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Law "On Registration of Non-Profit Organizations"

On 17/08/2021 entered into force the law no. 80/2021 "On the registration of non-profit organizations". From the very first moment that the legal initiative was made public by the Ministry of Justice in the Electronic Register for Public Notification and Consultation on June 10, 2020, and till its approval in the Assembly on June 24, 2021, the process was accompanied by a heated debate among the non-profit sector and institutions at the executive and then legislative level. As it has become known in all public statements of the sector during this period, the legal initiative was welcomed by the sector as the creation of the electronic register for non-profit organizations in the country has been a repeated request by the sector itself.

Despite this, the lack of proper and timely consultation with the sector and experts in the field, including the one in information technology, resulted in a highly controversial draft law. Criticism of the sector has always been two-pronged, regarding both the consultation process and its transparency - especially for that part of the government-led process, as well as the content of the law.

The initial draft law had serious problems in the legislative aspect as well as in the functional and technical one. It contained a series of contradictions with the legal framework in force, as well as a lot of ambiguity regarding the institution responsible for the design, financing and management of the register, as well as the timelines for its operation.

This ambiguity and institutional lack of coordination were also highlighted in the recent stand of the High Judicial Council (HJC), which in their official statement expressed the impossibility of decision making on determining the date of operation of the electronic register of NPOs due to lack of budgetary funds provided by the Ministry of Finance for this purpose. [For more on the position of the HJC read here.](#)

Thanks to the commitment and resistance of the non-profit sector, the draft law from its presentation until its approval in the plenary session of the Assembly underwent many changes as a result of the recommendations given by the sector and taken into account by legislators. Despite this, the law still has a number of unresolved issues such as administrative offenses (fines), deregistration process, aspects of personal data protection, etc, which will further be pursued by CSOs in Court.

Join the Code of Standards in Albania



Read more on Membership Process and the expression of the interested, read here or contact us info@resourcecentre.al



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Since its inception in 2001 Partners Albania has created and managed the CSOs Directory , serving as a source of information for the non-profit sector, its beneficiaries and partners.

Following this work and in fulfillment of its role, the National Resource Centre has published on its website www.resourcecentre.al the CSOs Directory to make the information more accessible and at the same time providing more many opportunities for networking and partnerships for civil society organizations operating in Albania. The directory is being enriched and updated with data from other organizations. If you want to be part of it, register at the [link](#)

For more information on the CSOs Directory click [here](#).

Help Desk Services



For three years now, the National Resource Centre through its three offices in Tirana, Shkodra and Vlora offers help-desk onsite and online service. A set of information based on the legal framework, studies and research for the sector, as well as onsite and online individual assistance to CSOs across the country is provided at the request of organizations in addressing their needs.



Among the most requested information are the court registration procedures of a new non-profit organization, the procedure of registration of beneficial owners, the fiscalization procedure or information on the capacity building programs of CSOs provided by the Centre, disseminate calls and announcements or on public events open to CSOs participation.



Code of Standards for Non-Profit Organizations in Albania

In July this year with the launching of the implementation of the Code of Standards for NPOs in Albania, the National Resource Centre in the capacity of the Secretariat of the Code of Standards, followed with a series of meetings, information and promotional activities for the Code and membership process. The interest from the organizations has been high, however, in order to join the Code, there are many organizations that express the need to further increase the capacities of the organizations and their support in this process. For all interested CSOs you may contact us at info@resourcecentre.al

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



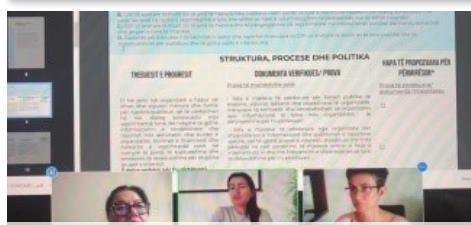
During the meeting with the Women of Independent Forum of Novosela to design a joint advocacy campaign that addresses the problems of this community in the Municipality of Vlora - **Regional Office Vlora**



Regional Office Vlora has provided a series of help desk services for local NPOs, guiding them on some funding opportunities and information on project proposals calls and participating in online meetings / trainings in their field of interest.



