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Cultural Heritage and Education Discussed at the 4th Technical Information Exchange Forum

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The fourth meeting of the Forum for Technical Information Exchange on Cultural Heritage was held today at the Museum of Kosovo. The discussions focused on inclusion of cultural heritage in education and awareness raising activities on cultural heritage targeting both pupils and the wider public.

The revision of school curricula in Kosovo has begun and cultural heritage is planned to be included in one of the modules for primary schools. The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology called upon other institutions and cultural heritage experts to provide their inputs into this process.

Civil society organisations shared good examples of children field visits to cultural heritage sites. Ulpiana Summer Camp was also presented as an initiative that contributes greatly towards raising awareness of youth on the values of cultural heritage.

The importance of including cultural heritage in the educational system created a consensus among participants. It was emphasized that heritage and identity are closely connected, and that the experience of cultural heritage was a vehicle for the transmission of important values such as respect for diversity, solidarity, creativity, peace building and tolerance.

The second part of the meeting was dedicated to the European Heritage Days. European Heritage Days is a joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Commission under the motto, *Europe: a common heritage*. The annual programme offers opportunities to visit buildings, monuments and sites, many of which are not normally accessible to the public.

The Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports presented the topic for 2009 European Cultural Days in Kosovo: 'hamams'. The Cultural Heritage Forum will collect inputs of planned activities by interested stakeholders in order to contribute towards coordination of the 2009 European Heritage Days.

The next meeting of the Forum will take place end of July-beginning of August in the form of a field visit to the Ulpiana Archaeology Summer camp.

Click [here](#) to see the press release with background information from the inaugural meeting of the Forum, which was held in Pristina on 28 January 2009

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