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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH

## IUSY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Full name of the organization (both in original language and in English)
"Lëvizja Studentore për Barazi - STUDIM, KRITIKË, VEPRIM " (The Student Movement for Equality - STUDY, CRITIQUE, ACTION)
2. Abbreviated name of the organization
SKV (Albanian) - SCA (English)
3. Country of origin
Republic of Kosova
4. Region of origin
Prishtina
5. Date of establishment
Founded on April 12, 2010/ Registered as an NGO on April 4, 2012
6. Address of the headquarters
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9. Website (URL)
We have a very active facebook page since April 2010: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/StudimKritikeVeprim/">https://www.facebook.com/StudimKritikeVeprim/</a>



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## ORGANIZATIONAL INFO

10. What are the main bodies of the organization?

*[Please define the electoral procedure, number of people elected, quotas based on certain criteria – if applicable]*

1. The General Council (50 members)
2. The Presiding Council (12 members)
3. The Secretariats (5 secretariats)

1. The General Council of the Organization is comprised of the delegates from each of the University Faculty branches of “SCA”. It is the highest decision making body of the “SCA”, except for decisions taken through an internal referendum (direct democracy) of all the members of the organization.

The members of an “SCA” Branch in a University Faculty elect the delegates to the General Council.

(Please refer to Article 5 of the Statute of the SCA)

2. The Presiding Council of the organization is the highest decision making body during the period of time between two sessions of the General Council, and acts in alignment with the Statute of the “SCA” and the decisions of the General Council.

The Presiding Council consists of at least 7 members and cannot exceed 15 members. The number of the members of the Presiding Council is decided by the General Council at the beginning of each year, and the mandate of each member cannot exceed 24 months.

At least three of the members of the Presiding Council are: the General Secretary, the Organizational Secretary, and the Secretary of Finance.

The members of the Presiding Council may be reelected up to two consecutive mandates.

(Please refer to Article 7 of the Statute of the SCA)

3. The secretariats of the “SCA” are executive bodies which are headed by the Organizational Secretary. Upon a presented need, the Presiding Council, the General Secretary, or the Organizational Secretary may delegate various duties to the Secretariats.

We have the following secretariats:

- Secretariat for Media and Communication
- Secretariat for the Ideo-Political Formation
- Secretariat for Activities
- Secretariat for Finances/Fundraising
- Secretariat for Logistics

(Please refer to Article 10 of the Statute of the SCA)



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11. When was the last Congress held?
January 17, 2017
12. President
Flamur Pireva (We do not use the term "president" for the head of our organization. Flamur Pireva is our elected Secretary General).
13. Secretary General
Nurimshahe Demalijaj (Organizational Secretary).
14. International Representative
Gurjeta Zeka
15. Feminist Coordinator
Elona Kurti
16. LGBT / Queer Coordinator
We have not yet assigned an activist for this position.
17. Number of members
560
18. Age limit and average age
Age limit: 17-30. Average age: 21
19. How many regions of the country does the organization cover with its branches? [Please name them]
Our main office is in Prishtina, the capital city, and our activities are mainly concentrated in Prishtina. However, our members are from all over Kosova and many of our activities also occur in other municipalities of the country.



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## ACTIVITIES & POLITICAL AGENDA

20. What are the political aims/objectives of your organization?
The SCA engages in the organization of students towards a common achievement of social emancipation. SCA will fight the degradation of the educational institutions, which are organized and act upon the needs of neoliberal market principles. The SCA defies the authoritative professor-student relationship and stands against injustice and against the oppression that is produced by such institutions, not only towards the students, but towards the administrative and academic staff as well. The SCA aims the continuous cultivation of a self-critical university spirit, whose purpose is the direct participation of students in the major social transformations through theoretical formation, argument based criticism, and organization and as well as the direct engagement on the ground to affirm willpower as an actor of progressive processes.
21. What are the organizational aims/objectives of your organization?
Our organizational aim is to strengthen our organization within the public university of Prishtina and grow in membership. We also aim to expand with new branches in private universities and other municipalities of the country. Furthermore, we aim to build stronger international partnerships with youth forums and other student movements around the world.
22. What are your main fields of activity?
The activities of the SCA have included extracurricular lectures, research regarding the state of the University, symbolic direct actions, screening of movies, scientific tribunes, roundtables, conferences, workshops, study analyses, rallies, and protests.
23. What have been your political priorities in the last two years?
In the past two years, the SCA has been engaged in the sensibilization of students not only regarding issues pertaining to education but also to the main challenges facing Kosova today regarding brutal privatizations of the main public companies and the internal re-organaztion of the state. During this time, we have also been engaged in expanding the university libraries, equipping them with more titles, digitalizing them, and especially creating a new publishing house which our university lacks.
24. Do you organise campaigns? On which topics?
One of the main topics which has marked our activities from the first day we were founded is free public education, an issue for which we have organized dozens of different types of activities. However, we have held discussions in many faculties of the University regarding the law on the protection of copyrights, which was making the stundets' access to books and movies more difficult. After these discussions, the SCA has continued to engage in demanding the establishment of a publishing house within the University, for which we have proposed to create a committee which will deal with evaluating and translating the necessary literature for stundets, in order for the students to pay less and gain more knowledge. We have also been activey engaged in the national "Buy local" campaign that promotes local production and local products.
25. Do you organise seminars? On which topics?



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Yes, we do organize seminars where we invite various speakers depending on the topic of the seminars. The topics of seminars relate from the daily difficulties that students face in the university up to the topics that mark the current political discourse in the country.