During a series of information sessions with youth activists of the Vlora Youth Center and the American Corner to discuss the active involvement of youth in democratic processes, advocacy and volunteerism - **Regional Office Vlora**



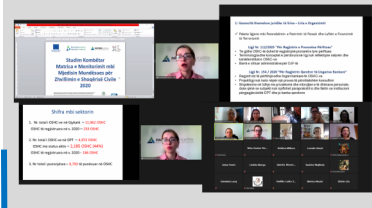
Online informative meetings with local NPOs on the Code of Standards - **Regional Office Shkodër**



During the forum with organizations from the northern region where we discussed the current standards implemented by CSOs and their compliance with the Code of Standards - **Regional Office Shkodër**



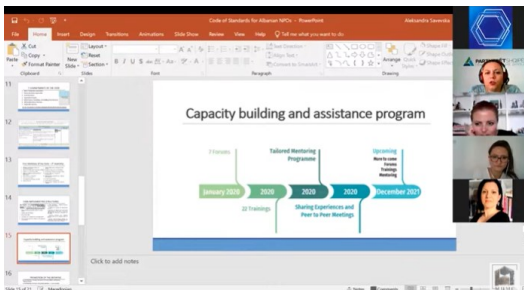
Introductory meeting for the annual report of the Monitoring Matrix on the Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development, Country Report for Albania 2020



On July 7, 2021, Partners Albania for Change and Development and the National Resource Centre for Civil Society presented in a virtual meeting, the annual report of the Monitoring Matrix on the Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development, 2020. In the eighth year of its preparation, the report presents an analysis of the enabling environment in line with the priorities set out in the Roadmap for Policy Making and Measures for an Enabling Environment for Civil Society 2018-2022. The meeting brought together about 62 representatives of civil society organizations. Discussions focused on the analysis of a number of important legal initiatives, part of the Anti-Money Laundering / Combating Terrorist Financing (AML/CFT) package undertaken through a non-inclusive process, including the new law “On the Registration of Non-Profit Organizations”, which not considers some important recommendations of civil society organizations. For more on the findings and recommendations, read the full Report [here](#)

Increasing Transparency and Accountability of CSOs

Regional and Global Reflections on CSO Accountability in the Balkans



On 1st July 2021, BCSDN held a regional workshop on CSO Accountability: “Reflections on the Self-Regulation of Civil Society by Sharing Regional and Global Experiences”. The event was followed by more than 60 CSOs representatives from the Balkans and across the world, who virtually discussed and shared examples of the CSO accountability practices and self-assessment mechanisms. The workshop aimed to raise awareness among CSOs in the region about the key principles, opportunities, and challenges they should consider in developing and implementing self-regulatory mechanisms for being more effective, accountable, and credible.

The second part of the workshop was devoted to stories on creating and institutionalizing the self-assessment mechanisms in Albania and N. Macedonia. Practical examples of how self-regulation mechanisms can improve the quality of social services provided by CSOs were also provided. As part of the discussion in this panel, Ms. Ariola Agolli, Manager of the National Resource Center in Partners Albania, shared her experience with the development of the Code for NPOs in Albania, highlighting the importance of a participatory process with extensive involvement in the preparation of the Code, the main principles, commitments of the Code, its functioning and implementing structures. The panelists and discussants then focused on some of the challenges in these processes and practices as well as the ongoing need for capacity building and support of organizations to raise their standards and to be part of such initiatives at the national level and to further recognized international good practices. For more here.

Code of Standards for NPOs in Albania and its developing experience, part of the journal of the Global Standard on CSOs Accountability

Partners Albania and the National Resource Centre, as the initiator and facilitator of the drafting process of the Code of Standards for NPOs in Albania, had the pleasure to be part of the latest edition of the Global Standard for CSO Responsibility newspaper.

The Global Standard for CSO Accountability is a standards reference model, created by 10 international organizations, that aims to transform the way organizations understand and practice accountability. It includes 12 dynamic accountability commitments that enable CSOs, regardless of their size or scope, to improve their accountability practices and consequently their effectiveness. Mrs. Ariola Agolli, Manager of the National Resource Centre and Mrs. Xhoana Zeqo, Project Manager at Partners Albania, shared their experience on the process of developing the Code of Standards for Albanian NPOs.

