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The Call for Proposals No. 12 is now closed

28 February – 1 April 2019

The Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) closes the phase of submitting the proposals by NGOs in the framework of the Call No. 12.

In this Call for proposal have been submitted 161 projects from the civil society organization.



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The CALL for proposal

February 28th - April 1st 2019

ASCS shows solidarity with the initiative "Blood donation - a human act that saves life"

Tirana, 4 April 2019

The Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) shows solidarity with the initiative "Blood Donation - a human act that saves life" by some staff members donating blood, voluntarily.

This initiative has been undertaken by the Blood Transfusion Center in Tirana in cooperation with the Foundation "Different Weekend", and the blood donated will be an additional help for the thalassemia patients.



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EU Policy HUB & Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Tirana

Round Table: “Civil Society Contribution in the Process of EU Integration”

Tirana, 18 April 2019



Representative of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) participated in the Round Table “Civil Society Contribution in the Process of EU Integration”, organized by EU Policy HUB & Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Tirana, which was held in the premises of Hotel Rogner.

This activity aims to bring a pool of civil society representatives in the realm of EU Integration, experts as well as academics in the field, to discuss the challenges, obstacles and solutions related to a stronger and more engaging role of the Civil Society Organizations in the policy

making processes and related reforms needed to achieve the EU Membership.

During the roundtable were also presented the findings of the study of Tom Moddenborg from University of Leipzig. In his work Moddenborg, provides a thorough analysis and a comparable approach between Albania and Macedonia regarding the important role that civil society organizations have in the process of consultations of new policies and on the other hand a watchdog of the governmental measures and reforms.



Consultative meeting in the framework of drafting the report on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action 1995 (Beijing +25)

Tirana, April 19, 2019



Representatives from the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) participated in a consultative meeting, in the framework of drafting the report on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action 1995 (Beijing +25), organized by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MHSP), as the main authority responsible for gender equality issues, in co-responsibility and consultation with the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEFA), where, there were also present, representatives from stakeholder groups and civil society organizations.

In drafting this Report, MHSP and MEFA were also based on the previously requested information from some of the independent institutions and civil society organizations.

2020 coincides with an important year of analysis on the steps taken towards gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls, as well as on the implementation of other global commitments, such as those of Resolution 1325 (2000), of Security Council and subsequent Resolutions on women, peace and security; Addis Ababa Agenda for Action at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (2015); Paris Agreement on Climate Change (2015), etc.

Reporting will be focused on achievements and challenges in the 12 areas defined in the Platform, concretely:

1. *Women and poverty;*
2. *Women's education and training;*
3. *Women and health;*
4. *Violence against women;*
5. *Women and armed conflicts;*
6. *Women and the economy;*
7. *Women in politics and decision-making;*
8. *Institutional mechanisms for the women progress;*
9. *Women's human rights;*
10. *Women and the media;*
11. *Women and the environment;*
12. *Girl child.*

This analysis is reflected in six thematic groupings, taking into consideration even the guiding questions for each, as suggested in the relevant UN Women and UNECE guidelines for this purpose, respectively:

1. *Comprehensive development, common prosperity and worthy work*
2. *The eradication of poverty, social protection and social care services*
3. *Freedom from violence, stigma and stereotype*
4. *Participation, accountability and gender responsive institutions*
5. *Peaceful and inclusive society*
6. *Preservation, protection and rehabilitation of the environment*



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ASCS announces the call for candidate proposals from civil society to the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS)

22 April 2019 – 20 May 2019

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 candidate proposals from civil society to the NCCS for the 4 member vacancies created due to completion of one-year mandates, respectively:

- **1 member** for the field of action B:
“Economic-territorial-environmental development”
- **3 members** for the field of action C:
“Improve welfare, social services, health protection and quality of life”

The Phase of the Candidate's Proposal Process is open **from 22 April 2019 to 20 May 2019, at 16:30**, at which time the candidatures and supporting documentation are submitted by the candidate nominating organizations, even by the candidates.

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IDM Albania / Policy Forum: “Europeanization beyond process”

Tirana, 23 April 2019



Representative of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) participated in the Policy Forum: “Europeanization beyond process”, organized by the “Institute for Democracy and Mediation” and where participated as well Albanian experts and senior representatives from well-known EU think tanks: Centre for European Policy Studies - CEPS Brussels, European Stability Initiative - ESI Berlin, and European Policy Centre - EPC Brussels.



The purpose of the Policy Forum "Europeanization beyond process" is the beginning of a new dimension of exchange of experiences between think tanks through a series of debates that bring the knowledge and perspectives of well-known EU research organizations.



This initiative is expected to encourage a learning process for stakeholders in Albania regarding a diverse range of current topics for the EU, such as; EU reform, the future of the Eurozone, the rule of law and the weakening of democracy, BREXIT, emigration, European elections, trade, the EU's role in the world and other EU-related topics.

In conclusion, the process is expected to provide a better understanding of these issues as well as how they will affect the Western Balkans region and the enlargement process in the coming years.

Partners Albania presents the preliminary findings and recommendations of the “Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society 2018 – Country Report for Albania”

Tirana, 25 April 2019



Representatives of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) participated in a round table on presentation of the preliminary findings and recommendations of the “Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society 2018 – Country Report for Albania”, which was organized by Partners Albania for Change and Development and the National Resource Centre for Civil Society.

