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Public Statement

We recommend to the Albanian Assembly to request to the Venice Commission a Legal Opinion for the draft law "On the Registration of Non for Profit Organizations" and to avoid its approval in urgent conditions

Following the commitment to facilitate the consultation process with the sector on the Draft Law "On registration of non-profit organizations" and advocacy, with responsible institutions, on February 26, 2021, 119 civil society organizations addressed the representatives of the Albanian Parliament with a statement through which they recommend to the Assembly to send for Legal Opinion to the Venice Commission the draft law "On the Registration of NPOs" and to avoid its approval in emergency conditions! Find the full statement [HERE](#)

The initiative for a new draft law is very positive and welcomed by civil society organizations, which have been requesting one for years, but we note with regret that the spirit of state institutions responsible for drafting, proposing and reviewing this draft law has been exclusive to a sector such as civil society in the country, which is directly affected by it.

We reiterate that in the drafting of the law by the Ministry of Justice, the organizations representatives were invited to give their contribution for this draft law in the final process. Despite the short consultation deadlines, the NPO representatives offered their input in this process, but the Ministry of Justice reflected a very low number of suggestions and did not provide explanations for the reasons or arguments for rejecting the other ones.

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Hearing session in Parliament

After the draft law was forwarded to the Assembly, in October a [Request](#) was sent to the Assembly for a hearing session which was organized a few months later, on February 24, 2021, and moreover one day after the approval of the draft law in principle by the Law Commission.

In the [hearing session](#) in the Law Commission, the discussions by the representatives of the CSOs highlighted a series of principle issues that the draft law has. Despite the expression of readiness to listen to the NPOs and welcome their comments, the statements articulated during the hearing by some members of the Law Commission had biased marks against the sector.

Both the Assembly and the Ministry of Justice earlier in the communications, presented that this draft law addresses the recommendations of MoneyVal of the Council of Europe while issues raised by the civil society sector do not affect the recommendations of MoneyVal.

Following the hearing session, the Law Commission invited the NPOs to a meeting on February 26, 2021, to continue with the discussions on the issues raised. The [statement](#) was widely shared with the civil society sector, the donor community, responsible institutions and the [media](#) which reflected developments on this issue.

Meeting with the Law Commission

Under the coordination of the Resource Centre, a group of NPOs representatives, once again presented to the Commission all problematic issues, emphasizing once again the position of NPOs that as long as the draft law has a series of principle issues, cannot be put for discussion article by article related to them. The representative group also, on behalf of the NPOs, submitted to the Commission the above request mentioned to address a legal opinion to the Venice Commission and to avoid its approval under the state of emergency.

After the meeting, the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights, sent the table with comments and proposals on the draft law. [For more information, refer to the document.](#)

We find that some of the comments and suggestions have been reflected while other issues of concern have been added recently. The amount of the fine, provided in Article 48 of the draft law "Administrative Offenses", is an intimidating, disproportionate measure with a very negative effect on the activity of the sector. It is considered a serious violation of the principle of proportionality of the fine in relation to the importance, the consequences caused and the circumstances of the administrative offense (Article 18, Law 10279). It also contradicts the Law 10279, On Administrative Offenses, where in article 10, point 1 it is determined that the measure of fine can be fixed or with minimum and maximum limits.

In the situation of tight deadlines, Partners Albania immediately forwarded comments on this revised draft to the Law Commission.

PROJEKTILIGJI "PËR REGJISTRIMIN E ORGANIZATAVE JOFITIMPRURËSE"	KOMENTE DHE PROPOZIME NGA RELATORJA
<p>KREU I</p> <p>DISPOZITA TË PËRGJITHSHME</p> <p>Neni 1</p> <p>Objekti i ligjit</p> <p>Ky ligj përcakton procedurat e regjistrimit të organizatave jofitimprurëse si dhe rregullat për mbajtjen e regjistrit të tyre për organizata jofitimprurëse të cilat kanë detyrimin për t'u regjistruar, sipas legjislacionit në fuqi që përcakton rregullat për themelimin, regjistrimin, funksionimin, organizimin dhe veprimtarinë e organizatave jofitimprurëse.</p>	<p>Duke reflektuar sugjerimin e Grupit OSHC, propozoj shtrimin e një neni të ri me përmbajtje si më poshtë:</p> <p>"Neni 2</p> <p>Qëllimi i ligjit</p> <p>Ky ligj ka për qëllim të lehtësojë procedurat e regjistrimit të organizatave jofitimprurëse duke krijuar një mjedis transparent dhe mundësisë për zhvillimin e veprimtarisë së tyre.</p>
<p>Neni 2</p> <p>Përkufizime</p> <p>Në kuptim të këtij ligji, në tërësi e mëposhtimet ndalojnë:</p> <p>1. "Dokumentet shoqëruese", dokumente, të cilat provojnë të dhënat që regjistrohen.</p> <p>2. "Kërkesë për regjistrim", kërkesa që regjistrohet në gjykatën e</p>	<p>Propozoj ndryshimet e mëposhtme:</p> <p>1. Pika 9 ndryshon si më poshtë:</p> <p>9. "Regjistrim" është regjistrimi fillestar dhe çdo regjistrim tjetër, përfshirë dhe transformimin.</p>