The importance of developing a self-regulatory accountability mechanism for the sector by the sector, the challenge of developing a practice of standards that is as comprehensive and representative as possible according to the development dynamics of the sector and its promotion to all stakeholders, were some of the other issues addressed in interview. The full article can be found [HERE](#)

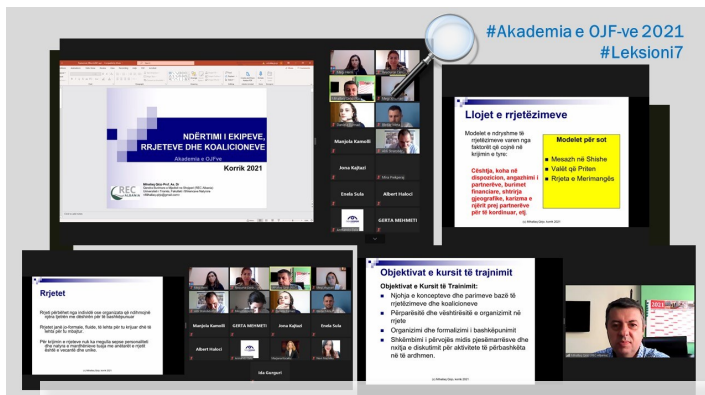


The Code of Standards for NPOs in Albania and its implementing structures were officially launched in July 2021, after an active process of almost two years of consultation and cooperation between civil society organizations throughout the country. You can [read more](#) about the Code and the membership process here. We invite all interested NGOs to write to us at info@resourcecentre.al

NPO Academy

The [#NPOAcademy2021](#) program has continued with other lectures on ["Providing Public Support and Working with the Private Sector - Fundraising and Philanthropy"](#) and the ["Creation and functioning of networks and coalitions"](#).

A special focus of the Academy program is to provide the opportunity to develop participants' skills through learning from the sharing of successful experiences and models. As part of the lecture on networks and coalitions we had the pleasure to have Ms. Biljana Spasovska, Executive Director of the Network for Balkan Civil Society Development Network and Mr. Andi Rabić, Director of the "Youth Voice" Network who shared experiences of their networks at regional and local level, focusing specifically on the importance of networks and working together, as well as the main challenges especially related to their coordination and management.



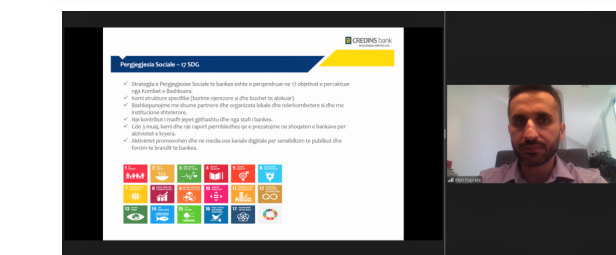
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["Creation and functioning of networks and coalitions"](#).



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[Providing Public Support and Working with the Private Sector - Fundraising and Philanthropy"](#)

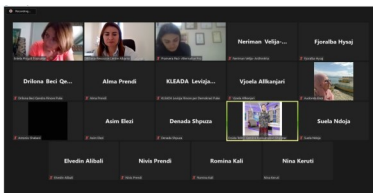


Special guest in lecture 8 was Mr. Kleti Kaprata, Deputy. Director, Marketing Department at Credins Bank to share the experience of cooperation with NPOs and the first Crowdfunding platform [www.Smile.al](#).

Training Programs for CSOs

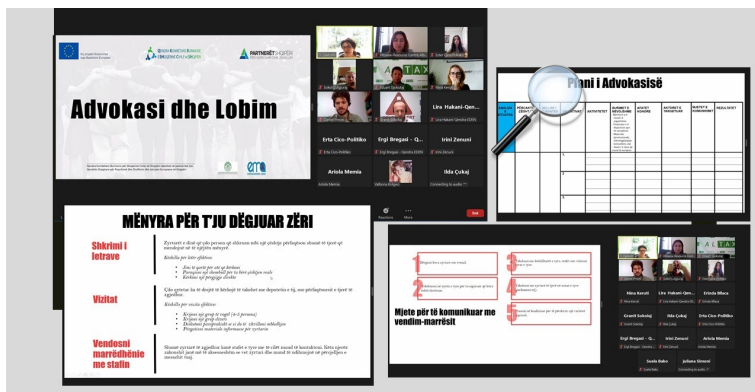
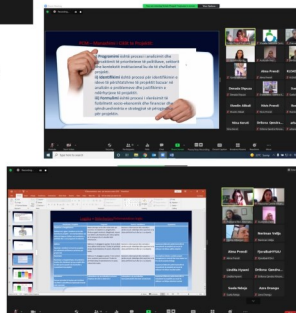
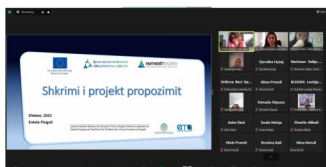
The National Resource Centre has continued with the organization of the online training programs dedicated to the non profit sector based on their needs or requests.

