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Introduction

Members of the Network Citizens for Europe (CfE) with the support of TACSO BiH initiatives networks, coalitions, initiatives, alliances, platform of civil society organizations (CSOs) in Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented a number of activities in the period June-December 2014. The goal of all activities focused on strengthening policy dialogue on key aspects of the European integration process in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as strengthening and promoting the network of organizations of civil society.

Specifically, members of the Network Citizens for Europe with the support of TACSO BiH organized two workshops aimed at building their own organizational capacities and defining rules and guidelines for internal and external communication, as well as the identification of strategic and operational priorities for action in the European integration process. The third workshop was next to members of the network brought together a significant number of partners and stakeholders from the government sector, with which the Citizens for Europe discussed the joint activities in the field of fulfilling obligations of the country's path towards the EU.

Workshops to strengthen the internal capacity of the network Citizens for Europe were held in July and September 2014. In both cases, more than half of the members discussed the possibilities of further work which is why it can be considered that the results of workshops are based on the wider interest of the network. Reports from workshops are offered in the form of a draft to all members and the final document was adopted only after receiving feedback. This enables all members of the network to be real stakeholders and to have ownership of the process.

The third session, as noted, included a wider range of stakeholders, and the methodology applied is not essentially different from the previous two. Namely, as in the previous workshops, the participants at the beginning enabled the adoption of information of special importance for the further course of the workshop, after which work is organized in small groups in order to have direct and open approach to solving the identified problems. The added value of multisectoral workshop held in 11. 12. 2014, is the fact that representatives of government institutions and public enterprises, agencies and services, took part in planning of the activities together with the members of the Citizens for Europe and identified the key, joint steps in the process of European integration.

This report provides an overview of the workshops, which among other things relates to concrete plans of action to strengthen the internal capacity of the network Citizens for Europe as well as strengthening the voice of the Network in the European integration process.

About the network "Citizens for Europe"

In the introduction it is necessary to recall that the network Citizens for Europe is a unique initiative of non-governmental organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina which was, until November 2013, implemented under the auspices of European Union Special Representative in BiH, HE Peter Sorensen and with the support of the Kingdom of Sweden and SIDA. After three years of successful leadership activities within the initiative, Vesta Association becomes authorized by the Office of EU Special Representative in BiH, to provide further management of the network in the future based on demonstrated support of member to do so. Under the framework of Citizens for Europe currently operates 26 NGOs from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. Members contribute to more powerful voice of civil society in the European integration process and ensure that the reform changes are in line with the needs of final beneficiaries. Thematic experts, who work in non-governmental organizations, recognize and articulate different needs from the field on the basis of which, in the name of the network, advocate for concrete measures and ask the decision makers for faster progress on the path of European integration.

Network Citizens for Europe inform the public through the website www.gradjanizaeuropu.ba , through Facebook [Inicijativa Grafani/ke za Europu](https://www.facebook.com/InicijativaGrafani/kezaEuropu) and Twitter #ZaEuropu.

1. Thematic workshop "Network communication"

Thematic Workshop on strengthening communication between network members of the "Citizens for Europe" was held on 18 July 2014 in Sarajevo with the support TASC0 office in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Thirteen members of the network participated in the workshop.

In accordance with the previously submitted agenda, the participants at the beginning of the meeting recalled the key strategic orientation networks, which were adopted prior to signing of a memorandum of understanding, as well as recommendations from the previous phase in all three target sectors (agriculture and rural development, energy and the environment and work and employment). After the opening remarks of TASC0 BiH Resident Advisor Slavica Draskovic and words of encouragement for the goals set earlier, the members of the network were given the opportunity to briefly present the key activities of their organization related to the expected results of the network. During the presentation, members briefly discussed the progress and changes occurred in meantime. In this regard, the coordinator of the Network suggested to call on members organizations to contribute to updating the short-term goals and findings previously described.

During the meeting, members were divided into small groups with a mission to provide initial views on the necessary procedures for internal and external communication in the network. The first group was tasked with aspects of internal communication present potential guidelines answering the questions:

- What are the key issues on which organizations may have a common interest and qualitative internal communication?
- What type of information members would like to receive from the Technical Secretariat?
- How should look like internal structure of the Network?
- What are the tools of internal communication that members recommend?

The second group was given the task to analyse the external environment and respond to the following questions:

- Who are the actors relevant to the network in the process of external communications for all sectors individually and in particular for the Initiative?
- How Network communicates with external actors (tools, how often, what ...)?
- Who should create the final messages and communicate with external stakeholders at sector level and at the level of issues of interest to the entire network?

After work in small groups, members of the network Citizens for Europe formulated proposals, which are forwarded immediately after the meetings to other members that were not able to come and attend the meeting. After the two-week deadline left for the collection of additional proposals, the basic starting point for internal and external communication have been agreed.

Internal communication	1. Information about the processes of legislative activities and the possibility to participate in the consultation process as well as information on the activities of members of the network to the achievement of the priorities sector, are key issues about which members may have common interests and lead an active internal communication.	
	2. Members expect the Technical Secretariat send information on the European integration in targeted sectors and possible public calls for operating costs.	
	3. The internal network structure should be based on the Technical Secretariat and the coordinators for each sector.	
	4. Among tools for effective internal communication	

should be a general mailing list, sectoral mailing lists and meetings.	
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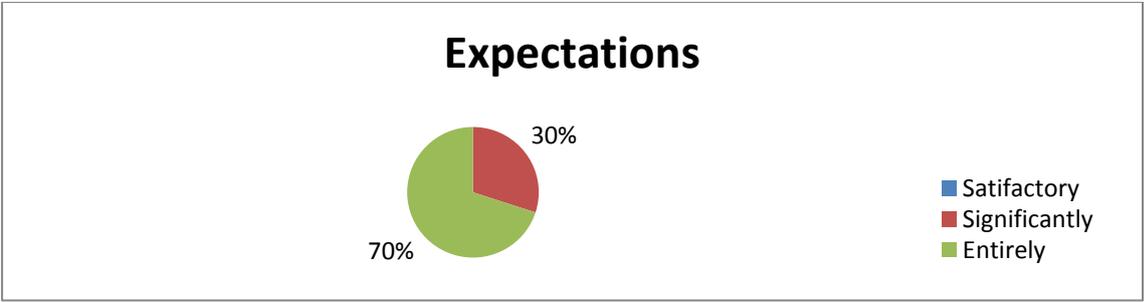
Important actors for external communication are national institutions of all levels of government, international institutions including the EU delegation in BiH, domestic non-governmental organizations (trade unions, employers' associations, chambers, sectoral groups, associations ...) and agencies. In this regard, the Network has adopted a number of conclusions.