The People's Advocate (Ombudsman) Institution supports the continuation of consultations for the approval of the draft law "On the registration of NPOs"



The People's Advocate (Ombudsman) Institution has closely followed the ongoing debate regarding the drafting and approval of a draft law "On the registration of NPOs" in the Republic of Albania and has expressed its support for civil society organizations.

The People's Advocate recommends to the Albanian Assembly not to rush into the adoption of an unconsulted and uncoordinated draft law with civil society actors and calls on all stakeholders to make their constructive contribution with efficiency, seriousness and the interest of citizens in mind. [For more](#)

The Law "On the Central Register of Bank Accounts"



From January 2021 entered into force the Law "On the central register of bank accounts". The main subject of the law is the financial institutions, but it has a direct effect on all legal entities, including NPOs.

In October 2020, after been informed about the draft law and getting acquainted with it, in cooperation with experts and a group of organizations, we analyzed the draft law and its impact on the non-profit sector and drafted a Legal Opinion which was sent to the Ministry of Finance and Economy to address the problematic issues raised. The Opinion was also widely shared with civil society organizations, donors and other institutions.

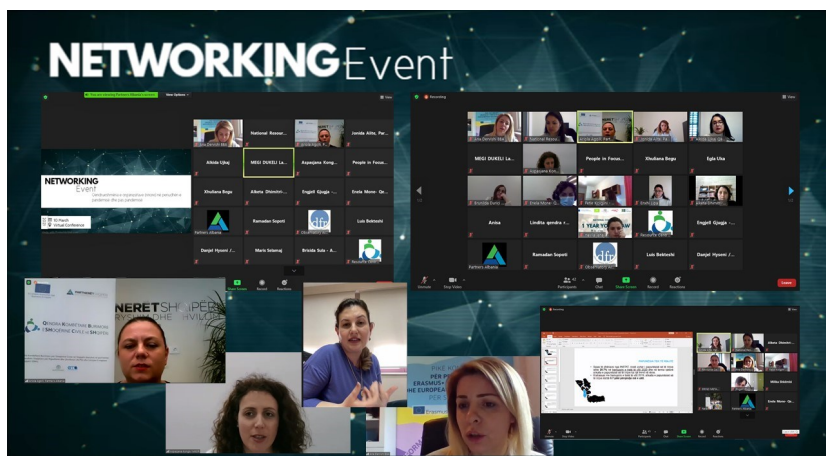
After the adoption of the Law, we found that a small part of the recommendations are reflected in the law, respectively:

- (1) Article 8 point 2 of the Law does not explicitly provide that the accounts of NPOs and their respective data will be part of the Register. However, the term 'legal entity' also includes NPOs.
- (2) Article 8 point 4 has an express provision which enables the Register not to keep data on the amounts of bank accounts.
- (3) The term 'multi-purpose' in the article defining the Register as a database has been removed.
- (4) Article 10 does not expressly provide for the right of the General Directorate of Taxation (GDT) to conduct on-site or remote inspections.

These are the accepted and changed issues. Meanwhile, other suggestions regarding the body that administers the Register, the rights of the institutions interested in receiving info, etc., do not respect the constitutional guarantees related to them. The maintenance and administration of the Register by an executive body such as the General Directorate of Taxes (GDT) and the GDT's right to provide information to interested institutions without court approval are the most vulnerable points of the law. Especially for these points, the law can be subject to review by the Constitutional Court, set in motion by the subjects that legitimize themselves to address this court.