During this period, about 40 representatives of CSOs from Tirana, Elbasan, Vlora, Shkodra, Vau i Dejës and Puka have advanced their knowledge in [Advocacy and Lobbying](#) as well as in [Writing Project Proposals](#) on EU open and active calls, such as IPA Cross Border Montenegro-Albania, etc. Participants highly appreciated the training in particular regarding certain components of project proposal development that still remain challenging for local organizations such as the preparation of the logical framework, objectives, results and measurable indicators, etc.

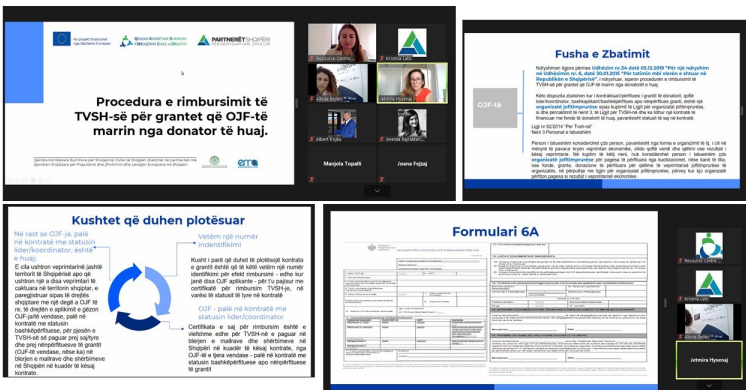


Program Trajnimi

Shkrimi i projekt propozimeve
për thirrje të BE-së



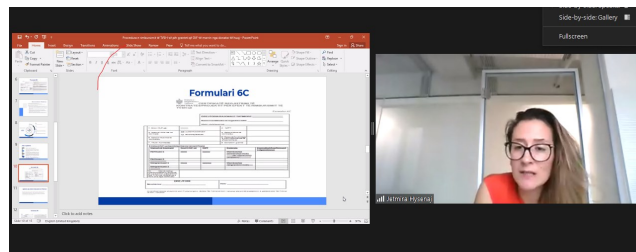
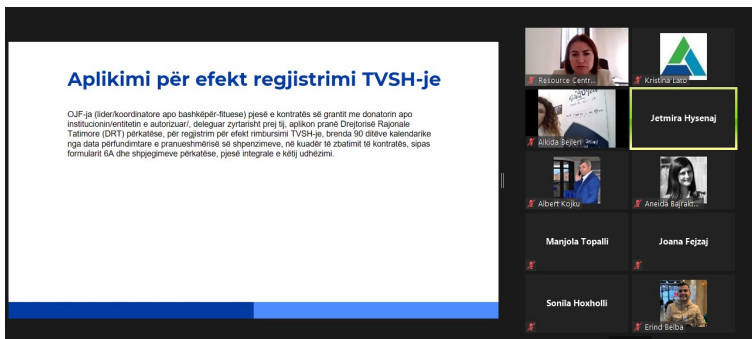
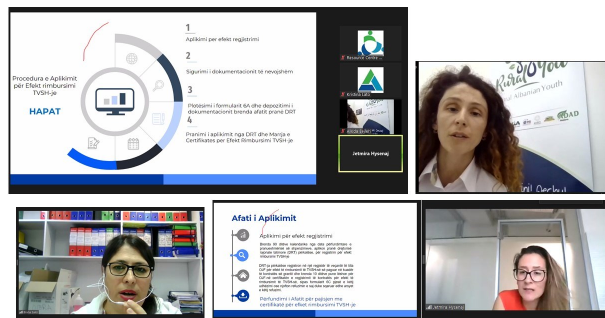
Training program "Fiscal framework for NPOs - VAT refund procedure"



