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Working meeting of civil society members of the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS)

Tirana, 11 January 2018

This meeting was held at the premises of the Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania (CRCA Albania). NCCS members discussed about setting some core work priorities for specific groups and also according to the needs of the sector.

All present members were of the opinion to send a letter to the Chair of the NCCS, asking all public institutions to send the names of the members of the Council to the Agency for the Support of Civil

Society to reflect them on the Agency's webpage and their participation in the Council meetings, because their absence complicates functioning of the Council.

Three working groups were created for the revision and amendment of the laws. One for the CSO Law, one for the Law on Taxes and one for the Law on Local Government.



ASCS announces the Call no. 11 for Proposal

11 January - 12 February 2018

In this Call, interested NGOs are pleased to bring project proposals and that have as object and covers these priority area:

1. **Caring for the environment by promoting awareness raising initiatives and other actions in the direction of environmental and territorial maintenance and other priorities:**
2. *Strengthening youth capacities in the field of volunteering, training, social entrepreneurship, tourism and inclusive and continuing education, as well as protagonism in the creation of civil society organizations;*
3. *Support of vulnerable and marginalized groups and marginalized groups of the society (orphans, persons with disabilities, minorities, LGBTI, etc.) through strengthening their capacities and community involvement actions;*
4. *Empowering the rule of law through supporting initiatives focusing on the fight against corruption, active citizenship, increasing civic participation in local and central decision making and advocacy for legal initiatives;*
5. *Tourism and culture, as a development binomial for the territory of Albania, through initiatives aimed at increasing the use of tourist and cultural resources, combined with the youth protagonism and civil society.*

ASCS participates in the workshop against corruption

Tirana, 16 January 2018



Representatives from the ASCS participate in a workshop titled "Intersectoral Strategy against Corruption: From Objectives to Performance Indicators", organized within the framework of the "Sector Reform Contract for the fight against corruption" project, funded by the European Union and implemented by ARS Projects. This workshop is chaired by Ms. Teuta Vodo, Deputy Minister of Justice, in the capacity of the National Anti - Corruption Coordinator.

The online consultation process on the Road Map is closed

31 January 2018

Konsultimi On-Line

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MUNDËSUES PËR SHOQËRINË CIVILE



The TA team expresses its gratitude to all 20 organizations who participated actively in the consultation and all those 350 organizations who had a look at the documents, even if they did not fill in the questionnaire.

The purpose of this consultation was to contribute to a better popularization of the Road Map.

An anonymous summary with all the responses will also be published by mid-April as well as a revised Road Map version as soon as possible.



Tirana, 5 February 2018

A working meeting of CSO members of the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS) with EU experts was held at the premises of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS), at 10:15am.

ASCS supports the initiative against violence to women #DashuriaNukVret #Dashuromosvrit

Tirana, 14 February 2018



A strong message against violence to women has been accomplished through some graffiti in Tirana city, strongly opposing the society's tendency to justify the violent murders of women with the label of "passion crime".

#DashuriaNukVret – Love does not kill

#Dashuromosvrit – Love, do not kill



Conference on Presentation of EITI - 2016 and Promotion of Transparency in Natural Resources Utilization in Albania

Tirana, 28 February 2018



Representatives from the ASCS participate in the Conference titled "Presentation of EITI 2016 Report and Promotion of Transparency in Natural Resources Exploitation Activity in Albania" organized by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy in cooperation with the National Transparency Secretariat for Extractive Industries Alb EITI.

At this conference were present the Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Energy, Mr. Enis Aliko, Secretary General of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Mr. Gentian Keri, Director of the National Secretariat of the Global Transparency Initiative for Extractive Industries, Mr. Ardit Kamberi, Chairman of the

Committee on Production Activities, Trade and Environment in the Parliament of Albania, Mr. Eduart Shalsi, as well as Representatives from State Institutions, Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps, International Donors and Partners Representatives, Civil Society Representatives, and Representatives of the Extractive Industries Business.

Publication of the Annual Report of EITI 2016 finalizes the annual activity of the National Secretariat EITI, focusing on promoting the Transparency and Good Natural Resource Management of the country, also through cooperation with MSG and Interest Groups.



Round table “Service without Barriers” with Civil Society Organizations representing marginalized groups with special needs

Tirana, 28 February 2018



Project funded by the European Union



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Support to improve citizen-centric public service delivery in Albania



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Agency of Delivery Integrated Services in Albania (ADISA) in cooperation with Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) with partners of project funded by EU “Support to improve citizen-centric public service delivery in Albania” as well as under the presence of the Deputy Prime Minister of Albania, Ms. Senida Mesi, organized the roundtable “Services without Barriers”, which was held in Hotel Tirana International. This roundtable was attended by Civil Society Organizations, which represent marginalized groups with different abilities.



Tirana, 28 February 2018

A working meeting of CSO members of the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS) with the EU expert was held at the premises of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS), at 12:30pm.

Meeting of the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS)

Tirana, 6 March 2018



The meeting of the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS) has been held at the premises of the Center for Openness and Dialogue (COD), at the Prime Minister's Office and in the presence of the media. At the meeting participated members of the NCCS, representatives from Agency for the Support of Civil Society and civil society organizations.

At this meeting was discussed the legal initiatives presented by civil society members at the NCCS; information on the Roadmap review process; presentation of the Guidelines of the National Council for the Rights and Protection of the Child on the selection of 5 (five) members from the civil society at the National Council for the Protection of Children's Rights, etc.



International Women's Day

Tirana, 8 March 2018

Representatives from the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) as well as the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS) participated in the conference on: "The Role of the Albanian Women in State Creation, Modernization and Europeanization", organized by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, within the International Women's Day.

This activity was attended by the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, representatives from Civil Society, academic field, members of the diplomatic bodies accredited in Albania, politicians etc.

This event aimed at raising the awareness of our society on women's rights, empowerment of their role and gender equality, embodied in the current policies of the Albanian Government as well as its commitment to embrace the European values through the accession process.

An archive exhibition of the Albanian women along the history, together with documents of the Albanian Telegraphic Agency (ATA), Central State Archive, as well as documents on the role of the Albanian women in diplomacy, from the Archive of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, would be part of this event.



Call for applications for civil society candidates to the National Council for the Rights and Child's Protection

15 - 20 March 2018

The Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) in the role of the Technical Secretariat of the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS) announces the Call for Applications from Civil Society Candidates for five members to the National Council for the Rights and Child's Protection, pursuant to the Order of Prime Minister no. 40, dated 1.3.2018 "On the Establishment of the National Council for the Rights and Child's".



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