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Consultations the susceptible about drafting the national plan the action 2022-2024 of partnership about governance the open

Tirana, January 04, 2023

The Civil Society Support Agency (ASCS) announces the open consultation for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), interest groups and the general public, regarding the completion of the preliminary questionnaire aimed at conceptualizing priority measures for the National Action Plan 2022-2024 of the Open Government Partnership.

This questionnaire is an excellent opportunity to involve all stakeholders in the process of drafting measures and policies aimed at improving transparency, accountability and citizen participation in governance. The consultation will help identify priority measures that will contribute to strengthening the partnership between the state and civil society, as well as to developing more open and inclusive policies for citizens.

The deadline for completing the questionnaire is January 18, 2023. All representatives of organizations, interest groups and citizens are invited to provide their opinions and recommendations, which will contribute to the formulation of the most appropriate and effective measures for the period 2022-2024.



Participants will have the opportunity to express their opinions on the priorities to be addressed in this plan, providing an opportunity for an open and fair dialogue between civil society actors and state institutions.

This is an important process for increasing accountability, transparency and citizen involvement in decision-making processes. Participants will contribute to the development of a sustainable and comprehensive plan that will help improve governance and strengthen public trust in institutions.

This is an important step in ensuring that policy and decision-making are developed in an open and inclusive manner, giving every individual and organization the opportunity to contribute to better and more accountable governance.

ASCS representatives participate in appointment periodicals the integration european the Albania

Tirana, January 16, 2023

January 16, 2023, representative the agency for the support civil society ASCS more part in a meeting the crucial that took place between institutions albania and commission european (dg near), of who has to view monitoring and supporting about the negotiation process about integration european the albania . this meeting it was a excellent opportunity about the discussion global and advances in the field of democratization the institutions public, as and about the emphasized the role of civil society in this process the crucial about the place.



In this context, albania presented report about democratization of institutions public and civil society involvement in governance processes and in policy making public . this was a key moment about the discussed how process the integration european the albania can the improve operation and transparency of institutions public, guaranteeing the inclusion of all group the interested parties, including civil society, in processes decision-making .

ASCS, how part of civil society, has a role the crucial in strengthening interaction and cooperation between actors the civil society and institutions state. Its participation in this meeting was emphasized how a opportunities about the provided that concern and the needs of civil society be part integral of the process the integration in the eu. in this framework, ASCS has contributed in discussions about ways about the improve dialogue and cooperation between civil society and authorities, as and about the strengthen the role of civil society in decision- making processes and in monitoring implementation the reforms .



Civil Society involvement in governance processes is a aspect basic about democratization of institutions and about providing a country the of the right and the accountability. In this meeting, it was discussed also how albania can the improve more beyond inclusion mechanisms of the civil society and the ensure that decision- making processes the be how more transparent and the they include the all the actors of society, for the created a climate confidence and cooperation between citizens and institutions.

in conclusion the meeting, it was emphasized the importance of civil society how a key partner about the reached integration goals European, contributing with its expertise and having a influence the direct in policy development that affecting daily life the citizens. meeting participants fell agree about continuing cooperation and strengthening mechanisms the inclusion of the civil society, for the provided that process the integration european they be inclusive, transparent and the stable .

amsc will continued the be a actor active in this process, supporting civil society about the contribute in further progress the albania in the path of integration european. This is a important opportunity about the provided that civil society the this a role the stronger and the bold in governance processes and about the guaranteed that progress the albania in the eu of be the sustainable and the including.

Announced online voting for selection of members the civil society in council national the civil society and user winner.

Tirana, January 23, 2023 - February 20, 2023

Agency for the support of Civil Society (ASCS) announce opening the process the online voting for selection of members the civil society in council national the civil society, for eight vacancies created, this process aims to view the involvement of representatives by civil society in structure decision and is a important opportunity about organizations profit about the contribute in development and improving policies public in albania.

Vacancy categories are the separate in three groups specific, like more below:

- A. Democratization, Governance the law, of Human Rights and integration in the eu (2 vacancies)
- B. Development Economic-Territorial-Environmental (2 vacancies)
- C. Improvement The Welfare, Services Social, defense of the soundness and quality of the life (4 vacancies)

Deadline The polling is the open up more **february 3**, **2023**, and can then be realized only by representative the organization non-profit organization (ngo) that have a active nipt, for any vacancy, any ngo can the give only a vote the valid .

this process the polling is a excellent opportunity about organizations profit the contributing in selection of individuals that will represent the interests of civil society in council national the civil society, an important structure influential the direct in policymaking and the development of the country.