The meeting served as a discussion forum focused on an analysis of the changes and development of the legal and practical framework affecting the sector occurred during January 2018- February 2019. Participants at the round table were Ms. Alketa Knuti - Deputy Director of General Tax Directorate, representatives of civil society organizations and donor institution in the country.

Some of the main issues that the discussion was focused on were:

- *Revision of the Law no. 8788, dated 7/5/2001, “On Non-Profit Organizations”, defining clearly the difference between the economic activity and non-profit activity of NGOs.*
- *Revision of the article 45 of the Law no. 97/2018, dated 03.12.2018 “On Tax Procedures in the Republic of Albania” amended on “Deregistration of tax entities/ taxpayers”.*
- *The need for more precision and data unification of the Electronic Register of the NGOs in the General Directorate of Taxation.*
- *De-registration from VAT of NGOs that do not declare for 12 consecutive periods of VAT payable.*
- *Law no. 25/2018 “On Accounting and Financial Statements” and its specific provisions regarding the obligation of NGOs for preparation of performance reports, submission and publication of these reports and of the financial statements, etc.*

At the round table, was presented a research paper on one of the alternative financing methods nowadays such as Crowdfunding. Crowdfunding is one of the innovative fundraising methods, which is being widely used by the sector and social entrepreneurs in the region and Europe, but is little explored in Albania. Through this publication, it is aimed at informing and encouraging the sector about using this method to generate funds.

The Report on “Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society 2018 - Country Report for Albania” and the research paper "Crowdfunding Platforms: An Alternative Source of Financing" will be published soon in May 2019.

The Coordination Center against Violent Extremism (CVE Center) organized the First National Conference "The First Line Actors in the Prevention of Violent Extremism"

Tirana, 30 April 2019



Representatives of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS) attended the First National Conference "The First Line Actors in the Prevention of Violent Extremism", organized by the Coordination Center against Violent Extremism (CVE Center), which was held at the Palace of Congresses, in Tirana.

In this National Conference, came together first line workers - teachers, social workers, community policing officers - as well as invited representatives of line ministries and civil society, religious communities, media, regional and international partners.



The main focus of the Conference was the presentation of concrete cases and interventions, in the area of preventing and opposing violent extremism, implemented by first-line actors across the country.

Case studies were presented during the Conference such as: Education; Social Protection; Community Policing; Prison System; Local Governance - encouraged the discussion on the achieved results and the creation of good practices for further implementation of interventions in this area.

The call for candidate proposals from civil society to the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS) is now closed

22 April 2019 – 20 May 2019

The Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS), in the role of the Technical Secretariat of the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS), closes the phase of candidate proposal from civil society to the NCCS for 4 member vacancies created due to the termination of 1-year mandates.

During this phase 18 candidates were presented, respectively:

- **7 candidates** for the field of action B:
“Economic-territorial-environmental development”
- **11 candidates** for the field of action C:
“Improve welfare, social services, health protection and quality of life”

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Institute for Public & Legal Studies (IPLS) presents the methodological document "Monitoring of Judicial Integrity"

Tirana, 24 May 2019



Executive Director of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society (ASCS), Mr. Andi Kananaj participated in the meeting on the presentation of the methodological document "Monitoring of Judicial Integrity", organized by the Institute for Public & Legal Studies (IPLS).

The event was held under the framework of the project "Civil Society Inclusion for a Functional and Equitable Justice System for All in Albania" funded by the European Union in partnership

with "Save the Children" and the "Integrated Legal Services and Practices Center".

This event was attended by the Minister of Justice and the Heads of Judicial and Prosecutorial Governance, the President of the High Court, the Chairman and members of the Council of Appointments in Justice. IPLS has drafted the Methodological Document "Monitoring of Judicial Integrity" and through this activity aims to present the main areas of

judicial activity performance and the factors, to be considered for monitoring judicial integrity.



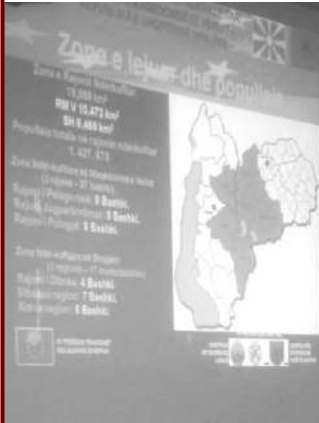
This document aims to contribute in strengthening and development of judicial integrity, according to a contemporary methodology, elaborated and widely accepted by the international standards of promoting judicial integrity.



Aiming to assisting civil society actors, as watchdogs to judicial integrity, the Judicial Integrity Methodology aims to serve them in future monitoring activities, as well as to courts and judges in their efforts to increase judicial integrity along their work, and consequently, to increase public confidence in justice.

Public Consultation on IPA North Macedonia - Albania 2014 – 2020

Korça, 7 June 2019



Representatives from the Agency for the Support to Civil Society (ASCS) participated in a public consultation within the framework of the "IPA North Macedonia - Albania 2014 - 2020" program, which was held in Korça.

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