The adopted law has many other points that are contrary to other laws and the basic principles of establishing structures of state institutions (identified in the legal analysis of NPOs in October 2020). For more information find [HERE](#) the full Opinion

Networking Event - The Sustainability of Youth Organizations in the Pandemic and post pandemic period



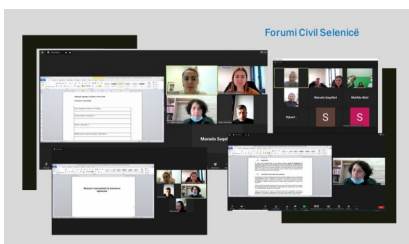
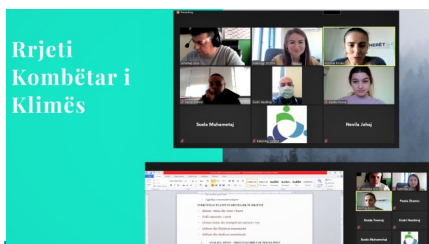
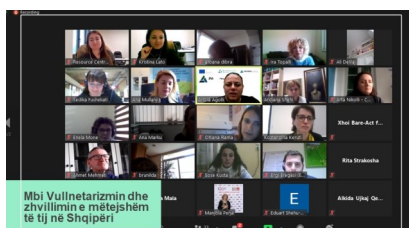
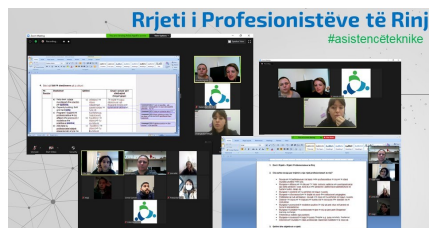
Based on the issues raised by NPOs at the National Conference of Civil Society in December 2020 and the interest of organizations participating in the thematic workshops of the conference, on March 10, 2021, the National Resource Centre and Partners Albania organized the online networking event *"Sustainability of Youth Organizations in the Pandemic and post pandemic period"*. Over 80 representatives of NPOs, donors, representatives of central and local institutions in the country, academic institutions and the media participated in the event and discussed the challenges, addressing them and strategies to provide support to youth CSOs in the country.

The situation of Covid-19 has been accompanied by changes in the programs and field activity of CSOs and has affected their financial sustainability, especially of local

organizations. The participants in the networking event brought an overview of the situation during the last year of youth organizations and their activity, presented some success models and shared information on programs and strategies of institutions and organizations and youth networks. Invited to the event were also government representatives at the central and local level, Ms. Aspasiana Kongo, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, Ms. Anisa Subashi, Director of Social Services in the Municipality of Tirana and Mr. Engjell Gjurgia, Municipality of Shkodra, which shared with the participants some of the strategies undertaken by state institutions in the country in support of youth, youth organizations, affected by the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

The event created networking opportunities for CSOs and other participating institutions, offering them the opportunity to generate contacts, present their work and specifically discuss promoting dialogue and cooperation of all stakeholders and group of interest in creating an enabling environment on this issue.

Strengthening CSO networks and coalitions in Albania for more initiatives and greater impact



The Centre has continued even in this quarterly to provide support to further strengthening the capacity of networks, coalitions and formal and informal groupings of CSOs, through the technical assistance program. So far, as part of the program the networks have been assisted in:

National Climate Network - internal consolidation of the network through the drafting of a Strategic Plan and the drafting of an Advocacy Plan on the initiative for drafting the climate law in Albania.

Young Professionals Network - drafting a Strategic Plan for network development in the next three years.

Civil Forum Selenica - drafting a Fundraising Plan, in support of their advocacy initiatives and drafting a human resources policies.

The grouping for the development of volunteering has continued with meetings and assistance on volunteering the legal framework.

In addition to mentoring and assistance sessions specifically designed based on the needs and priorities of the networks, as part of the training programs, the Centre has also conducted several trainings for member organizations of the networks in project proposals writing and fundraising. For more details on the results and beneficiaries of the assistance program read [here](#).

The Centre continues to cooperate with networks and support them to facilitate communication processes with institutions in the country, other organizations and experts, to address issues in focus of network's activity.

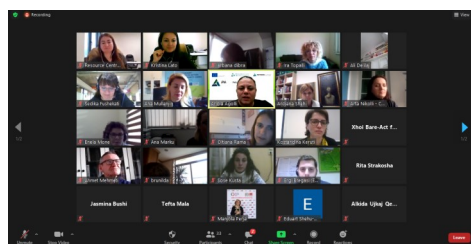
Consultation meeting with CSOs on "Manual of public participation in the decision-making process of the Assembly"



Following the commitment to facilitate the consultation process with the sector, after the announcement for public consultation of the "Manual of public participation in the decision-making process of the Assembly" by the Assembly of the Republic of Albania, National Resource Centre for Civil Society and the Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM) organized a consultation meeting with CSOs. The online meeting took place in early February, with the participation of about 30 representatives of NPOs who discussed the manual and addressed issues or shortcomings in the document.