The process THE ASSESSMENT AND polling conclusion

After completion THE process THE ASSESSMENT THE applications AND online voting, are DESIGNATED candidates winner ABOUT vacancies created IN COUNCIL national THE Civil Society . Candidates winner are:

A. Democratization, Governance The The law , of Human Rights AND iNtegratioN in the EU (2 vacancies):

- 1. Ergys Gezka
- 2. Gentian Serjani

B. Development Economic-Territorial-Environmental (2 vacancies):

- 1. Ermelinda Mahmutaj
- 2. Mirela Koci

C. Improvement The Welfare, Services Social , Defense OF THE SoundneSS AND qUALITY OF THE Life (4 vacancies):

- 1. Eglantine Bardhi
- 2. Nensi Dragoti
- 3. Indrit Seferi
- 4. Fabiola Laco Egro

Deadline ABOUT contestation is up more **February 10, 2023**, and any individual or organization has fair the present contestation about the results announced.

This process is one step of crucial in strengthening the role the civil society in albania, by enable those a participation more the greater in processes decision and contributing in the creation of a grading system more transparent and the online voting is included. A opportunities that makes process the open and the easily about participants, ensuring that the all interested organizations they have opportunity the wont their opinion about representatives more the fit in these position key.

Conclusion The project ABOUT consultation Online Psychology: Support about mental health after the pandemic

Tirana, February 11, 2023

Pandemics frequently appear quickly, but their influences, such as and consequences long in health emotional and mental the individuals, can the remain about a period the long after completion the situation emergency. This has been a by learning key that have learning long period of the implementation the project about counseling online psychological, support by cssa and the implemented by counseling center and service psychological, of who offered supporting about they who were facing the consequences of the pandemic. this project has been in and developmental by october 1, 2022 until on january 31, 2023, and is a example the commitment the continued about improving health mental and providing support about they that they had more lot need.

During this period, **82 calls** are completed by citizens, the majority from their by shkodra, but also by villages around, malësia e madhe, puka and tirana, showing a need the visible about supporting emotions and this project has provided the possibility of online counseling, making it it the accessible about individual that can the not have opportunities the visit personally center about services such. Also, for they that they have requested, is enable also counseling in center facilities about a supporting more the directly.

A by aspects that encouraged us long implementation this action is the continuous increase in the number the call by month in month. This has given us security and faith in the effectiveness of services that we were offering, as and has shown that the request about supporting psychological it was higher than we had predicted. this phenomenon is clear evidence of impact the pandemic in health mental the individual and need about supporting the lasting long period the difficult.



In in most cases, individuals that ask supporting expressed worries the related to post- traumatic stress, a problem that has affected a number the great people after the period of the pandemic. They also ask help about treating symptoms the depression, as and about generalized anxiety disorder. many from their have reported symptoms somatic, like pain headache, fatigue the excessive, and worries the digestion, what are the related to the consequences of stress and concerns emotional. however, these worries were not the frequent, but those indicated a related the closely between soundness emotional and soundness physical.

A by aspects more encouraging the this action it was fact that lot by individual that ask support, have continuous the us contact even after visits first, looking for supporting the continuing and help about dealing with challenges emotions and mentally with him which were facing. this conclusion the continued your phones has given us faith in effect long-term the service that we offered and has shown that this project has helped individual the ease **symptoms** post-covid and the improve their health mental. this added us the belief that apart from easing the symptoms, this project has contributed also to **community education** about the importance of **care about health mental** and how the manage stress and consequences emotions that can the appear in period the difficult.

A learning the crucial that have learning by this project is that consciousness about the importance of care psychological and about its consequences the multilateral, not is a process the immediately, but coming gradually. education and delivery the support continued are the needed about the growing terms and acceptance of need about supporting psychological. this is a by achievement more the important this project: raising awareness the community about health mental and his influence in general well - being the individual and society.

In conclusion the project, we are the satisfied with the results that have reached and the sure this was it only one step of front in assistance and further support about individual who are facing the consequences of the pandemic. Counseling center and service psychological, in cooperation with ASCS, will continued the provide supporting and services such for the help individual the face health challenges mental and the improve quality of life of the theirs .

Announcement of Call No. 16 at the Civil Society Support Agency Tirana, March 27, 2023

The Civil Society Support Agency (CSSA) has announced Call No. 16 for Project Proposals, which is open for applications from Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs), offering the opportunity for funding and support for projects that contribute to the development and strengthening of civil society and



civic initiatives. The call is open for a period from March 27 to April 27, 2023.

This call is part of the ASCS commitment to support the sustainable development of civil society and to create favorable opportunities for civic initiatives that aim to contribute well-being the of the to the public community and Interested Non-Profit good. Organizations (NGOs) are offered the opportunity to apply for financial support for the implementation of their projects.

