

AGENDA

CSO Forum “Accountable CSOs for Effective Development Cooperation”

7 October 2022

9:00 – 13:00

Hotel Tirana International, salla Classic

SESSION 1: National Workshop “Effective Development Cooperation and CSOs Development Effectiveness”

Time/ hour	Item	Speaker/ moderator
8:30-9:00	Registration of participants	
9:00-9:10	Welcome and Introduction <i>Agenda setting and welcoming</i>	Ms. Klotilda Kosta , Director of Programs, Partners Albania for Change and Development Ms. Ariola Agolli , National Resource Centre Manager at Partners Albania for Change and Development
9:10-9:40	Introducing the Effective Development Cooperation and the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Brief introduction of the Effective Development Cooperation principles</i> • <i>Albania monitoring results on EDC</i> • <i>PA action plan on CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness</i> • <i>Q&A</i> 	Ms. Klotilda Kosta , Director of Programs, Partners Albania for Change and Development
9:40-10:20	CSO Development Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation of the Istanbul CSO Development Effectiveness Principles</i> • <i>Presentation of the preliminary results of the CSO effectiveness review self-assessment</i> • <i>Discussions</i> 	Ms. Xhoana Zeqo , National Resource Centre Coordinator at Partners Albania for Change and Development
10:20-10:45	CSO strategies and advocacy efforts on EDC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moderated Discussion</i> 	Ms. Ariola Agolli , National Resource Centre Manager at Partners Albania for Change and Development

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

SESSION 2: Regional Workshop “Donors & CSOs: together towards a more Accountable Civil Society in the Western Balkans”

Time/ hour	Item	Speaker/ moderator
11:00-11:10	Welcome and Introduction <i>Agenda setting and welcoming</i>	Ms. Biljana Spasovska , BCSDN Executive Director
11:10-11:20	Introducing the Global Accountability Week and the Global Standard role in the process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Brief introduction of the Global Accountability Week 2022, its impact during the years, as well as Global Standard role in Western Balkans’ CSOs accountability practices</i> 	Ms. Anabel Cruz , the Founder Director of the Communication and Development Institute (ICD)
11:20-11:40	Discussing the latest regional developments on CSO Accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Reflection on Global Standard for CSO Accountability embodiment into national efforts (Albania and North Macedonia) for promoting CSO accountability;</i> <i>Discussing the relevance of national civil society codes in creating essential documents and policy decisions on national, regional, and European level;</i> <i>Bringing up the possibility of existence of other similar initiatives and national civil society codes in the region;</i> <i>Joint conversation on how CSOs compliance to national codes can serve to CSOs-Donors relationships</i> 	Ms. Ms. Ariola Agoli , National Resource Centre Manager at Partners Albania for Change and Development Ms. Aleksandra Savevska , Project Officer at Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC)
11:40-12:20	Donors' Role in creating more accountable and effective Western Balkans civil society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Donors- CSOs power relations for advanced Western Balkans civic space;</i> <i>How the EU recognition of the Global Standard could be used as a positive example and inspire other donors in their work; Are there some similar mechanisms donors could refer to; How civil society programs and all donors should be involved in the process of EU Guidelines implementation?;</i> <i>Reflection on recent success and challenges of EU efforts in providing more resilient Western Balkans civic space, focusing on the GS recognition in the EU Guidelines;</i> <i>The EU Guidelines in the function of National Civil Society Codes</i> <i>The strategic importance of EU TACSO 3 functioning in the region</i> 	Ms. Hillen Francke , Head of Sector Civil society and human capital development, EU DG NEAR Ms. Birgitta Jansson , Senior Programme Manager/Specialist Democracy and Human Rights Department for Europe and Latinamerica, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida); Mr. Richard Allen , EU TACSO 3 Team Leader
12:20-12:50	Q&A session <i>Interactive dialogues among Donors and CSOs</i>	All workshop’s participants
12:50-13:00	Conclusions and What’s Upcoming	Ms. Daniella Hiche , CIVICUS (AGNA) Coordinator

13:00 Cocktail

** The regional workshop is part of the Forth Extension phase of the Global Standard project: Learning and strengthening accountability practices in the Western Balkans, funded by Sida.*