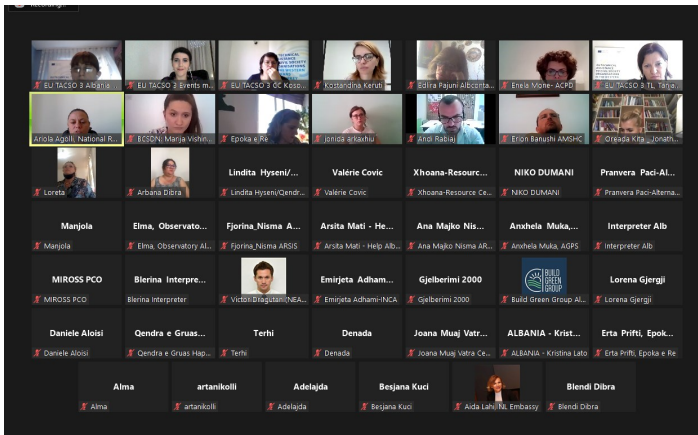
Based on the large number of the requests and the high interest from civil society organizations for information and assistance related to some aspects of the fiscal framework and in particular on the VAT refund procedure, on September 28, 2021 we developed a training program on this topic.

About 30 representatives of civil society organizations from all across the country were informed, discussed and increased their practical knowledge on the implementation of the VAT refund procedure by focusing on legal changes in [Instruction no. 34](#)

dated 05.12.2019 "On a change in the Instruction no. 6, dated 30.01.2015 "On value added tax in the Republic of Albania", as amended, which clarifies the procedure of VAT refund for grants that NPOs receive from foreign donors. The Application procedure for VAT reimbursement Certificate, application procedure for VAT reimbursement, accompanying documentation and main deadlines were some of the issues addressed throughout the training program.



National Consultation and Validation Meeting on the CSOs Needs Assessment in the Western Balkans of TACSO 3



On 10 September, EU TACSO 3 in partnership with the EU Delegation and the National Resource Center, organized the online meeting "National Consultation and Validation Meeting on the EU Civil Society Guidelines 2020 Assessment Report (EUCSG) for Albania".

The meeting was a part of a larger program held in six Western Balkans countries and Turkey. 43 representatives of CSOs, public institutions and international and local organizations were part of the meeting.

During the meeting, the findings of the national assessment for Albania were presented, noting the effects of COVID-19 on the enabling environment of CSOs in 2020.

Freedom of assembly, lack of transparency, reduction of public funding, lack of consultations in drafting laws and policies related to CSO activities, referring to law no. 80/2021 "On the Registration of

Non-Profit Organizations" were some of the key findings presented and further discussed with the participants. The evaluation report also cites the initiative of the Code of Standards for NPOs in Albania as an important mechanism that contributes to increasing the transparency and accountability of the sector.

During the discussion session, participants had the opportunity to share their views and opinions on the findings of the evaluation, which will be reflected later in the final Study Report that is expected to be published soon. [For more](#)

Conference "Preparing for Negotiations: The Need for Capacity"



[The Academy of European Integration and Negotiations](#) on July 8, 2021 held the Conference "Preparing for Negotiations: The Need for Capacity". This Conference concluded the Academy 2020-2021 (Edition II) and brought together over 100 professionals and experts from public administration, non-governmental organizations, think tanks and academia, associations business, international organizations and the media.

As part of a regional panel "Preparing for Negotiations: The Need for Capacity" with speakers from the Western Balkans, the Conference provided experience and best practices from Montenegro and Serbia during the EU accession negotiation process.

At the national level, Ms. Juliana Hoxha, Director of Partners Albania, stressed the experience in our country with the Partnership Platform, where civil society does not have a direct impact on the negotiations, but their role remains consultative. Ms. Hoxha also emphasized the consultative processes in Albania and the problems that remain in the public administration for the information and continuous involvement of non-state actors.