Eksternal communication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The network needs to initiate communication and the initiative should come from the Technical Secretariat, which represents the interests of the network as well as of sectoral groups. Communications should be conducted through regular communications channels (quarterly on the activities of the network) and if necessary more often (depending on the initiatives). 	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The final messages and announcements should be created by the network Secretariat (Vesta) in cooperation with representatives of sectoral groups. 	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Sectoral groups should be linked to other related sectoral networks in order to achieve common goals. 	

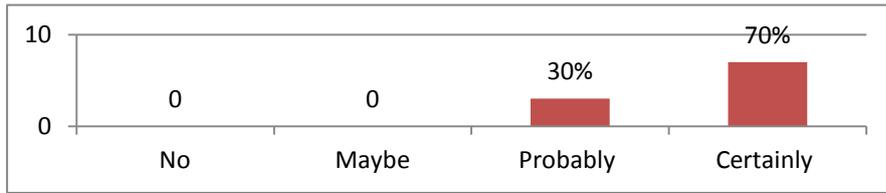
Thematic workshop “Network communication” was of a great importance for the further development of the network. By participating in the creation of guidelines for communication within the network, as well as to build a relationship with the public, members have provided ownership of this process and immediately decided regarding the ongoing operations.

Assessment of quality of meetings indicated that the key achievements are: open dialogue on important aspects of the network; the fact that the views on the communication between the members and methods of communication with the public have been agreed. It is further accentuated as a positive selection methodology of work through working groups and discussion. For illustration purposes, we recommend evaluation of participants concerning the realization of expectations and procedures adopted.

In which extent the workshop fulfil your expectations? (1- not at all, 5 entirely)



Will the agreed procedures contribute to more efficient operation of the network?



Vesta, as an organization that coordinates the activities of the network, provided the promotion workshops on websites and social networks. www.vesta.ba



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2. Thematic workshops "Strategic and operational positioning"

Thematic workshop on strategic and operational positioning of the network Citizens for Europe was held on September 02, 2014 in Teslic. The event was supported by TASCO office in Bosnia and Herzegovina and ensured participation of representatives of the 15 members of the network.

After the opening remarks said by the coordinator of the Network "Citizens for Europe" and TASCO BiH Resident Advisor Slavica Draskovic, the representatives of the member organizations were given the opportunity to briefly present the key activities of their organizations that correspond to network objectives in the sectors of agriculture and rural development, energy and the environment, and labour and employment. It has been observed that an increasing number of organizations contributing to systemic changes in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in accordance with their capacities - from counselling support and work in local communities to participation in the working groups that have been created in order to bring necessary reform changes. The diversification of membership is evaluated as an added value of the network considering that members have permanent possibilities for mutual learning.

Under professional facilitation of Mrs Indira Prljača, members are divided into three groups with the task of further analyse the sectoral priorities, determining strategic orientations and action plans for each of the three sectors.

In the sector of agriculture and rural development, the group has noted that in the field of rural development and agriculture have not been significant changes in the past. In the context of the European integration process, Bosnia and Herzegovina continues to dramatically lag behind the reform process and not achieved the desired progress. The group stressed that there is still no decision on a national strategy for rural development by the Council of Ministers and that no progress has been in legislative alignment with the *acquis communautaire* at the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The dialogue for the establishment of the IPARD structures in Brussels has been intensified. The resolution which calls on the BiH authorities to establish the State Ministry of Agriculture in accordance with the initiative of Green Council has been adopted by the European Parliament. In addition, the process of creating the Rural Development Programme of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina includes representatives of civil society among which there are two members of the network: Green Council and Vesta, which advocated for the previously agreed goals of the network in this sector.



As obvious areas for improvement, the group stated:

- The need to intensify advocacy activities and inform key stakeholders in Brussels
- The need to intensify communication with decision makers at all levels in BiH
- The need for meetings with relevant officials of the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to further strengthen action in accordance with the conclusions of the European Parliament Resolution of February 2014
- The need to recognize political options for the dialogue with those who recognize the importance of rural development and the needs of the reform changes in the process of European integration

Taking into account the capacity of the network' members and political context in BiH, when it comes to rural development and agriculture, Citizens for Europe allocated a strategic priority and guidelines for action as below.

Strategic priority	Guidelines for action
Enable BiH funds for rural development programming support through IPA II program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating for the adoption of the Strategy of Rural Development and the IPARD structures • Presentations and further share of information with members of Parliament, the Council of Ministers, the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, the EU Delegation to BiH • Media promotion through electronic and print media and social networks

The implementation of the certain activities require financial means so members suggested to find funds for a media campaign and traveling expenses of members who will organize meetings and presentations. The members of Green Council (Sarajevo) and NGOs System (BD) were chosen to be the contact organization for the coordination of activities in this sector group in the future.



In the sector of Energy and the Environment, organizations noted that were not significant and the expected results of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the European integration process. The Council of Ministers has not adopted a strategy to regulate carbon dioxide emissions. Not adopted any national action plan for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. In the adoption of the Draft Law on Energy Efficiency in the FBiH, and the Draft Law on Environmental Protection Fund and energy efficiency BIH there were no improvements. Not adopted any State Forests Act, which was also among the priorities of Citizens for Europe.