The criteria for participating in this call are set out in Law No.

10 093, dated 09.03.2009, on the organization and functioning of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society. The call is in line with the mission and statute of the Agency for the Support of Civil Society to assist the development of civil society and promote activities that serve the general interests of citizens.

To be included in this call, organizations must submit a draft proposal along with a complete file of supporting documents, including the information requested by the ASCS. This documentation must be submitted by post and must respect the established deadlines.

To ensure that the application is complete and compliant with legal and technical requirements, NGOs must also send the application form in Word format to the ASCS email address, info@amshc.gov.al.

How to Apply:

1. Physical submission: NGOs must submit the draft proposal and accompanying documents by mail, respecting the submission date, which is within the period from March 27 to April 27, 2023. The date and time of submission of the application by mail will be taken into consideration for the evaluation of applications.

- 2. Electronic Submission: The application form must also be sent in Word format to info@amshc.gov.al. This step is necessary to ensure that all information is recorded and evaluated properly.
- 3. Address for physical submission of applications:

"Frosina Plaku" Street, No. 58, Observatory Building, 2nd Floor, Tirana.

Deadlines:

- Call for Applications Opening: March 27, 2023
- Call for Applications Closing: April 27, 2023
- Deadline for submission of documents: April 27, 2023 (date and time of submission are important)

This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the development of civil society in Albania, to support projects that have a direct impact on improving living conditions and that help strengthen the community.

In conclusion, in line with the mission of Agency to support the civile society (ASCS) to support projects and initiatives that serve the interests of society and create opportunities for sustainable development, this call for expression of interest is an excellent opportunity for all NGOs that want to contribute to improving social conditions and strengthening ties between citizens and institutions.

National Civil Society Meeting 2023: Identification of Priorities and the Role of Civil Society in the European Integration Negotiation Process

Tirana, April 24, 2023



The Agency to support the civile society (ASCS) has organized the National Civil Society Meeting, which will be held soon with the aim of identifying thematic priorities for each area of action of the National Civil Society Council (NCSC). During this meeting, expectations for the role of the NCSC for 2023 will also be articulated, with an increased focus on the role and contribution of civil society in the negotiation process for Albania's integration into the European Union. This is an important step to ensure that civil society is part of decision-making processes and has the opportunity to contribute to the development of policies that affect the lives of citizens. This meeting is for view the provide a opportunities the precious for dialogue and exchange experiences between representatives the civil society and institutions responsible about policymaking and policy development. with a structure the open and participant, this the meeting will enable discussing challenges and opportunities that civil society encounters in Albania, and will also support in setting priorities thematic that will who also conducted from the NSCS



This will BE a moment of crucial about the improve cooperation between civil society and institutions state. ensuring that voice the civil society heard and the integrated in decision-making processes, such as in level national just also in policy level international , especially in regarding the integration process the Albania in the EU.

Objectives of the National Meeting:

1. Providing Opportunities for Dialogue and Exchange of Experiences.

One of the main objectives of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for open dialogue and exchange of experiences between civil society organizations and representatives of institutions. This will help create a platform where organizations can express their concerns and needs, discuss the challenges faced and collaborate to find solutions. The meeting will be an opportunity to develop a bottom-up participatory process, enabling all civil society actors to actively contribute to shaping policies and actions that affect their rights and those of the community.



2. Involvement and Coordination of Civil Society Voices.

This meeting will provide an opportunity unify to and coordinate the diverse voices of society civil in Albania. Participants will have the opportunity to contribute their thoughts and experiences through working in thematic groups, where important issues for the development of civil society and for improving the role of the NSCS will be discussed. The meeting will also include a physical and online format, enabling all stakeholders to have the opportunity to contribute and their thoughts express and recommendations.

3. The Role of Civil Society in the EU Integration Negotiation Process.

A special focus during this meeting will be the role of civil society in the negotiation process for Albania's integration into the European Union. This process is an exceptional opportunity to increase civil society engagement and strengthen its influence on public policies. Civil society is a key factor in providing impartial information and ensuring transparency and accountability throughout the integration process. This is an opportunity to strengthen cooperation with government institutions and contribute to the creation of a sustainable and democratic system, which respects human rights and the principles of the rule of law.



This meeting is an opportunity to formulate a clear and sustainable plan for the future of civil society in Albania. During it, representatives of various civil society organizations will have the opportunity to discuss priorities for action for 2023 and the role that the CCS can play in improving the



conditions for civil society and ensuring a sustainable democratic system in the country. The meeting will also enable the promotion of further engagement of civil society in the development of policies and decision-making processes that will affect the lives of Albanian citizens.

