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Promoting an inclusive and accurate journalism for 15 years, executive Director of the *Media Diversity Institute* (MDI), Milica Pesic, shared her experience with the participants of the workshop in Tirana, Albania.

Pesic and Anser Hassan, were the trainers at the workshop on “The Role of Media in Strengthening Social Cohesion.”

Pesic and Hassan were training 16 reporters from Albania and Montenegro giving them an opportunity to learn from the examples of work for and with the media to cover diversity. In the examples were included media from the U.S., Southeast Europe and Western Europe that Hassan and Media Diversity Institute have been working with.

Representatives of the Roma, LGBT, and disabled communities visited the course in Tirana as special guests, giving presentations and then agreeing to be interviewed by the reporters.

The journalists appreciated the chance to establish contact, exchange views, and listen to concerns of these representatives in terms of how the media covers their communities. They also discussed ways to improve communication in the future, with a view to avoiding stereotypes and strengthening social cohesion in Albanian and Montenegrin society.

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