In strategic terms, members are also proposed strategic and operational guidelines for action.

Strategic orientation	Guidelines for action
To contribute to the establishment of mechanisms for convergence of domestic legislation with the acquis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To intensify advocacy for the establishment of mechanisms for the approximation of EU legislation and strategic planning, and further strengthen the awareness of the importance of the environment and climate change in all sectors of society and the economy • To further advocate for the adoption of strategic documents at the level of municipalities and cantons, as well as higher levels, for waste disposal and to continue with raising awareness about the importance of adequacy of management of all types of waste as well as activities to strengthen the capacity of administrative structures (ministries, inspections ...).

COOR (Sarajevo) and Eco Element (Bugojno) were chosen to be contact organizations for the coordination of activities in this sector group.

In accordance with the defined priorities of the CfE in the field of labour and employment for 2013, members of the Working Group opened a discussion on achievements and tried to identify progress in the previous period. It was emphasized that the field of labour and employment is one of the most critical and most problematic areas and that progress is very small, and institutional shortcomings very serious. In the context of the objectives relating to the abolition of the administration of health insurance through employment services, WG concluded that there was no recorded progress, that no initiative is running, nor the subject was addressed in an institutional debate so far.



In relation to the activities of separation of active and passive job seekers, it was emphasized that institutions / offices / bureaus are already working on the separation of active and passive job seekers. Important activities which public institutions implement and those which assist the process of separation of active and passive job seekers, are educational initiatives and provision of support to job-seekers, done by the services / departments / bureaus for employment through the establishment and operation of Job Clubs. In the context of space for improvement was pointed out that projects implemented in partnership with government and public institutions GEE should continue to advocate for better cooperation and linking the education system, employment services and other stakeholders with labour market needs; to address the lack of capacity in offices to perform consulting activities and the need for better connectivity and coordination among institutions that provide assistance to unemployed.

Strategic orientation and key actions of the Working Group Work and Employment are defined in accordance with the conclusions presented in the European Commission Progress Report for 2013 as well as program activities of member organizations CfE in the next two years.

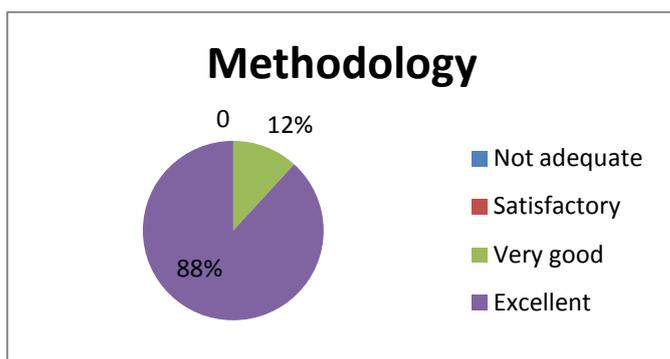
Strategic orientations	Guidelines for action
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocacy and active participation in policy-making to improve the business environment with continuous harmonization of policies with the EU acquis, in order to create an enabling environment for job creation. 2. Promotion and improvement of cooperation, partnership and coordination of key stakeholders in the field of labor and employment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and development analysis in the framework of projects carried out by the members of CfE as a basis for advocacy • Advocating for improvement of business environment and the inclusion of representatives of member organizations CfE in the working group for development strategies at different level • Dialogue with businesses that involve the government at all levels and the legislative and executive authorities • Monitoring of the business environment • Mapping the key actors in the labour market and the promotion of current activities of member CfE with other actors (employment offices, educational institutions, relevant ministries) • To initiate the establishment of a system of coordination of activities of key actors in the field of labour and employment

CPU (Sarajevo) and NBR Independent Development Bureau (Modrica and Gradačac) are nominated to be contact organization for the coordination of activities in this sector group.

The workshop of the Citizens for Europe network on strategic and operational positioning contributed to further development of the network. The result oriented relationship of all members of the network, their expertise and perseverance once again prove that the network has the capacity for cooperation with government institutions.

Assessment of the impact of the workshop showed that 94% of participants believed that their expectations are met and that all participants (100%) satisfied with the preparation of the workshop. For illustration, we give an example of assessment of the selected and applied methodology.

- Please review the methodology used during the workshop! (1-inadequate to 5 very good)



In addition, participants stated the workshop was excellent and productive and they were happy to be invited. Their participation and group work are assessed as very effective. Vesta is in this case provided promoting the event as earlier.



3. Multi-sectoral workshop " The progress of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the European Union - Identification of areas for sectoral cooperation between governmental institutions, NGOs and other stakeholders"

Multi-sectoral workshop "The progress of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the European Union - Identification of areas for sectoral cooperation between governmental institutions, NGOs and other stakeholders " was held on 11. 12. 2014, in Sarajevo as the final network activity, supported by TASCO BiH.

The goal of the multi-sectoral workshop was to get through an open discussion and exchange of information on key challenges in the sectors of work and employment, rural development and agriculture and energy and the environment. It was to determine possible mechanisms of cooperation between government institutions and non-governmental organizations, in order to foster more effective synergy progress Bosnia and Herzegovina to the European Union.



The workshop was an opportunity for government institutions to recognize the potential of professional capacities of the NGO sector, but also to take into account the fact the micro level at which is mostly influenced by the slow progress of BiH in the process of European integration, which can credibly illustrate members of the network Citizens for Europe (CfE).

The workshop was opened by Ms. Amra Selesković, Coordinator of the Network CfE. She welcomed the distinguished guests, representatives of government institutions and members of the network. In her opening address she emphasized that in the framework of Citizens for Europe currently operates 26 non-governmental organizations from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. By its work, members contribute to more powerful voice of civil society in the European integration process and ensure that the reform changes are in line with the needs of final beneficiaries, i.e, citizens of BiH. Thematic experts,



who work in non-governmental organizations, articulate different needs from the field on the basis of which, in the name of the network, advocate for concrete measures and ask the decision makers for faster progress on the path of European integration.

