

SIGN THE PETITION TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL OF PANCEVO
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Regarding the shameful decision of the local government of Pancevo and selection committee not to allocate any funds from the city budget for the 11th International Carnival of Pancevo this year and to prevent the organization of this manifestation on the announced date, we are launching the petition that International Carnival of Pancevo receives resources and support it deserves.

International carnival of Pancevo is the first international carnival in Serbia, a cultural and tourist attraction with around 3000 participants from 15 countries, which attracts more than 100 000 visitors, as well as great number of ambassadors, foreign delegations and officials. International carnival of Pancevo is on the European carnival map as an important international event. It is a first member of The Federation of European Carnival Cities (FECC) in Serbia and basis of all carnivals in Serbia. Pancevo is European carnival city since 2004.

International carnival of Pancevo is multidisciplinary and multicultural event. It represents the combination of different carnival traditions and cultures from all over the world whose base is the international corporation and cultural exchange. It is an international event of great importance for the town of Pancevo and Republic of Serbia.

Pancevo has a carnival tradition since 19th century. Today, carnival became the most important event in the town and region and the biggest carnival event in Serbia. It is a civic initiative with more than 5000 members, whose organizer and project owner is non-profit organization "Friends of Pancevo", since 2004. and who had numerous international awards.

This is the biggest street event in Serbia, with free program, various side events and concerts on 14 locations in the town. Citizens and institutions are included in the realization of this event – all ages and all social categories, families, youth, children, people with disabilities, schools, institutions, associations with huge engagement of volunteers. For the past ten years this event was co-financed by the town of Pancevo, Republic of Serbia, various projects, sponsorship funds.

Within the manifestation, as a part dedicated to cultural heritage preservation, Handcrafts fair and Traditional food and drink festival "Gastro Carnival" are organized, where women's associations and other associations take part ; the project of cultural cooperation with European cities and youth exchanges are also implemented in the carnival ; Project "Schools of carnival friendship"- cooperation between primary schools and youth exchanges between towns where carnivals are held; Carnival program for children – where creative workshops for kids are presented, as well as different cultural associations and organizations for children. Theater performances, concerts and other cultural events and sport tournaments dedicated to the carnival are held. The culmination of events is huge international carnival parade with around 3000 participants, international and local carnival groups, led by hundreds of children, with huge engagement of schools, teachers, children's institutions, organizations and parents. Carnival is broadcasted live on the internet and watched in 500 cities worldwide.

International carnival of Pancevo has increased the interest for Pancevo and Serbia, bringing positive image to our town and country. It became a brand of Pancevo and initiated the organization of carnivals all over Serbia. Very positive direct and indirect economic effects for town are achieved every year, the demand for accommodation in Pancevo and its surroundings is increased, considering the fact that this event is visited by around 3000 participants and 100 000 visitors.

With your signature, you express public disapproval against the suspension of International Carnival of Pancevo and support civic initiative that International Carnival of Pancevo receives resources and support it deserves.

Thank you for support !

Support Team for the International Carnival of Pancevo

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