This meeting is a unique opportunity to unite the voices of civil society and contribute to strengthening dialogue and cooperation between institutions and citizens in accordance with European Union standards.



NGO Exchange Program

Tirana, June 16, 2023



The NGO Exchange Program, organized by Partners Albania, has continued with important meetings and visits for civil society organizations, providing opportunities for the exchange of experiences and increased cooperation between different actors. The program participants, who represent a wide range of organizations from all over Albania, had the opportunity to visit the Agency for Civil Society Support (ASCS) and the ALTRI Center, two important institutions for the development of civil society and efforts to strengthen democracy and the rule of law in the country.



The visit to the ASCS was an opportunity to discuss efforts to develop cooperation between civil society organizations and to identify ways to strengthen the influence of civil society in public policies and in the processes of drafting and approving laws. One of the most important issues that was addressed was the creation of opportunities for financial support for NGOs, as well as how the Agency can help organizations to increase their capacities and contribute to the development of policies that serve the interests of citizens.





Another important discussion was the role of civil society in the fight against corruption. Representatives of the ALTRI Center emphasized that civil society organizations are key actors in efforts to improve transparency and ensure a fair and equal environment for all. They shared their achievements related to research work in the field of criminal and civil judicial issues and discussed the need for close cooperation with the media, to ensure that the voices of NGOs are heard and have an impact on policymaking.

Meeting of the National Civil Society Council (NSCS)

Tirana, June 19, 2023

On June 19, 2023, an important meeting of the National Civil Society Council (NSCS) was held at the Prime Minister's Office. This meeting, organized with the participation of representatives of state institutions and civil society, aimed to review key issues affecting the development and strengthening of civil society in Albania, as well as to determine further steps to improve cooperation between these interest groups.



One of the main topics of the meeting was the review of the findings and suggestions that emerged from the National Meeting with Civil Society, held on April 24, 2023, in Tirana. This meeting aimed to identify the challenges and opportunities that civil society must have a more important and direct role in decision-making processes and in the development of public policies.

The findings from this meeting were rich with thoughts and analysis on the possibility of including more civil society organizations in discussions and decision-making, as well as on how to improve cooperation between state institutions and interest groups.

Another issue discussed during the meeting was the draft document of the new Roadmap for civil society activity, which will guide activities and strategies for the coming years. The timeline for the implementation process of this roadmap was also discussed, as well as the challenges that may arise during the efforts to achieve the set objectives.

In this regard, the Council discussed the importance of adopting clear and sustainable policies that will enable a sustainable development of civil society, giving it more opportunities to be an active part of the decision-making process at the national level.



At the end of the meeting, one of the key moments was the selection of the civil society representative who will participate in the Inter-Ministerial Committee for the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (SDGs 2030). This committee has an important role in defining and monitoring policies aimed at achieving the sustainable development goals in Albania, including the engagement of civil society and other important stakeholders.

Representing civil society in this committee is an important step to ensure that civil society voices are heard and considered in national-level decision-making, contributing to sustainable and inclusive development.



The meeting of June 19, 2023 was an opportunity to deepen discussions on the role of the National Civil Society Council and the possibilities of greater involvement of civil society in decision-making processes. With a focus on increasing cooperation and raising the voice of civil society, the Council continues to be an important platform for addressing the needs and efforts of civil society in Albania.

In this regard, it remains important to continue efforts to improve the involvement of civil society at all levels of the decision-making process, as well as to ensure that future development is sustainable, fair and inclusive for all citizens.





Announcement about candidate about member selection the board supervisory the Agency for the support the Civil Society (ASCS)

Tirana, August 25, 2023

In accordance with Law No. 10093, dated 09.03.2009, "On the organization and functioning of the Agency for Civil Society Support" and Decision No. 768, dated 15.07.2009 of the Council of Ministers, "On the approval of the procedures and rules for the nomination and selection of members of the Supervisory Board of the Agency for Civil Society Support", the Agency for the Support Civil Society (ASCS) announces a call for candidacy for a position of member of the Supervisory Board of the ACSS.

This open application process is an excellent opportunity for individuals belonging to civil society who wish to contribute to the development and oversight of civil society policies and activities in Albania. The Supervisory Board of the ASCS is responsible for overseeing and ensuring the efficiency and transparency of the agency's operations, as well as ensuring that its activities meet the defined legal and strategic objectives.

Who can run?

The competition is open to individuals who are representatives of **civil society**. The candidacy criteria include experience in civil society fields, previous engagement in social development projects and activities, as well as knowledge and skills to contribute to the oversight of policies and activities related to civil society.