It is hoped that this multi-sectoral workshops produce the expected results and determine the scope for joint actions and initiate more comprehensive mechanisms for coordination and consultation between NGOs and representatives of governmental institutions for faster implementation of demanding reforms in the targeted sectors on the path towards EU integration.

Mrs. Slavica Draskovic, resident advisor TASC0 BiH welcomed the participants and expressed her satisfaction that the TASC0 BH in a position to provide technical assistance and support to this worthy initiative. She wished all participants a successful work. It was pointed out that in the framework of technical assistance the total of 63 initiatives received and support of the TASC0 BiH is provided to 6 CSO initiatives. TASC0 BiH monitor and support project activities and processes to improve dialogue between CSOs and government institutions in order to accelerate the EU integration processes in BiH and creating a supportive environment for local civil society organization.

After the welcome and introductory notes given by CfE Coordinator and Resident Advisor of TASC0 BH, Mr Ole Hammer, political adviser to the Office of the EU Special Representative in BiH (EUSR) presented the initiative **Compact for growth and employment**.

At the beginning of his presentation, Mr. Hammer stressed the current delay in the progress of BiH in the process of European integration. EUSR has initiated the process of creating new supportive platform that would focus public attention on crucial questions, and gave impetus for change and involvement of the newly elected government after the October elections in the reform process. Polls leading up to this initiative have shown that even 76% of respondents want to see progress in BiH on its path towards the EU.

EUSR in BiH started a process of broad consultation with about 1000 participants about future priorities. The process involved academic community, the business sector, employment agencies, NGOs, relevant trade associations, banking sectors, government representatives, local and international experts and other stakeholders. The objective pursued is to define the priorities and the implementation of emergency measures, which would be focused on solving the problems of unemployment and corruption, renewal of investment in BiH, the creation of new jobs, as well as on a fairer and more efficient system of social protection.

In process of developing the recommendations, a number of analyze carried out by international organizations, the IMF, World Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and other relevant documents were taken into consideration. During the presentation, Mr. Hammer is particularly emphasized the following issues that have been integrated into the action measures such as:

- a very high percentage of 63% of unemployed young people,
- high unemployment and the perception of corruption,
- the second lowest rate of investment,
- the highest rate allocations for social assistance Europe and worst used social assistance, in which the poorest categories of society account for only about 20% of aid,
- very high taxes and tax liability to employers that encourage the growth of the black market,
- a complex tax system that slows new investment, and
- companies that do not provide competitive development
- the market is still subject to state aid...

The Compact for Growth and Employment is practical program presented to BH' legislators and policy-makers as a program of six priority reform measures related to the above mentioned problems. Mr. Hammer

emphasized the initiative of Germany and the UK which consider measures from the Compact as one of the preconditions for BiH's status as a candidate country for EU membership. They believe it should be a stronger political commitment to this package of measures as a backbone of action in the coming period.

Mr. Hammer was finally pointed out that the EUSR continue activities towards the promotion of the Compact for Growth and Employment. He urged the workshop participants to take part in the events that follow and contribute to the implementation of the measures. In addition to a certain number of brochures that represent the Compact that are distributed to participants, it was pointed out that the publication is available on www.europa.ba.

Mr. Midhat Džemić, Head of the bilateral assistance of the European Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed the guests on behalf of the Directorate for European Integration (DEI). Mr. Džemić presented the Directorate for European Integration (DEI) and in particular its role in the process of IPA Programming. He stressed that the Directorate has the role of chief coordinator of the process of European integration at the state level and between the state institutions and entities, and is a key point for coordination between the EU Delegation and the state. DEI also coordinates financial assistance of the European Union, and the Director of the Directorate is also the National Coordinator for IPA, pre-accession financial assistance. He pointed out that programming within the IPA II provides some significant changes in comparison with IPA I, such as **sectoral approach in all the countries of IPA assistance, which is mandatory for all beneficiary** and from which there is no exemption.

One of the important functions of DEI is the promotion of the integration process and permanent sharing of informing about the process.. In this regard the cooperation between CSOs and the DEI in the process of EU integration is very important. Due to delays in the progress of BiH on its path towards EU integration, caused by lack of political agreements, the allocation of financial assistance is significantly decreased in previous period as well as those planned for period 2014-2017. **One of the essential prerequisites for the sectoral approach is the existence of sectoral policies and strategies.** In order to BIH use the financial support under IPA II it is necessary to develop sectoral planning documents and those in area of Democracy and Good Governance should be priority. IPA II as opposed to IPA I provide access to financial assistance in all areas established regardless of whether the country has the status of a candidate or potential candidate. **Flexibility of IPA II programming ensure audit of the financial support and the inclusion of sectors that are not the subject of support as soon as for the same is adopted sectoral planning document.** Currently two sectors, Rural Development and Agriculture and Energy and the Environment, which are the focus of the Citizens for Europe are not included in the IPA II program support due to lack of adopted sectoral policies.

Mr. Džemić pointed out that the DEI promotes the establishment of institutional mechanisms of cooperation and dialogue with CSOs. DEI works intensively to find solution for institutionalisation of dialogue with civil society when it comes to IPA planning and using process. At the end of the presentation, it was emphasized that the DEI in the previous period included civil society organizations in a variety of informational events, and will in the future do so in order to ensure the participation of relevant sectoral and prominent organizations in thematic conferences, round tables and other informative and consultative events.

Coordinator of the Initiative CfE thanked the keynote speakers for the extremely important presentations and invited representatives of sectoral groups of CfE to present previously established priorities for the next period.