At the end of the Conference were highlighted as the main challenges politicization and lack of capacity of public administration, the growing phenomenon of "brain drain", emphasizing as important for overcoming their political will and cooperation with non-state actors during the accession process. [For more](#)



Introductory and informative meeting between civil society representatives and the new Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Civil Human Rights



On October 1st, Ms. Klotilda Bushka, in the capacity of Chairwoman of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights, in the framework of cooperation with civil society, organized an informative meeting with organizations that cooperate with the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights, part of the electronic register of civil society in the premises of the Assembly.

In addition to acquainting and introducing the participants to the spaces that the Assembly provides to civil society, the concrete mechanisms of their involvement in this process and the innovations that this legislature will bring, the Chairperson of the Committee requested closer cooperation between the parties seeking CSO commitment in improving legislation. On behalf of the commission, Ms. Bushka expressed his commitment for continuous and comprehensive cooperation with civil society. [For more](#)

8th Western Balkans Civil Society Forum



The [European Economic and Social Committee—EESC](#) organised its 8th Western Balkans Civil Society Forum in Skopje on 30 September 2021 and 1 October 2021.

Forum brought together approximately 100 participants, including a broad range of civil society representatives from the EU and the Western Balkans, as well as representatives of EU institutions, international organisations and governments of the region.

Some of the main topics were how to enhance the accession process, the contribution of CSOs to the process; the post-COVID recovery, the state of social dialogue, as well as enabling civic space in the Western Balkans.

A final declaration with recommendations from civil society

organisations was issued at the end of the event. [Read more](#)



EU Award Ceremony for Roma Integration in the Western Balkans and Turkey



On 29 September, in the framework of the 55th EU Week for Roma (27 - 30 September 2021), the European Commission announced the 14 winners of the fourth EU Prize for Roma Integration in the Western Balkans and Turkey. This year's EU Award for Roma Integration is dedicated to Extraordinary People Promoting Equality through Employment. It recognises private and public initiatives that offer support, recognition and publicity to unemployment in the Roma communities, especially among women, and that support positive role models and practical help.

Winners include a window cleaning business in Albania, the Montenegrin Red Cross and the Municipality of Konak in Western Turkey. [For more](#)

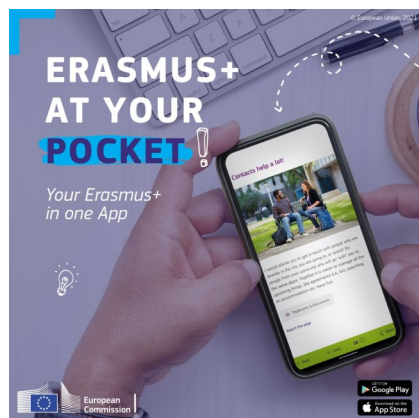
Merkel's visit confirmed the importance of civil the society in the region



During her visit to the Western Balkans, for the last time as German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, in addition to meeting with regional leaders, also met with representatives of civil society organizations in the Western Balkans. The focus of her visit was topics related to the Berlin Process, an initiative launched by the German Chancellor in 2014.

Its aim was to keep WB countries at the EU's bay, ensure their respective reforms are implemented, and maintain high-level contacts between WB and EU leaders. Civil society organizations has been actively involved in the Berlin Process since 2015. [For more](#)

Erasmus+ in your pocket !

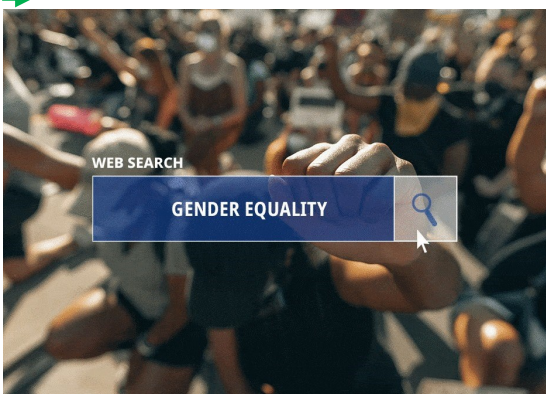


In this framework, the European University Foundation - EUF developed a mobile application on the Erasmus+ Programme opportunities for individuals and offered a guidance through the mobility process - from the application phase to the return to their own country.

In 2017, the Erasmus Programme celebrated its 30th anniversary and set a significant milestone for Europe's best-known initiative, which already since 2014 brings together multiple programmes in the fields of education, training and youth under the umbrella of Erasmus+. At the same time, last year also marked the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, offering a perfect opportunity to reflect on the progress achieved through European integration as well as on the future that can be built.

