



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**DECISION**

**No.601, dated 4.9.2019**

**ON**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY AND  
PUBLICATION OF ARBËRESH**

Pursuant to Article 100, of the Constitution, Article 10 of Law no 9000, dated 30.01.2003 “On the Organization and Functioning of the Council of Ministers”, of Article 6 of Law no90/2012 “On the Organization and Functioning of the State Administration”, of Article 13 of Law no.7893, dated 22.12.1994 “On Science and technological development”, upon proposal of the State Minister of Diaspora, the Council of Ministers

**DECIDED:**

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Establishment of the Centre for the Study and Publication of Arbëresh, hereinafter referred to as CSPA, as a budgetary public legal entity head quartered in Tirana, subordinated to the Minister of Diaspora.
2. The mission of CSPA is to carry out specialized studies on the history, literature and culture of the Arbëresh community.
3. The financial resources of CSPA are:
  - a) The state budget;
  - b) donations;
  - c) Other lawful sources.



## **II. ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY AND PUBLICATION OF ARBËRESH**

4. The CSPA is administered and represented by the Director, who organizes and directs all activities of the Centre and reports to the Minister of Diaspora. He is appointed, released or dismissed by the order of the Minister of Diaspora.
5. The employment relationships of the head, officials and employees of the CSPA are regulated in accordance with the Labor Code.
6. CSPA duties and functions are as follows:
  - a) Conducts studies on the history, literature and culture of the Arbëresh community;
  - b) Publishes studies in cooperation with the Diaspora Publishing Center, in accordance with applicable legislation;
  - c) Promotes the preservation of the language and cultural identity of the Arbëresh community;
  - d) Organizes scientific activities, workshops and conferences with the focus on the Arbëresh community.
7. The Coordination Council operates within the CSPA in the quality of advisory body for:
  - a) CSPA studies and publications projects, in line with strategic documents on relations with Diaspora and scientific and research programmes;
  - b) defining a plan of activities and any other organization, with specialists in the field, providing specialized expertise in the implementation of the CSPA area of responsibility.
8. The Coordination Council of CSPA represents a collegial body composed of members being representatives of:
  - a) Academy of Sciences of Albania;
  - b) Academy of Albanological Studies;
  - c) the Ministry responsible for foreign policy;
  - d) the Ministry responsible for culture;
  - e) Faculty of History and Philology, University of Tirana;
  - f) the National Agency for Diaspora;



- g) Three representatives of the Arbëresh community, one of them from the municipality of Zadar, in Croatia.
9. The mandate of the members of the Coordination Council for Publications of Diaspora is 4 years, entitled to the right of re-election.
10. Members of the Coordination Council of CSPA should be senior officials of the institutions they represent. They are appointed and dismissed by order of the Minister of Diaspora, upon the proposal of the head of the relevant institution. Representatives of Arbëresh communities abroad are nominated by accredited ambassadors in countries with Arbëresh communities. The responsible Minister for Diaspora appoints one of the members as the chair of the Council.
11. The Chair and members of the Coordination Council of CSPA shall be discharged before the end of the 4-year term, when:
- a) Released or discharged from the leadership position he/she occupied at the relevant ministry;
  - b) upon proposal of the head of the relevant institution, due to changes in mission and duties performed in the respectful institution;
  - c) Neglects performance of duties and regular attendance at meetings of the Coordination Council.
12. The responsible Minister for Diaspora, 30 (thirty) days prior to the expiration of the 4-year term, or shortly after the discharge of a member, requests to the represented institution in the Coordination Council to submit the name of the replacing candidate for this Council.
13. The structure and organization of the CSPA are approved by order of the Prime Minister, in accordance with the legislation in force for the organization and functioning of the public administration.
14. The Regulation of CSPA is approved by the responsible Minister for Diaspora, upon the proposal of its Director.
15. CSPA has its official emblem and logo. The emblem consists of the emblem of the Republic of Albania with the inscription “Republic of Albania”, “State Minister of Diaspora”, “Centre for the Study and Publication of Arbëresh”, in accordance with the decree of the Council of Ministers on how to use the coat of arms of the Republic of Albania.



The logo of CSPA, in accordance with the model as attached to the decision herein, is placed in every publication and study of this institution.

16. The CSPA stamp has the form and the elements as defined by decision of the Council of Ministers in accordance with the rules of production, administration, control and preservation of official stamps. The seal is produced, administered and stored in accordance with the legislation in force.

### **III. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

17. The Minister of State for Diaspora, the Academy of Sciences of Albania, the Academy of Albanological Studies, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture, the National Diaspora Agency and the Faculty of History and Philology (University of Tirana) are responsible for the implementation of this decision.

This decision is published in the “Official Gazette” and comes into force on 1 January 2020.

**PRIME MINISTER**

**EDI RAMA**