The representative of the Green Council, Mrs. Sanela Klaric, on behalf of the sectoral group Agriculture and Rural Development emphasized priorities of CfE and stressed that the recommendations given in the Compact are important for everyone. Agriculture and rural development is one of the significant development potentials of BiH. It was pointed out that the CfE, noted the absence of financial assistance to the sector in the previous period. She stressed that is necessary to present the idea, to prepare and agree on the necessary sectoral documents, in order to integrate this sector in the IPA II support program.

Ms. Klaric stated that the priority of the CfE sector group is to allow BiH to use funds for rural development through IPA II program. In order to reach this strategic goal, members plan the following activities:

- Promoting the adoption of the Rural Development Strategy of BiH and the IPARD structures;
- Presentations and further share of information with members of Parliament, the Council of Ministers, the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, the EU Delegation to BiH;
- Media promotion through electronic and print media and social networks.

The representative of the COOR, Ms. Samra Fejzibegović presented previously defined priorities in the field of energy and environment and confirmed the strong commitment of the sectoral groups to act in coordination with others and contribute to the adoption of the necessary sectoral policies.

Priorities of the network Citizens for Europe are to intensify advocacy for the establishment of mechanisms for the approximation of EU legislation and strategic planning, and further strengthening the awareness of the importance of the environment and climate change in all sectors of society and economy.

It was pointed out that a special focus in the coming period, members of the network GEE put on advocacy for the adoption of strategic documents at the level of municipalities and cantons, as well as higher levels, waste disposal and raising awareness about the importance of adequacy of management of all types of waste. as well as on advocacy to strengthen the capacity of the administrative structures in the monitoring process (ministries, inspections ...)

Representative of CPU, Mr. Adis Muhović on behalf of sectoral groups Work and Employment presented the priorities that CfE defined in the previous period and pointed out that the same correspond with the measures of the Compact on growth and employment. It was stated that the members of the network continue their activities towards advocacy and active participation in policy-making In order to improve the business environment and to ensure continuous harmonization of policies with the EU acquis.. Special attention will be on the implementation of the following activities:

- Research and development analysis in the framework of projects carried out by members of CfE as a basis for advocacy;
- Advocacy for improving the business environment and the inclusion of representatives of member organizations CfE in the working group for development strategies at various levels of government;
- Improving dialogue with governmental structures at all levels and the legislative and executive bodies and monitoring of improving the business environment.



After completed summaries of current sectoral priorities, coordinator of the network presented tasks to work in small groups (representatives of CfE member organizations and government). Tasks for the working groups, the relevant starting point for dialogue and the results of a joint action plan are presented below.

Action plan – Rural Development and Agriculture			
The area of cooperation in the sector (indicate the sector in which it is possible to work together strategically, taking into account the objectives and priorities selected by the Citizens for Europe)	Initiating the development of sectoral strategies of rural development programming in order to support rural development through the IPA II program		
Activities that can be implemented together	The initial indicator for monitoring progress	The time frame for implementation	Implementer (CfE or government institutions)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of initiatives and actions towards parliamentarians in order to have prepared and adopted sectoral strategies for rural development at the state and revised the strategic planning document for the use of IPA II with included sector in rural development support program • Initiating positive steps towards the adoption of the Law on development planning and management of development in the Federation of BiH and the adoption of a similar legal framework at the level of the RS and BiH • Implementation of activities after the establishment of the new government structures and promotion of initiatives which are mandatory for public consultation in the field of rural development and agriculture • A special focus is to be made on the initiative to establish a comprehensive mechanisms for food security and support to producers in achieving the required standards 	<p>GEE followed the progress in the previous period, especially the Alliance for Rural Development and Green Council</p> <p>Correspondence to the relevant institutions</p> <p>Act in the preparation / Federal Institute for Development Programming</p> <p>Communication with the entity and state level, parliamentarians and the relevant ministries</p> <p>A serious impediment to export BH products</p>	<p>Till may 2015</p> <p>May, 2015</p> <p>March/April 2015</p> <p>2015</p>	<p>CfE in cooperation with DEI</p> <p>CfE, an initiative to the Ministry of Justice</p> <p>GEE / leaders of the Working Group for Rural Development and Agriculture Food Safety Agency and the relevant ministries; competent services, support initiatives by civil society organizations and professional associations</p>
Recommendations for institutionalization of the sectoral mechanisms for consultations:			

To identify mechanisms for sectoral consultations at the state level in cooperation with the BH Ministry of Justice, which clearly indicates that all laws, which are subject to the consideration and adoption, must pass an earlier consultation process with civil society organizations?

Note: To be sure that implementation of the Regulation of the Government of FBiH on the rules for participation intrigued the public in the preparation of the Federal regulations and legal acts of 04.06.2012. and corresponding Decision / Regulation Vade RS.