As part of the meeting, CSOs shared their opinions and experiences of recent years on their participation in decision-making processes in the Assembly. For more on some of the issues identified and CSO recommendations on addressing them, find [HERE](#) a summary of the discussions.

On Volunteerism and its further development in Albania



The National Resource Centre in cooperation with Beyond Barriers has continued to work during these months to identify the problems and challenges that informal organizations and groups face during the implementation of the legal framework for volunteering. Following meetings with CSOs and institutions responsible in the country for the implementation of the legal framework, an online roundtable discussion was organized on January 21, with about 40 representatives of organizations and legal experts.

Lawyer Ardjana Shehi, presented to all participants an analysis of the legal framework, meaning and obligations that arise for the respective entities according to the provisions of Law no. 45/2016 "On volunteering".

For more on the legal framework issues and recommendations for further addressing, find [here](#) the full opinion.

The Resource Centre, Beyond Barriers and the Grouping of Organizations that have joined the initiative to contribute to the development of volunteerism in Albania (read [here](#) the public statement of the group), will continue meetings with institutions to discuss some concrete proposals that address the problems of the law.



Activities from the regional offices of the National Resource Centre for Civil Society in Albania



During individual meetings with heads of CSOs in South Region for the Code of Standards for the sector and the potential assistance that NRC would offer each of them - **Vlora Regional Office**



Roundtable discussion with representatives of Vlora CSOs to discuss priority issues of the city such as the protection of the Soda Forest and Marine Academy area - **Vlora Regional Office**



Help desk services to local NPOs, on project proposals writing as well as participating in online meetings / trainings in their areas of interest - **Vlora Regional Office**



During the meeting organized by the municipality of Shkodra "Modeling right cities: Integration of the 2030 Agenda within local policies, at a time of large flows of migration and refugees"- **Shkodra Regional Office**



During the Meeting of the Council of the Extended Alliance of Women Councilors - Shkodra Municipal Council- **Shkodra Regional Office**



During the meeting with the Civil Forum of Selenica for the establishment of an advocacy campaign on the construction of two playgrounds- **Shkodra Regional Office**

Capacity Building

NPO Academy

Since February, the NPO Academy program has restarted for 2021. The Academy is an annual program that enables CSO leaders and top managers to increase their skills and develop competencies. Following [an open call for expressions of interest](#), 24 CSO representatives were selected to attend this year's Academy.

The program of the Academy consists of offering 11 lectures by local and international lecturers as well as discussions with guest experts, year-round mentoring sessions for academics and their organizations, participation in study visits to businesses and institutions, as well as participation in various events. of the Resource Centre and discussions and networking activities with Alumni.

During February and March, the first two lectures were held, respectively on "[Legal Framework for NPOs in Albania](#)" and "[EU integration and CSOs role in this process](#)".

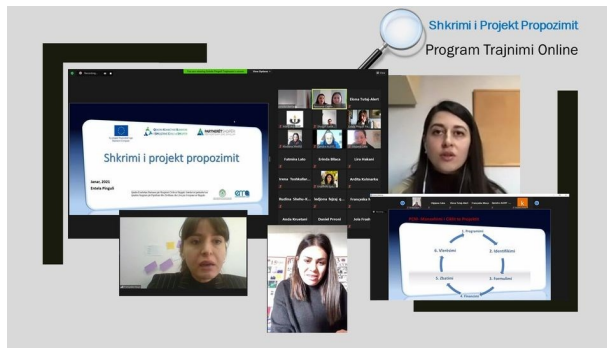
The NPO Academy is one of the main activities of the National Resource Centre for capacity building of the sector. For more information, find [here](#) the program as well as a short [video](#) with the beneficiaries of Academy 2020.



Training Programs for CSOs

During this period the National Resource Centre has continued with the organization of the online training programs dedicated to the non-profit sector based on their needs or requests

About 40 representatives of CSOs from Tirana, Durrës and Elbasan participated in two-day regional trainings and further increased their knowledge on the topics of: "[Project Proposal Writing](#)" and "[Fundraising and Revenue Generation](#)".



