communism in Albania. It empowers human rights "monitoring" approach by civil society actors vis-a-vis governmental information. It provides a possibility for networking and joint actions for the cause.

The Institute for Activism and Social Change thanks all the involved actors that empower the program impact for the sake of all the sufferings of families that still search for their missing beloved during the past communist period in Albania.

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