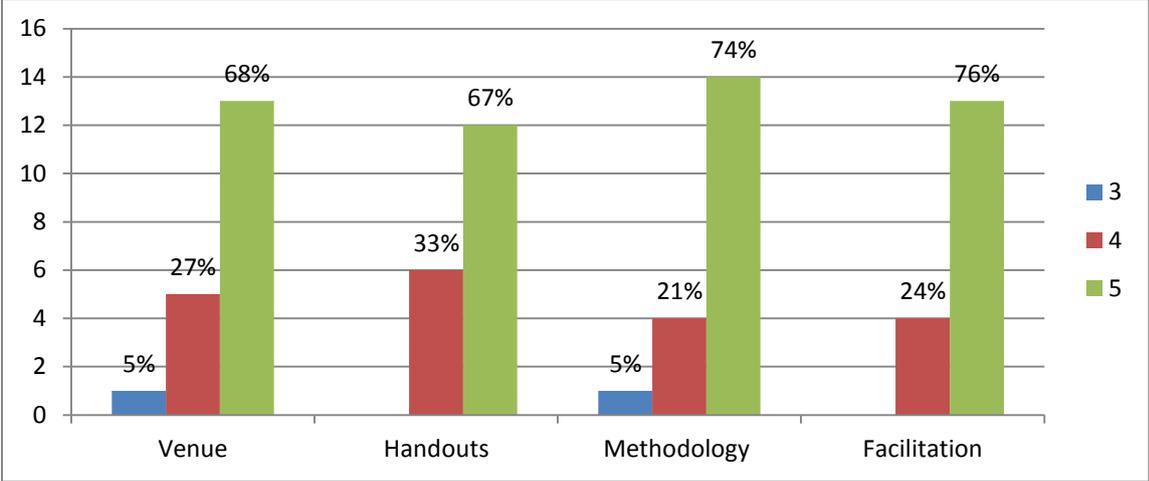
Action plan – Energy and the Environment			
The area of cooperation in the sector (indicate the sector in which it is possible to work together strategically, taking into account the objectives and priorities selected by the Citizens for Europe)	The adoption of sectoral strategies and advocating for the inclusion of the sector in the IPA II		
Activities that can be implemented together	The initial indicator for monitoring progress	The time frame for implementation	Implementer (CfE or government institutions)
Intensify activities on the adoption of the document for approximation developed in the environment sector	Already developed documents in the environment sector, energy and transport	At the beginning of 2015	GzE
The implementation of activities that would contribute to a better understanding of CSOs about government activities in the field of EU integration processes in the subject sector	Meetings and presentations by DEI	2015	GzE /COOR
Advocacy actions towards government institutions / special state parliament in order to implement the necessary measures that would lead to the adoption of sectoral documents	Written notices to members of parliaments	2015	GzE and other interested CSOs
Activities to develop a strategy of involving the public in the consultation process in this sector	Currently there are only obligation for consultation on the issue of water	2015	GzE /representtives of the sectoral working group
Recommendations for institutionalizing sectoral mechanisms for consultation:			
To create "tools" for a better understanding of the EU integration processes and mechanisms for public participation			
Consistent application of the Public Consultation			

Action plan – Labour and Employment			
The area of cooperation in the sector (indicate the sector in which it is possible to work together strategically, taking into account the objectives and priorities selected by the Citizens for Europe)	Initiation of broader efforts by government institutions to support the activities of labour and employment sector		
Activities that can be implemented together	The initial indicator for monitoring progress	The time frame for implementation	Implementer (CfE or government institutions)
Advocacy initiatives in the field of program implementation support to growth and employment	The previous and new appeal to decision makers	Since the beginning of the new government structure in 2015	GEE
Intensify communication with relevant government institutions and strengthen cooperation in the field of labour and employment	Insufficient awareness of the relevant institutions on the work of CSOs in the field of labour and employment	Throughout 2015	GEE
Additional activities Attention to the analysis of the profile of the unemployed and creation of the recommendations for professional retraining and upgrading in line with labour market needs	Incoherence of the labour market with enrolment policies, lack of awareness of the need for lifelong learning	2015	Competent institutions with the support of CSOs that have programs implemented in the field of retraining
Support entrepreneurial training to start small businesses	The low level of readiness to start their own businesses Discouraging environment for the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and job creation	Throughout the year	The competent ministries with incentive programs, programs of the international community and civil society organizations
Initiatives to increase support to strengthening the competitiveness of domestic firms	Lack of competitiveness of domestic companies in the market	At the beginning of 2015; Throughout the year	

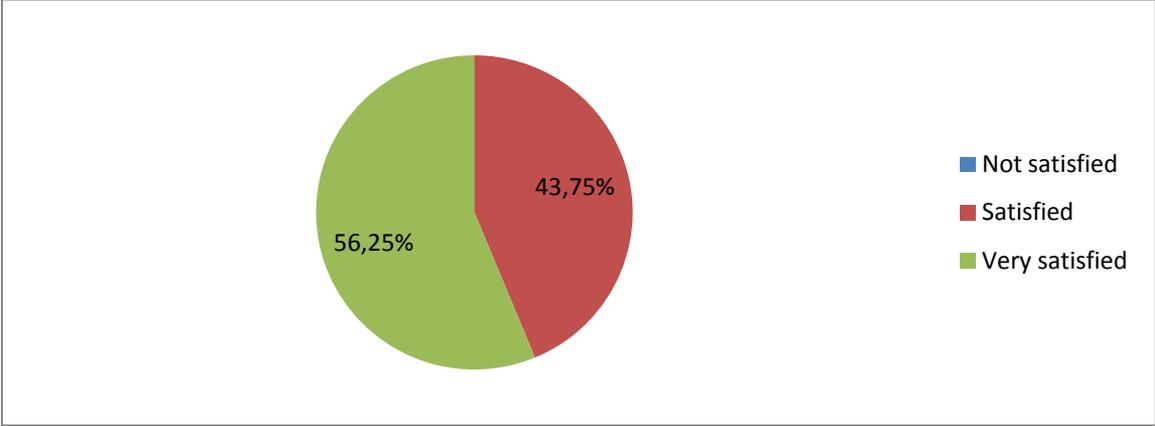
			<p>Representatives of CfE with employers' associations</p> <p>Representatives of the CfE and relevant international projects</p>
<p>Recommendations for institutionalizing sectoral mechanisms for consultation:</p>			
<p>Consultative meetings with relevant government institutions for the purpose of joint action and constructive dialogue in the field of implementation of the support and improvement of the situation in the field of labour and employment and the creation of coordinating mechanism for consultation and consideration of attitudes CSOs and employers' associations</p>			

Participants estimated the workshop as very successful. From a total of 32 participants of the workshop, evaluation questionnaire filled 19 people. Please find below some of the answers.

Question: Please rate the quality of the logistical arrangements of the workshop, where 5 is the highest rating.



