

EU TACSO 3 and 2023 EU Year of Skills: Skills for Non-Profit Organisations in the Western Balkans and Türkiye

A People-to-People event

21-22 November 2023, Tirana, Albania

Agenda

Arrival, 20 November 2023, Monday	
All day	Arrival of participants
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner for participants arriving
Day 1, 21 November 2023, Tuesday	
08:30 – 08:50	Registration of participants
08:50-09:00	Opening and introduction – Mr. Dino Mujanović, EU TACSO 3
09:00 – 09:20	<p>Welcome speeches</p> <p>Ms. Elira Demiraj, Director of the Economic Development Department, The Ministry of Finance, The Government of Albania</p> <p>Ms. Lenka Vitkova, The Head of Rule of Law and Good Governance of the European Union Delegation to Albania EU Delegation to Albania</p> <p>Ms. Juliana Hoxha, Director, Partners Albania for Change and Development</p>
09:20 - 09:45	<p>Keynote address</p> <p>Ms. Federica Mogherini, Rector, College of Europe: The EU, Education and the Western Balkans</p>
09:45 – 10:00	Event rationale and overview of the agenda, Mr. Richard Allen, EU TACSO 3
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Skills and the non-profit sector</p> <p>Ms. Arjola Agolli, Partners Albania for Change and Development. Providing skills for the non-profit sector in Albania – what skills, what challenges, what impact?</p> <p>Ms. Marianne Mann, NGO Academy, Erste Foundation and Vienna University of Economics and Business</p> <p>The rationale for investing in skills for NGO workers and managers. The contribution of academic research to skills for managing in the sector.</p> <p>Ms. Mairead O'Connor, The Wheel, Ireland. Skills needs of the non-profit sector, and how collaboration with academic institutions within a National Qualifications Framework can contribute to skills development – an example from practice.</p> <p>Mr. Zoran Bogdanovski, lessons learned from the Masters Programme in Managing Non-profit Organisations and Future Directions, Southeast Europe University, North Macedonia</p>

	Q&A, Moderator – Ms. Aleksandra Gligorović EU TACSO 3
11:15 – 12:00	Refreshment and Networking Break
12:00 – 13:30	<p>Certification, Recognition and National Qualifications Frameworks EU TACSO 3 team, Status of NQFs in the region and links to non-profit sector (EU TACSO 3 research)</p> <p>Ms. Vesna Fabian, Office for Dual Education and National Qualifications Frameworks, Government of Serbia: Benefits of the NQF, and the links between NQF and the non-profit sector; how do public authorities see the role of the non-profit sector in skills development?</p> <p>Ms. Gordana Bošković, Department for Adult Education and Life-Long Learning at Centre for Vocational Education and Training, Life-long learning framework in Montenegro, accreditation of programs and CSOs as implementers of adult education.</p> <p>Ms. Siria Taurelli, European Training Foundation. Micro-credentials, lifelong learning and flexible learning options; how to assure quality of short-term courses.</p> <p>Q&A Moderator – Mr. Richard Allen, EU TACSO 3</p>
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch and networking
15:00 – 15:10	Mr. Zoltan Illes, College of Europe - Introduction to the College of Europe – and the new campus and Masters programme in Tirana
15:10 – 16:30	<p>Partnerships, Erasmus+ and other opportunities</p> <p>Ms. Ana Dervishi Mullanji, Contact Point Erasmus+ & ESC in Albania; how CSOs and academic institutions can partner together, with Erasmus+ funding to support skills in the non-profit sector;</p> <p>Mr. Milorad Bjeletić, Belgrade Open School – European partnerships for supporting internships in the non-profit sector for career advancement;</p> <p>Mr. Savino Ruá, Policy Officer – Western Balkans, DG EAC: Overview from Brussels – Erasmus+ team – what is Erasmus+ for, how can it be used, what are the opportunities in the WBT region?</p> <p>Ms. Dženana Husremović University of Sarajevo Vice-Rector for Teaching and Student Affairs; the opportunities of short courses and micro-credentials for higher education and the benefits of collaboration.</p> <p>Mr. Mert Altıntaş, Association of Civil Society Development Centre, Ankara; partnerships and skills development in Turkiye</p> <p>Q&A Moderator – Ms. Kanita Kulić, EU TACSO 3</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Close of day and networking – group work to identify possible ideas and interests to explore for the World Café on day 2. Opportunities to talk informally to contributors, CSOs, governments and academic institutions [refreshments available]

Day 2, 22 November 2023, Wednesday	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:15	Recap of Day 1 and introduction to Day 2
09:15 – 11:00	<p>World Cafe:</p> <p>Small group working tables – planning and building partnerships. Topics to be identified on day 1 and may include, indicatively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the priority skills for the non-profit sector? - How to generate demand for training and certification opportunities? - Good practice – examples of training and skills development - Cooperation – what opportunities are there for regional and inter-sectoral cooperation? - What do CSOs need to be able to have their training accredited and certified? What are the pros and cons? - How to ensure quality assurance of skills development, and encourage greater formal recognition of skills? - What ideas are there that we can develop partnerships to take the ideas forward? - Engaging with governments on non-profit skills – developing advocacy strategies
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break and networking
11:30 – 12:30	Reporting back
12:30 – 13:00	Evaluation of the event, close, and departure