Information and Assistance Sessions on the procedure of registration of NPOs according to the law "On the register of beneficiary owners"



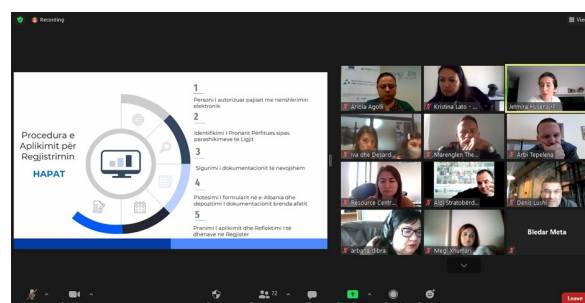
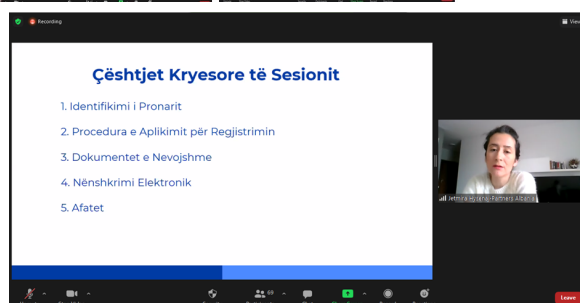
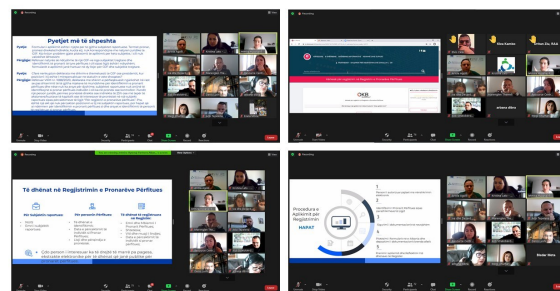
From January 2021, the law "On the register of beneficiary owners" came into force.

The National Resource Centre published and widely distributed the notice in the sector, along with some guidelines for the registration procedure. Based on numerous requests for information addressed to the Center, from organizations across the country, the Center prepared and shared specific information on a number of issues on which there was uncertainty.

Subsequently, in response to the high interest from civil society organizations, the Resource Centre and Partners Albania organized an information session on the procedure of registration of beneficial owners. The identification of the owner, the application procedure for registration, the necessary documents, the electronic signature and the deadlines were the main issues addressed

during the information session. For more, follow the session [HERE](#)!

About 140 CSO representatives have received information and answers to questions in real time, and have been individually assisted so far on specific issues related to the registration procedure. [Read more](#)



National Forum "Governance for Change: Proposals from Civil Society"



On February 23, 2021, the National Forum 'Governance for Change: Civil Society Proposals' was organized by Co-PLAN, the Institute for Habitat Development and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy in collaboration with a wide range of contributing organizations and media partner A2 CNN - Exclusive News Channel Affiliate. Organized in thematic sessions, the Forum was conceived as a pre-election platform, where civil society actors from different sectors and with clear representative mandates submitted issues and proposals for change.

In the [second thematic session](#), Mrs. Juliana Hoxha, Director of Partners Albania submitted the analysis and recommendations for Civil Society, which you can find in the document [here](#)

Based on the submitted proposals, a document was drafted which contains proposals for changes with a focus on economic and regional development; governance and decentralization; education, research and media; environment, energy and climate change; health and food safety; human rights, youth, art and culture. Read the document [here](#)

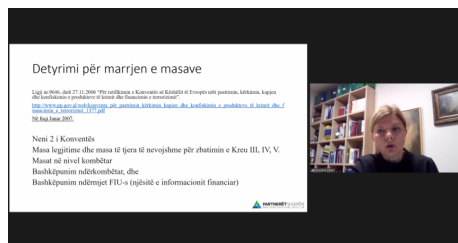
Legal and regulatory framework on the prevention of money laundering and the fight against terrorism financing for the non-profit sector in Albania

During March 2021, Partners Albania has held a series of roundtable discussions on "Legal and regulatory framework on the prevention of money laundering and the fight against terrorism financing for the non-profit sector in Albania" at the local level.

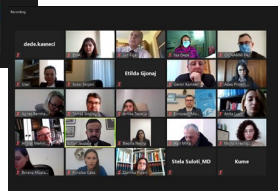
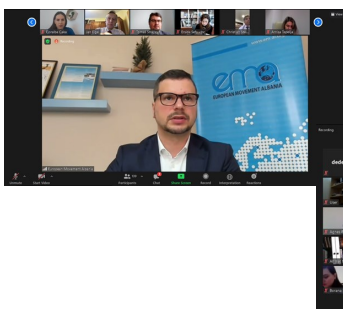
The purpose of the roundtable was to inform, present and discuss the main findings of the report being prepared by Partners Albania on the legal and regulatory framework governing the activities of NPOs in the prevention of money laundering and terrorism financing, as well as the compliance of the measures taken by the Albanian state with Recommendation 8 and the Explanatory Note of the Special Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for Non-Profit Organizations.. Read more about these activities [here](#)

Following this work, Partners Albania on March 18 organized a regional workshop where civil society organizations from all over the Western Balkans and Turkey shared experiences about their engagement in risk analysis for the NPO sector and cooperation with Agencies of Financial Intelligence in the respective countries.