Deadline for submission of applications

Applications for candidacy for a member of the Supervisory Board of the ASCS can be submitted until **September 25, 2023.** Applicants must submit a file with the necessary relevant documents and a draft candidacy describing their commitment and experience in the field of civil society.

How to apply

All those interested can submit application documents to the following address:

- Address: Prime Minister's Office, Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit" no. 1, 1000 Tirana, Albania
- Office of the Secretary General
- **Phone:** +355 4 22 77 401
- **Email:** (If email address is available, it can be entered here)

We invite you to use this opportunity to contribute to the development and strengthening of civil society in Albania. The Supervisory Board of the ASCS has an important role in supporting transparency, accountability, and the inclusion of the civil society sector in decision-making processes.

The deadline for submitting applications is September 25, 2023.

NGO Exchange Program

Tirana, September 21, 2023

On September 21, 2023, Partners Albania organized the fourth edition of the "NGO Exchange Program" at the premises of the ASCS.



The program aims to contribute to strengthening the capacities of the sector, increasing access and cooperation between NGOs and public and private institutions in the process of designing and implementing advocacy initiatives in the country with the aim of addressing the needs of the interest groups they serve.



The program is a combination of lectures, discussions, with experts and representatives of institutions, and visits to public, private institutions and partner NGOs. Also, representatives of the NGOs selected in the program are expected to apply the knowledge gained in their local initiatives. The Academy is a 9-month program dedicated to Leaders and Senior Managers of civil society organizations, which aims to increase their capacity in organizational management and sustainable development of the organization.



Project REGIONAL Weber 3.0: Call about Applications for Grants Small ABOUT Open Government and Reformed Public Administration.

Tirana, October 5, 2023

Strengthening the balkan west about a administration public the reform

project weber 3.0, i implemented in albania by institute about democracy and mediation (idm), has as view the empower civil society organizations (csos) for the contribute in the creation of administrations public more transparent and accountable in balkans western, complying with union standards european.

Call about applications for grants small.

weber 3.0 has announced a call about applications about grant instrument the small, for the support projects that address problems specific the governance local and administration public . this is potential about the resolved challenge concrete and about the contribute in process improvement and policies local.



Details Main:

- Total value of grants: EUR 280,000
- Number The Grants: Up to 20 grants ABOUT THE all Balkans Western , up to IN 14,000 euros each
- Number The grants IN Albania: Until 3 projects
- **Duration of projects:** Up to **15 months**
- Deadline The Application deadline: From September 29, 2023 UP MORE December 28, 2023

session INFORMATION ABOUT Applicants

A session online information will held more october 18, 2023, from time 15:00 - 16:15 about the provided : information and guidelines about the application process.

Documents And Details About Application

about the apply and about the take: information the full about application criteria and the necessary documents, you can the download materials by idm website :

call about Applications Web 3.0

project weber 3.0 is the financed from the european union and agency austrian about development (ada), offering opportunities the excellent about civil society organizations for the contribute in improving administrations public and governance in region.

Handover Ceremony the certificates the course the award in management training: an important step about strengthening civil society capacities.

Tirana, December 28, 2023

Agency for the support Civil Society ASCS), in cooperation with organizations advent eacademy, cardet, sos Malta, and friends of Korça, has successfully realized handover ceremony the certificates about participants in course award in management training course. this event the developed in amshc premises celebrated a moment of crucial about strengthening skills and powers the organization nonprofit that acting in albania.



Program The training had how view main deepening knowledge and capacity managerial improvement the organization the civil society, for to support those in their efforts about the reached view social and the course has offered opportunity about organizations that the improve management, to increasing social impact and the providing sustainability over time, given opportunity the improve effectiveness and efficiency of activities the theirs .

After a intensive training period , four representative the organization by civil society were provided with certificates about the end of it all modules the course , of what reflect engagement and their dedication about the developed skill also , the course organizers dhana **certificate about participation** also about other useful individuals that have completed a part the examinations about other useful by modules , getting to know each other so about efforts and their commitment long training .



This program offers opportunities the many about organization non-profit, giving help those the increasing management capacities the resources, of create strategy more efficient and the improve skill about the manage projects, activities and funds. Participants of this course are now more the empowering and the ready about the developed activity the successful and the lasting that will contributing in improving society and in increasing influence the organization the theirs.

This program is one step of crucial in capacity building the organization the civil society, contributing in improving management of NGOs, strengthening sustainability and increasing the social impact of their. ASCS commits about the support continually civil society organizations in their efforts about the reached their goals and about the created a society more the open and the stable.

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