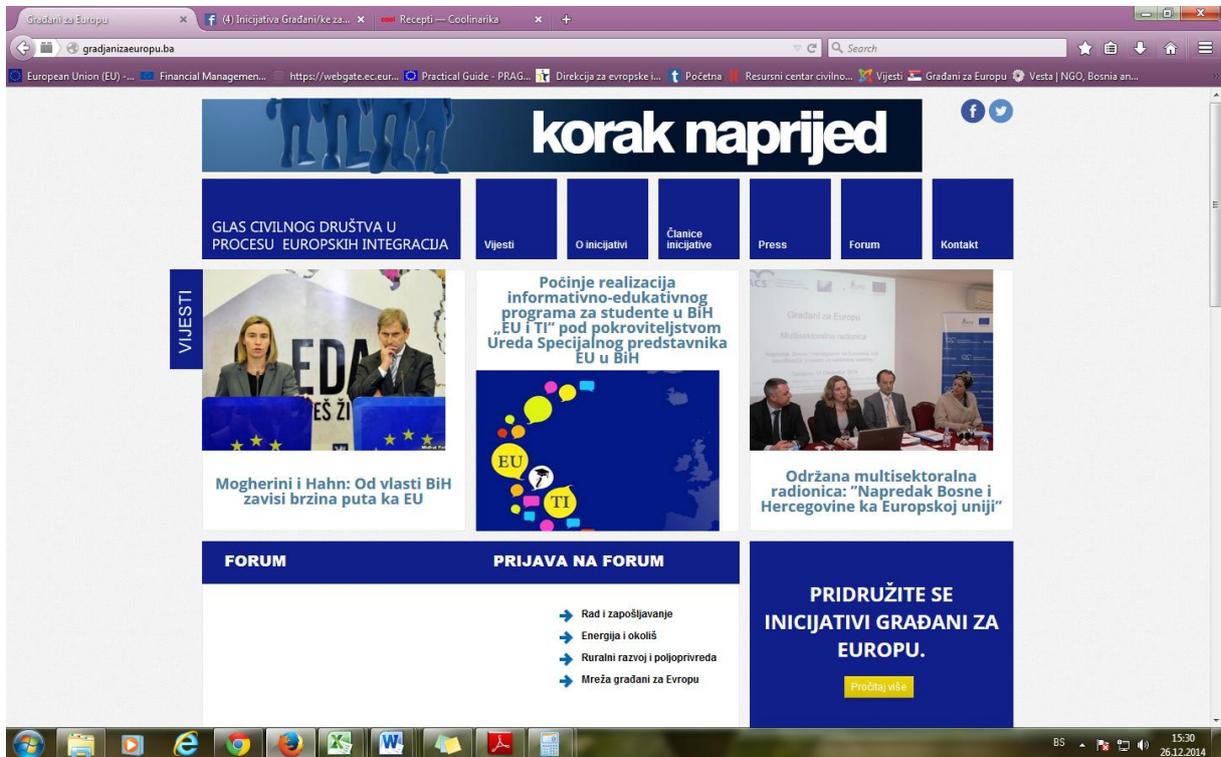
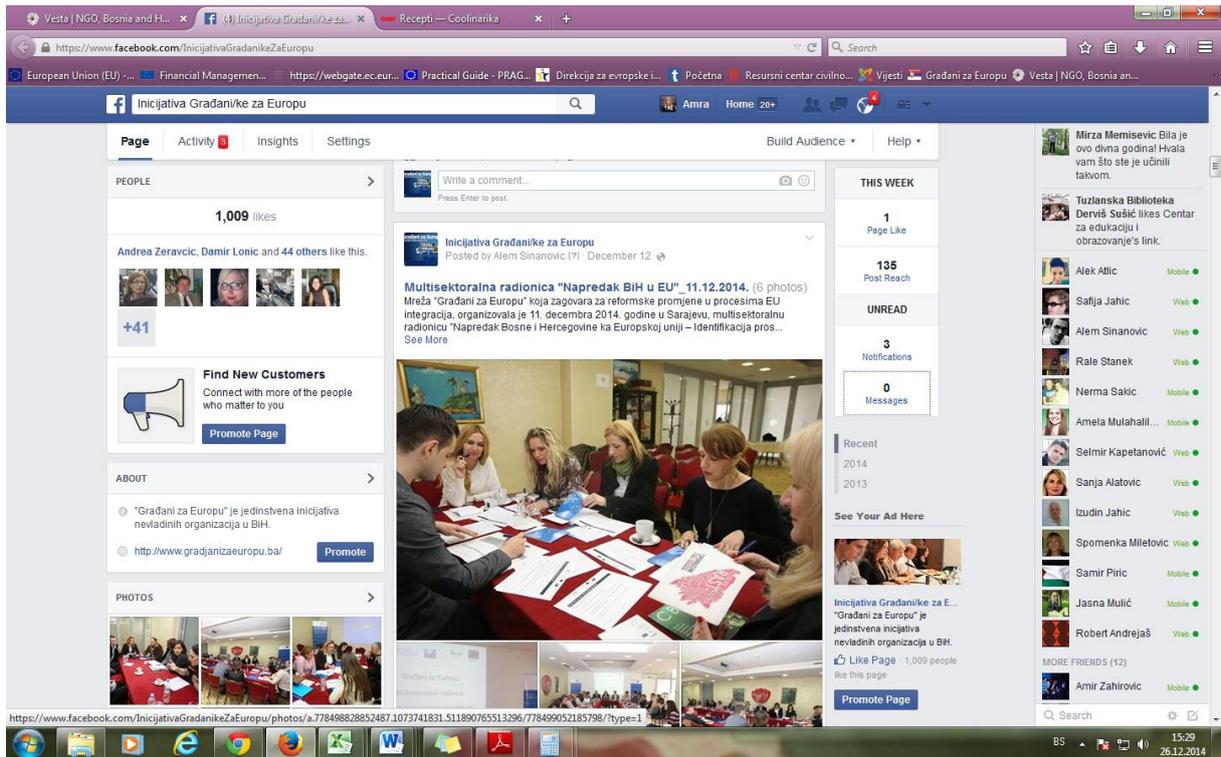
Question: To what extent are you satisfied with the results of today's workshop?



