



REGIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

22nd – 23rd January, 2020

Skopje, North Macedonia

AGENDA

Tuesday, 21st January

- 15:00 - 19:00 Arrival of participants
- 20:00 - 21:00 Welcome reception and networking
(Venue: Hotel Stone Bridge, Key Dimitar Vlahov no. 1)

Wednesday, 22nd January

- 09:00 - 09:30 Registration and morning coffee
(Venue: Museum of Contemporary Arts, address: P.O. Box 482, Samoilova)
- 09:30 - 10:00 **Opening Remarks**
Nicola Bertolini, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the EU to the Republic North Macedonia
Kalinka Gaber, State Secretary, Secretariat for European Affairs, Government of the Republic of North Macedonia
Georgios Chatzigiagkou, Regional Director for Southeast Europe, GDSI Limited
- 10:00 – 11:30 **The state of affairs of the civil society development and conducive environment in the Western Balkans and Turkey**
Presentation of "Assessment on the State of the Enabling Environment and Capacities of Civil Society against the Guidelines for EU Support to Civil Society in Enlargement countries, 2014-2020 Report by Tina Divjak, Team Leader, supported by national researchers
Moderated by Tanja Bjelanovic, Capacity Building Expert, EU TACSO 3
Discussion

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee break

- 12:00 - 13:30 **Working groups on the Needs Assessment Report**
Participants divided by 7 IPA Beneficiaries and regional group to discuss findings and recommendations



13:30 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 15:30

IPA III preparation and current state of affairs

Speaker:

Massimo Mina, DG NEAR, Team Leader, Evaluation and Monitoring, Unit A4

*Moderated by Tanja Hafner Ademi, Team Leader, EU TACSO 3
Q&A and Discussion*

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00

Civil Society Facility beyond 2020

Speakers:

Liselotte Isaksson, DG NEAR, Head of Sector, Civil Society and Social Inclusion, D5

Dario di Benedetto, Programme Officer, EU Office in Kosovo

Milena Lazarevic, Project Manager, WeBER/Member of TEN Network

Biljana Dakic-Djordjevic, TRAG Foundation/Member of SIGN Network

*Moderated by Tanja Hafner Ademi, Team Leader, EU TACSO 3
Discussion*

17:00 – 17:30

Conclusions Day 1

19:00 – 22:00

Dinner/social event

Thursday, 23rd January

09:15 – 09:30

Recap Day 1

09:30 – 10:30

Lessons learnt from the EU Civil Society Guidelines, 2014-2020: Towards revision

Speakers:

Nicola Bertolini, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the EU to the Republic of North Macedonia

Gaby Hagmuller, DG NEAR, Policy Officer, Center for Thematic Expertise on Civil Society

Taulant Hoxha, Director, Kosovar Civil Society Foundation

Tezcan Eralp Abay, General Coordinator, STGM

Luben Panov, Consultant, European Center for Non-profit Law

Moderated by Igor Vidacak, Expert



10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Working groups on the three areas of the EU Civil Society Guidelines, 2014-2020 <i>Participants divided into 3 major groups as per the Guidelines areas: conducive environment, civil society-public institutions' relations and CSO capacities</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Presentation of the working groups' discussion
13:00 – 13:30	Forum conclusions and TACSO 3 2020 work plan
13:30 – 14:00	Lunch and departure