The fight against terrorist financing and prevention of money laundering, what place NPOs occupy in this issue and how they are treated globally by the responsible institutions, for this and other information follow the [video](#), part of the information and awareness campaign prepared by Partners Albania.



Negotiations for Albania's membership in the European Union and regional experiences - Chapter 23 in focus



The European Movement in Albania (EMA) and the Ministry of Justice in partnership with the Slovak Association for Foreign Policy (SFP), held on February 5, 2021, A Virtual Conference on the Albanian negotiation process with a special focus on Chapter 23.

The event brought together participants from Albanian institutions - part of the Inter-Institutional Working Group for European Integration for Chapter 23, which is responsible for harmonizing and implementing the acquis, coordinating the preparation of the Screening process and preparing the negotiating position for this Chapter. The discussion was enriched by international partners, other public institutions, academics and representatives of civil society organizations that are proactive in the field of European integration processes in the country. [Read more](#)

National Workshop "Civic Initiative in the decision-making activity of the Parliament"



In the framework of an initiative that the Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM) and the Albanian Helsinki Committee are implementing and that aims to create a facilitating environment for the active involvement of citizens in legislative and decision-making processes in Parliament as a tool to increase accountability and the transparency of this institution and elected representatives, on March 10, a National

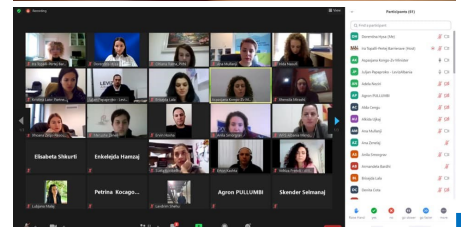
workshop was organized online, with representatives of civil society organizations, donor institutions in the country, interest groups and activists.

Conceived in 9 thematic workshops, to help civil society, interest groups and citizens engaged to better structure proposals and better articulate their initiatives in a parliamentary procedure, moderators and experts in relevant fields facilitated discussions thematic and instructed the participants on further work. Ariola Agolli, Program Director at Partners Albania and Manager of the National Resource Centre, as part of the moderators group facilitated discussions on the enabling environment for civil society and some initiatives in this regard. You may watch the live activity [here](#)

VolunteerismPointAL

The association Beyond Barriers in partnership with International Voluntary Projects and the Center "Progress and Development," launched on January 29 the latest initiative [VolunteeringPointAL](#). As part of the event, representatives of civil society, public institutions such as the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, the National Agency for Employment and Skills, the National Agency for Youth, Municipalities of various regions and interested young people, were specifically introduced to the initiative of which aims to create a multi-dimensional enabling environment where volunteering is encouraged, supported and recognized as a key mechanism for promoting active citizenship, solidarity and social cohesion in Albania.

During the event, the Director of Beyond Barriers, Ms. Ana Dervishi addressed an open cooperative invitation to all those present with the good wish that together through a cooperative spirit we can fix all issues related to voluntary engagement in the country. [Read here about the project](#)



National Conference "1 Year Youth Law"

On February 14, the National Conference "1 Year of Youth Law" was held online, a two-day event organized by "Epoka e Re" Center, with the participation of civil society organizations, networks and activists, representatives of donor institutions and institutions state at local and central level. As part of the panels, important topics were discussed that address the implementation of the Law on Youth in Albania and developments around it. The following participants and panels were divided and discussed in 4 working groups focused on: Youth structures at the local level; Youth budget; Central Youth Structures and Youth Work. The results and recommendations of these groups were presented during the second day of the conference. For more on the conference and the paper with conclusions and recommendations, [read here](#).



Report on the participation of the public and civil society in the decision-making process of the Assembly for 2020

For the sixth year in a row, the Albanian Asembly has drafted and published the report "On Public and Civil Society Participation in the Assembly Decision-Making Process for 2020". The report aims to inform the public on the activity of the Assembly, on the involvement and cooperation with civil society, but also international organizations and public institutions, whose participation has been active in the activity of the Assembly.