The participants, among other things, suggested certain steps in order to further develop cooperation between civil society and government institutions in BiH such as:

- active support to the adoption of the Law on Development Planning, Support Civil Society Initiative, the adoption of similar laws at the state level, and by establishing a system for development planning, active participation in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of adopted laws
- Review and update reports of sectoral policies.
- Development of an action plan for civil society activities in different sectors.
- Regular communication and exchange of information about the activities.
- Coordination of activities of the Citizens for Europe with DEI and EUD BiH.
- You will find the time and manner of educating producers, citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with examples from the EU from the life and work of the Citizen of Europe, with particular reference to EU legislation.
- Popularization, visibility, information campaigns.

The event was preceded by a press release which was circulated to the media in BiH. Additionally, Vesta is the workshop announced through websites and social networks, as well as in the previous cases.



Appendix 1: List of members of the Network " Citizens for Europe "

1. Savez udruženja organskih proizvođača FBiH, Mostar
2. Centar za politike i upravljanje, Sarajevo
3. Udruženje "Nezavisni biro za razvoj", Gradačac-Modriča
4. PRONI Centar za omladinski razvoj, Brčko
5. Udruženje žena "Maja" Kravica
6. Centar za održivi razvoj, Brčko District
7. Centar za razvoj civilnog društva u Bosni i Hercegovini, Doboj
8. Udruženje BOSPER, Tuzla
9. Udruženje za poduzetništvo i posao LINK, Mostar
10. Organizacija za istraživanje, ruralni razvoj i prirodnu okolinu, Banja Luka
11. Savjet za zelenu gradnju, Sarajevo
12. Udruženje Vesta, Tuzla
13. Vermont, Brčko District
14. Centar za energetske efikasnosti, Sarajevo
15. Savez arhitekata Republike Srpske, Banja Luka
16. Centar za okolišno održivi razvoj, Sarajevo
17. Udruženje Zavičaj, Višegrad
18. Savez za ruralni razvoj BiH
19. Udruženje "Eko Leonardo", Priboj
20. Savez za povratak izbjeglih i raseljenih Bosanske Posavine, Bosanski brod
21. LIR Evolucijada, Banja Luka
22. Udruženje za podršku i razvoj "Sistem", Brčko District
23. Eko Element, Bugojno
24. Centar za ekologiju i energiju, Tuzla
25. Udruženje "Inicijative preživjelih od mina", Tuzla
26. Asocijacija za razvoj "LEDA", Zenica

Appendix 2: List of participants of a workshop " Internal and external communication "

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4. Nada Marković, Udruženje žena "Maja" Kravica
5. Nezir Hodžić, Udruženje BOSPER
6. Radmilo Mihajlović, UP Zavičaj
7. Esad Bećirović, Centar za razvoj civilnog društva u BiH
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9. Amira Kavgić, Inicijative preživjelih od mina
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11. Boris Jokić, Eko Element Bugojno
12. Denis Žiško, Centar za ekologiju i energiju
13. Amra Selesković, Vesta
14. Indira Prljača, Vesta
15. Deniza Sovtić, TACSO BH
16. Slavica Drašković, TACSO BH
17. Adi Kolasević, TACSO BH

Appendix 3: List of participants of a workshop " Strategic and operational positioning "

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6. Asocijacija za razvoj LEDA, Adela Mehinagić, Zenica
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10. Centar za održivi razvoj, Adis Rejzović, Brčko
11. Savez za povratak izbjeglih i raseljenih Bosanske Posavine, Pavo Dujak , Brod
12. Centar za politike i upravljanje, Adis Muhović, Sarajevo
13. Organizacija za istraživanje, ruralni razvoj i prirodnu okolinu Draženko Budimir, Banja Luka
14. Green Council, Sanela Klarić, Sarajevo
15. Green Council, Amela Kozić, Sarajevo
16. PRONI Brčko, Jasmin Jašarević, Brčko
17. Vesta, Indira Prljača, Tuzla
18. Vesta, Amra Selesković, Tuzla
19. Deniza Sovtić, TACSO BH
20. Slavica Drašković, TACSO BH

Appendix 4: List of participants of the multi-sectoral workshop

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6. Centar za razvoj civilnog društva u BiH, Esad Bećirević, Dobož
7. Centar za razvoj civilnog društva u BiH, Ratko Garić, Dobož
8. COOR, Semra Fejzibegović, Sarajevo
9. DEI BiH, Midhat Džemić, Sarajevo
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12. Federalni zavod za programiranje razvoja, Denis Vasić, Sarajevo
13. Federalni zavod za statistiku, Hidajeta Bajramović, Sarajevo
14. Federalni zavod za statistiku, Samka Avdić, Sarajevo
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16. Inicijative preživjelih od mina, Amira Kavgić, Tuzla
17. Inicijative preživjelih od mina, Samedin Kurtalić, Tuzla
18. LINK Mostar, Tomislav Majić, Mostar
19. Ministarstvo civilnih poslova BiH, Zibija Hodžić, Sarajevo
20. Ministarstvo civilnih poslova BiH, Hajrija Dautović, Sarajevo
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22. Ministarstvo vanjske trgovine i ekonomskih odnosa BiH, Vanda Medić, Sarajevo
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24. Organizacija za istraživanje, ruralni razvoj i prirodnu okolinu , Draženko Budimir , Banja Luka
25. Savez za ruralni razvoj u Bosni i Hercegovini , Slavko Inic, Vitez

26. TACSO BIH, Slavica Drašković, Sarajevo
27. TACSO BIH, Deniza Sovtić, Sarajevo
28. Udruženje poljoprivrednika RS, Željka Čosić , Derventa
29. Udruženje žena "Maja" Kravica, Nada Marković, Kravica, Bratunac
30. Udruženje potrošača RS, Porobić Hakija
31. Vesta, Indira Prljača, Tuzla
32. Vesta, Amra Selesković, Tuzla