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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN ALBANIA

Virtual Conference
December 4th, 2020

Register:

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09.45 - 10.00

Participants joining

10.00 - 10:15

Opening remarks

Ms. Ariola Agolli, Manager of the National Resource Centre for
Civil Society Albania

H.E. Mr. Luigi Soreca, Head of Delegation of the European
Union to Albania

10.15 - 11.00

Introductory Panel “Democracy and Civil Society - A critical
overview of the state of play, developments and challenges”

- **Mr. Gjergji Vurmo**, Director of Program, Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM) - The shrinking space for civil society, enabling environment and the role of sector in the path toward EU Accession
- **Ms. Erida Skendaj**, Director, Albanian Helsinki Committee – Rule of Law, democracy and participation in policy making and legislative processes
- **Ms. Kristina Voko**, Director, Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN) – Fundamental rights, freedom of expression and media

Discussions



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11.00 - 11.45 Thematic group discussion

Through an interactive methodology that enhances the capacity for collaborative thinking, all participants in the conference will discuss in three groups and explore on main problems, challenges and perspectives to the issues presented as part of the previous introductory panel.

- Theme 1.** The shrinking space for civil society, enabling environment and the role of sector in the path toward EU Accession
- Theme 2.** Rule of Law, democracy and participation in policy making and legislative processes
- Theme 3.** Fundamental rights, freedom of expression and media

11.45 - 11.55 | Break

11.55 - 12.15 | **Debriefing in the plenary of the inputs collected from the panel discussions**

12.15 - 13.00 | **“Open Space Discussion” – Thematic issue-based workshops initiated and lead by CSOs and CSOs networks on priority issues for the sector**

A participant driven session on eight (8) thematic workshops, as a way to raise issues of interests and discuss how to further address them. The session will be lead by the proposing organization*, and further followed up by the National Resource Centre, and the interested CSOs group part of the Conference.

1. What are the achievements and challenges for involving CSOs and citizens in advancing the local agenda
2. Are young people and youth organizations involved in policy development and implementation - Challenges in participation and cooperation with institutions
3. How the dynamics of the civil society changed over the years - Future dilemmas
4. What are the challenges in providing integrated services for children in vulnerable situations - The need to increase inter-institutional cooperation
5. How to strengthen CSOs role in designing and implementation of policies for environmental protection
6. What are the challenges of CSOs and other service providers in support to persons with disabilities and their families
7. How does social entrepreneurship impact the development of local economy and communities - The Role of Civil Society Organizations
8. How to increase CSOs-Media cooperation

* Annex 1 - List of thematic workshops and the organizations that have proposed the respective topics for discussion

13.00 - 13.10 | **Concluding remarks on the follow up actions and closing of the conference**

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Free Thought Forum

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Annex 1 - List of Thematic Workshops and proposing organisations

Workshop 1 - What are the achievements and challenges for involving CSOs and citizens in advancing the local agenda?

Proposing organisation: Gender Alliance Centre for Development

Workshop 2 - Are youth and youth CSOs involved in policy-making - Participation and cooperation with institutions

Proposing organisations: Euro Partners Development; Partners Albania for Change and Development, New Vision, Vlora Youth Centre, Youth Development Through Integration Policies

Workshop 3 - How the dynamics of the civil society changed over the years - Future dilemmas

Proposing organisations: "Antigonea" Cultural Media Center, Regional Development Agency, Vlorë, Useful to Albania Women

Workshop 4 - What are the challenges in providing integrated services for children in vulnerable situations- Inter-institutional cooperation

Proposing organisation : Initiative for Social Change (ARSIS)

Workshop 5 - How to strengthen CSOs role in designing and implementation of policies for environmental protection

Proposing organisations: "An eye for the environment" Network, "Celim", The Institute for Environmental Policy, Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment Organisation Vlora

Workshop 6 - What are the challenges of CSOs and other service providers in support to persons with disabilities and their families

Proposing organisations: Albanian Disability Rights Foundation, "Help the Life" Association, "Ray of Hope" Organisation

Workshop 7 - How does social entrepreneurship impact the development of local economy and communities- The Role of CSOs

Proposing organisations: Association "For gender Integration", Young Entrepreneurs Club

Workshop 8 - How to increase CSOs-Media cooperation

Proposing organisation: Human Dimension