[Read the full report here](#)



Assembly approves important justice reform amendments in the absence of a consultation process and transparency—Press Statement

71 Civil Society Organizations join the public reaction to the adoption without comprehensive consultation, transparent and in violation of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, of the package of amendments to 10 laws of the Justice Reform. Civil society expresses its concern about the process of approval by the Assembly of Albania of ten draft laws linked with the justice reform package. The Assembly approved in its latest plenary session ten draft laws, in violation of procedures according to articles 26, 27, and 28 of the of the Assembly Rules of Procedure, for the conduct of plenary sessions and meetings of parliamentary committees, which are conducted according to a work program approved by the Conference of Chairmen.

You can find the full statement [here](#)

DEKLARATË PËR MEDIA – KUVENDI MIRATON NDRYSHIME TE RENDËSISHME TE REFORMËS NË DREJTËSI NË MUNGESË TE NJË PROCESI KONSULTIMIT DHE TRANSPARENCE

Dhokëta civile shpreh shqetësimin për procesin e miratimit nga Kuvendi i Shqipërisë të dytyrë propozimeve të ndryshimeve të rëndësishme të reformës në drejtësi, ku miratimi në mungesë të kësaj përfshirjeje dhe pa diskutime të hapura gjatë seancës së 26, 27 dhe 28 të Regjistrimit të Kuvendit, për zhvillimin e shtesave dhe rishikimet të komisioneve parlamentare, të cilat kërkonin sipas një program pune të miratuar nga Konferenca e Kryesuesve.

Dhe, me propozimin të Komitetit të Grupit Parlamentar të Partisë Socialiste, Kuvendi, vendosi të kushtojë reperi të diskutimit dhe miratimit të dytyrë propozimeve që qëllojnë 14 ndryshime dhe shtesë në Kodin Penal, Kodin e Procedurës Penale dhe Civilë, ligjet organike të Gjykatës Kushtetuese dhe Prokurorisë, ligjet për organizimin e sistemit gjyqësor dhe institucionet e reja kundër korrupsionit dhe krimi të organizuar.

Dhokëta civile shpreh shqetësimin në procesin e ndjekur për shqyrtimin dhe miratimin e këtyre propozimeve gjatë procedurës legjislative, pasi se në kundërtim me Kushtetutën e Republikës së Shqipërisë, si dhe Regjistrimin e Kuvendit.

Nëni 83, pjesë 3 e Kushtetutës së Republikës së Shqipërisë, ndalon shprehimisht e procedurën e përdorur në shqyrtimin e propozimeve që kërkojnë shumicë të cilësuar të të gjithë anëtarëve të Kuvendit.

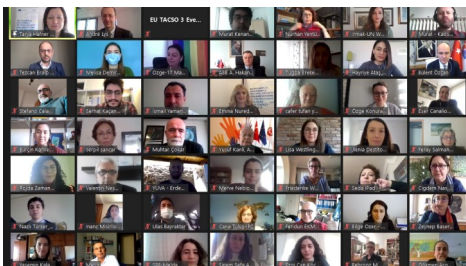
Gjithashtu, e gjithë procedura e ndjekur, nga Komiteti i Ligjeve deri në miratimin e këtyre propozimeve në seancën plenare, detyrë ligjor në mungesë të transparencës me publikimin dhe konsultimin me të gjithë



Report- Country Gender Equality Brief Albania 2020 – UN Women

In February, UN Women published the report "Country Gender Equality Brief Albania 2020". The purpose of UN Women's Country Gender Equality Brief (CGEB) is to provide a snapshot of gender equality and the situation of women in Albania, particularly against the gender-related indicators across the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Following the UN Women corporate methodology and template, and in consultation with the UN Country Team (UNCT) in Albania, the CGEB is based on a literature review and uses official data produced before (and partially during) the COVID-19-induced crisis. Read the full report [here](#)

TACSO 3 - Consultation Meetings of the Guidelines for EU Support to Civil Society in the Enlargement Region for the period 2021-2027.



EU TACSO 3 organized a series of online consultations with the countries of the Western Balkans region and Turkey, regarding the EU Support to Civil Society in the Enlargement Region for the period 2021-2027.

Over 300 representatives of civil society, public authorities, donors and other stakeholders took part in the presentation of the Guidelines document and provided feedback during the discussion.