It aims is to accompany the user from the start of the mobility to the return to their home country. Download the application [here](#)

Glossary on the terms of gender equality in the languages of the Western Balkans



The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) has drafted and published a dictionary on Gender Equality, which is a specialized terminology tool focused on the field of gender equality. It aims to foster a common understanding of gender equality terms across the EU and promote gender-fair and inclusive language to improve equality between women and men.

Over 400 terms of EIGE's Glossary and Thesaurus are now available in four languages of EU candidate countries and potential

For more, get know with the Dictionary in Albanian [here](#)

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GRANTE STRATEGJIKE
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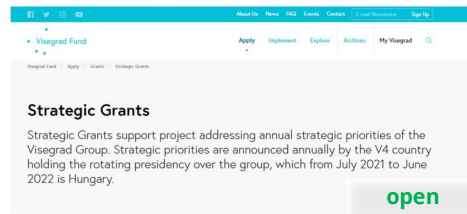
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 **RISE-ALB**
Rafforzamento
dell'Imprenditorialità
Sociale in Albania
open


Call for Partners
Co-designing the National Network on Youth, Peace and Security
closed

**BCSDN REGIONAL
CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT HUB
CALL FOR
AD-HOC GRANTS**
open

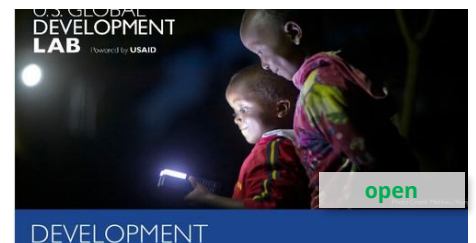
 **Strategic Grants**
Strategic Grants support project addressing annual strategic priorities of the Visegrad Group. Strategic priorities are announced annually by the V4 country holding the rotating presidency over the group, which from July 2021 to June 2022 is Hungary.
open

 **DACoP Workshop:
Rebalancing Power**
Join the Dynamic Accountability Community of Practice for a workshop that will see us reflect, reimagine and identify concrete steps for creating more equitable and just relationships with our collaborators and participants.
Thursday 5th of August 2021
13.00 - 14.30 CEST
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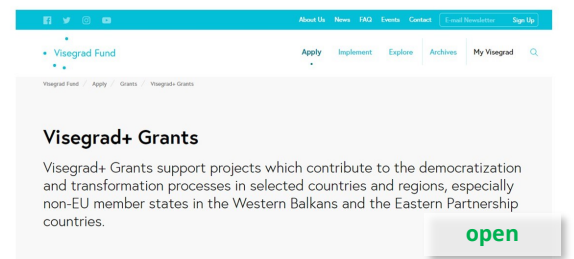
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
open to CSOs and CSO networks based and operating in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia to submit project proposals for anti-corruption awareness raising campaigns
€ 9,500 PER PROJECT
  **open**

THE BALKAN FORUM
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Youth Cooperation Fund
2nd Call for Proposals for Small Size Grants
Supporting regional youth initiatives in the Western Balkans with the aim of accelerating the transition to the circular economy
open
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 18 OCTOBER 2021

 **BASHKOHU ME NE**
Thirrje për antarë të rinj të rrjetit
15 korrik - 15 shtator 2021
  **closed**

 **GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT LAB**
Supported by USAID
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**HOW TO BECOME
A DIGITAL NONPROFIT?**
CATALYST'S DIGITAL MONTH
FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS FOR NPOs
AUG 30 - OCT 2
   **open**

 **Visegrad+ Grants**
Visegrad+ Grants support projects which contribute to the democratization and transformation processes in selected countries and regions, especially non-EU member states in the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership countries.
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CALL FOR GRANTS
NGOs in ELBASAN, LIBRAZH, CERNIK, PEQIN, PRENJA, GRAMOR, BELEN
DEADLINE-AUGUST 22nd
closed

 **Launch of CPDE Elections for 4
Representatives of the Europe Region**
(Deadline Extended: 3 August 2021)
closed

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

Mark your calendar! Be involved in our upcoming events!

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NPO Academy



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