The most recent lectures we have organized are as follows:

- "The Justice System in Kosova" - Tome Gashi, Lawyer.
- "Politics as a Public Engagement" - Dukagjin Gorani, Journalist and Professor
- "The Political Nature of the People" - Elvis Hoxha, Professor of Philosophy from Tirana

26. Does your organization have representative(s) in the Parliament?

We have representatives in the Student Parliament of the University of Prishtina we, and we cooperate with the MPs of "Lëvizja VETËVENDOSJE!" (The Movement for SELF-DETERMINATION!) to push forward our political program in the parliament of the Republic.

27. What are the organizations in your country you co-operate with? (I.e. youth/ students'/ trade unions/ feminist)

We cooperate with the following organizations:

- The Pro-European Student Union
- The Student Reform
- The Student Peace
- The Stand-Up Movement
- Artpolis - Art and Community
- Kosovar Center for Security Studies - KCSS
- The Union Federation of the Farmers of Kosova

28. Are there any other youth organizations in your country considered on the left side of the political spectrum?

*[If yes, please indicate the names, the level of cooperation and examples of such cooperation]*

No, unfortunately, there are not.

29. Is there a national youth council in your country?

*[If yes, please indicate your role]*

No, there are only local high school student councils under the framework of each municipality.



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## POLITICAL & ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

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29. Is there a national youth council in your country? <i>[If yes, please indicate your role]</i>
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30. Do you have cooperation with youth organizations from other countries?
Yes, we have contacts and we are in cooperation with the Youth Forum of the Albanian Socialist Party (FRESSH) and the Youth Forum of the Socialist Movement for Integration (FR-LSI) in Albania.
31. Do you have a mother party? What are the relations between your organization and the party? <i>(In terms of status, administration, policy)</i>
<p>There is a political entity in Kosova with which we are closely connected, that is "Lëvizja VETËVENDOSJE!" (The Movement for Self-determination - MSD). MSD is a political movement founded in 2005 in Kosova. The main principle of MSD is that of self determination, based on the conviction that freedom means little if people have no choice of the path for their collective future. In their view, in a democracy, political rights and human rights should go hand in hand with economic rights. Therefore, in their political program they emphasize center-left policies that seek economic development and combat unemployment through a production based economy, investment in education and training, and a fair redistribution of income through progressive taxation. They believe that the state in Kosova has an important role to play in supporting the development of the main strategic sectors of the economy, while concurrently fulfilling its obligation to secure the social welfare of the citizens of the Republic. They see our country's future firmly embedded in and connected with a democratic and social Europe, and for this they support Kosova's membership in the European Union.</p> <p>MSD participated for the first time in parliamentary elections in Kosova in 2010, and now they have grown to become the largest political opposition in parliament. Moreover, In November, 2013, the Movement for SELF-DETERMINATION ran for the first time in local elections in Kosova, and won the race for Mayor of the capital city, Prishtina, while also winning a number of seats in the local assemblies in most of the municipalities of the country.</p> <p>Our Constitution ensures our independence from the Movement for Self-determination (MSD), but we have</p>



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an agreement with the MSD, based also on their Constitution, where we participate with our delegates as members with full rights in the General Council of the MSD - the highest decision-making body of the MSD which meets at least once every three months. The General Council of the MSD is comprised of 200 members, three of which are delegates of our organization. Our delegates in the General Council of the MSD have equal speaking and voting rights as all the other members of the General Council of MSD. Many of our former members now hold high decision making positions within MSD.

32. When were the last elections held? Did your organization participate in a campaign?  
*[If yes, please indicate: with what message? was it the same as the party's one?]*

In the spring of 2012, we decided to run in the elections for the Student Parliament of the University of Prishtina, because we believe that in achieving our goals we need to combine direct action with the work inside institutions. We registered with the state as an NGO and we ran in our first Student Parliament elections by expanding our aims through a Political Program that we drafted that same year, and we won 700 student votes. Two years later, in the 2014 elections for Student Parliament, we won over 1500 student votes. In 2014 we also organized a protest that lasted for 15 days, demanding the resignation of the Rector of the University of Prishtina, Ibrahim Gashi, who had forged his academic publications. This protest united other student organizations and hundreds of citizens until the Rector officially resigned on the 15th day of our resistance. Furthermore, in the last parliamentary elections we managed to make the request for free public education a major campaign issue, which pushed the government to make a decision to cut in half all students fees. We engage in central and local electoral campaigns in Kosova by supporting and pushing for some of the main points of the political program of "Lëvizja VETËVENDOSJE!" (The Movement for SELF-DETERMINATION!) because of the similar social democratic values we share regarding education, the economy, and the welfare state.

33. Can you describe the political situation in your country? What is the composition of the Left? How much does the Left receive in the polls?

For the past 17 years, since the 1999 war, Kosova has been run by center right coalition governments. The only left oriented political force in the country, "Lëvizja VETËVENDOSJE" (The Movement for SELF-DETERMINATION!), has participated in the last two parliamentary elections. During their first mandate in Parliament, with their social-democratic program, they were the only substantial opposition to the neoliberal parties inside and outside government. Since the 2014 parliamentary elections, they have grown to become also the largest formal opposition to the current government. Their rise was even more evident in their first time participation in local elections in 2013. They won the race for Mayor of the Capital City, Prishtina, while also winning a number of seats in the local assemblies of most of the municipalities of the country. The Movement for Self-determination is currently first or second, with 1-2%, in the opinion polls in Kosova.

34. Is there more than one left wing party in your country?  
*[If yes, please describe the differences among the parties and indicate whether there is a prospect of a united Left]*

No. There is only one: "Lëvizja VETËVENDOSJE!" (The Movement for SELF-DETRMINATION!)

35. Any additional comments



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If additional information is required related to the questions of this application form or any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Thanks for filling in the application!**

**Please send it to [iusy@iusy.org](mailto:iusy@iusy.org) together with the other required information.**