The consultation meeting in Albania took place on March 2, 2021. During the enticing discussion participants gave their ideas on the topics relevant to the Guidelines and related to the grass-root organisations and informal initiatives, as well as, relations with constituencies, capacities, conducive environment. Special attention was given to the registration and status of CSOs in Albania. [For more](#)

Mapping and Needs Assessment of the Regional Networks and Regional CSF Projects Report

On February 11, 2021, TACSO 3 organized an online event to present the key findings from the research of capacities and needs of regional networks and regional CSF-funded projects.

More than 80 representatives of CSOs and EU institutions attended the meeting. Participants and panelists, representatives of various networks in the Western Balkans were invited to share their experiences, achievements and challenges.

The vibrant discussion was based on a study conducted on regional networks, a study involving more than 200 individuals and organisations across the region. The study focuses on two main aspects of networking: 1) networking of CSOs; and 2) assessment of the current capacity of the networks and their needs for further strengthening. Read more about the event [here](#)

The main conclusions and recommendations can be found [here](#)



Regional Conference on “Best Practices for Empowering Sustainable CSOs”



On January 29, 2021, the Resource Centre for CSOs in Kosovo, the Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) Kosovo in cooperation with the Institute for Development Policy (INDEP), organized the Regional Conference "Best Practices for Empowering CSOs".

The conference aimed to reflect the current situation and challenges of the non-profit sector in Kosovo and beyond in the region, given the situation created by Covid-19. Part of the panelists in this event was the coordinator of the National Resource Centre for Civil Society in Albania, Mrs. Xhoana Zeqo.

Ensuring the continuity of services and activities of NPOs, the need for capacity development and capacity building to adapt the already online activity as well as the need for more coordination in the frame of sharing good adaptation practices and generating alternative resources of sector financing were among the issues raised in her discussion.

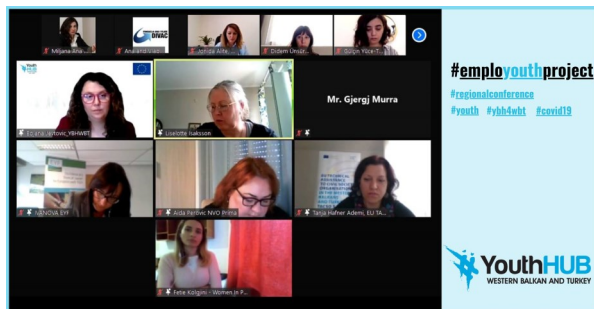
Conference Regional “Citizens First”



In February 2021, the Second Regional Conference "First Citizens" was held under WeBER2.0, a regional initiative dedicated to empowering civil society and citizens to be better prepared to monitor and control the public administration reform process. The conference was organized by European Policy Centre (CEP), in co-operation with five other regional organizations from the Western Balkans within the Think for Europe Network.

During the two days of the conference, participants from the region and Europe had the opportunity to discuss the progress and challenges facing civil society in monitoring the public administration reform process. [Read more](#)

Regional Conference – DIVAC



Regional Network "Youth Hub for the Western Balkans and Turkey" (consisting of 5 partner organizations - Community Volunteers Foundation (Turkey), Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation (Serbia), Mladiinfo International (North Macedonia), Prima Association (Montenegro), and Partners Albania), organized during March the regional conference "Sustainability of youth organizations in the period of the pandemic and after the pandemic".

The conference addressed issues of sustainability of youth organizations in the post-pandemic period and the main challenges facing the civil society sector in the Western Balkans. The sharing of good practices and the exchange of experiences between around 200 representatives from the 5 Western Balkan countries were an added value of the conference.

The conference was greeted by senior leaders of European institutions in support of youth such as: Mrs. Liselotte Isaksson, DG NEAR, Mrs. Sylvia Ivanova, European Youth Foundation; Mr. Jan Zlatan Kulenović, RYCO; Dr. Gjergj Murra, Western Balkan Fund; Mrs. Tanja Hafner Ademi, EU TACSO 3, who presented findings on the situation and development prospects in support of youth and youth CSOs in the Balkans and Europe. [Read more](#)

Regional Media Conference - “Digital Media in a new era: The route to self-regulation, ethics and independence ”



On March 18-19, the Albanian Helsinki Committee in cooperation and with the support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tirana is organizing a Regional Media Conference. Over 2 days, through a hybrid format, with limited physical presence and online, experts from albania, northern macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Montenegro and Herzegovina, but also from the Netherlands, Italy and judges of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), share their views on important topics related to the media, such as: ethics, self-regulation, freedom of expression, media independence, etc.

For more on the conference, expert presentations and discussions, [find out here](#)

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Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans 2 (ReLoaD 2), financed by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is announcing:

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Mark your calendar! Be involved in our upcoming events!

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