**Community Resilience Forum**

**AGENDA**

**20-21 October 2021**

**Hotel “Mona Plaza” Belgrade, Serbia**

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| **Wednesday, 20 October** | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Registration of participants and welcoming coffee** |
| 09:30 – 11:00 | **Introductions, goals and objectives of the event**   * **Welcoming address,** Liselotte Isaksson, Head of Sector - Civil Society, Social Inclusion and Human Capital, Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR (virtually) * **Why communities matter and how do we know what communities need?** Biljana Dakić Đorđević, Executive Director, Trag Foundation, Serbia * **Rebuilding trust with communities in the time of crisis *–* A view from the EU experience**   Marina Škrabalo and Ivan Blažević, SOLIDARNA Foundation, Croatia (virtually)  *Followed by discussion* |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | **Break** |
| 11:30 – 13:15 | **What makes a resilient community?**   * **Overview of the theory, good practice examples and lessons learned** Bojana Selaković, Programme Director, Civic Initiatives, Serbia * **Challenges to developing a resilient community –** work in small groups * **Gallery walk** |
| 13:15 – 14:45 | **Lunch** |
| 14:45 – 16:15 | **Parallel sessions (workshops, presentations, networking)**   * **Strengthening and mobilizing – how to support communities to recover when everything falls apart**   Contributors:   * *Mario Bajkuša, Development and Programs Director, Forum for Freedom in Education, Croatia* * *Uroš Bulatović, President of Union of Young Entrepreneurs of Montenegro* * *Armela Garipi, Psychologist, Udhetim i Lirë - Liberi di Viaggiare, Albania* * *Ivana Smolović, Project Coordinator, Red Cross Montenegro* * **Vulnerability in the time of crisis – presentation of cases of CSO support to vulnerable groups**   Contributors:   * *Ereandra Robo,* *MEAL Officer & IF Fundraiser and Viola Bogdani, Programe Manager General,* *Dorcas Aid International Albania* * *Sanja Šišović, Member of the Drug Policy Network South-East Europe (DPNSEE) Board and Program Director, CAZAS* * *Tatjana Stoimenovska, DPNSEE member and Project Manager, HOPS, North Macedonia* * *Nebojša Đurasović, President of DPNSEE and Association Prevent, Serbia* * *Miloš Perić, DPNSEE Member Association DUGA Šabac, Serbia* * *Bekim Asani, President of LGBT United Tetovo, North Macedonia* * **Observing the needs of communities - knowing your constituency**   Contributors:   * *Milka Domanović, Head of Business and Partnerships, Balkan Investigative Regional Network (BIRN), Serbia/network* * *Dajana Bakić, & Jozo Blažević, Programme Coordinators, Sarajevo Open Centre, Bosnia and Herzegovina* * *Aleksandar Kržalovski, Director, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC), North Macedonia*   \*Coffee/tea refreshment will be served/available during the work |
| 16:15 – 17:15 | **Forum: Reporting from parallel sessions and wrap up of the Day 1** |
| 17:15 – 19:00 | **Recess period** |
| 19:00 – 20:30 | **Dinner** |
| **21 October, Thursday** | |
| **Thursday, 21 October** | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Registration of participants and welcoming coffee** |
| 09:30 – 11:00 | **EU financial support to third parties - Enhanced outreach to CSOs**   * **Overview of good practices from Neighborhood and Enlargement Countries,** Gabi Hagmueller (virtually) * **Mentoring or monitoring – The role of CSOs managing financial support to third parties** * Milorad Bjeletić, Executive Director, Belgrade Open School (BOS), Serbia * Dren Puka, Department Director for Research, Advocacy and Resource Center, Kosovar Civil Society Foundation (KCSF), Kosovo\*[[1]](#footnote-1) * Dr. Tezcan Eralp Abay, General Coordinator and Meltem Çolak, Civil Society Development Centre (STGM), Turkey * **Value of EU financial support to local communities – experience of some community based CSO grant beneficiaries,** sub-grantee representatives: * Dragan Nedeljković, Protok 21, Serbia * Ozan Devrim Yay, Life, Memory and Freedom Association, Turkey |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | **Break** |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | **Parallel sessions (workshops, presentations, networking)**   * **Resilient models of activism - New approaches in digital era (digital activism and communication, how can we include those without digital skills)**   Contributors:   * *Milena Šćepanović, Program Assistant, ADP-Zid; Montenegro* * *Nikola Arsenić, Campaigner, Kreni promeni, Serbia* * *Iskra Belčeva Ristovska, Programme Coordinator, Center for Change Management, North Macedonia* * *Ivana Volf, Online Learning Content Manager/Trainer/Consultant, South- East European Youth Network (SEEYN), Serbia/network* * *Miloš Janković, Partnerships and Engagement Director, Catalyst Balkans, Serbia/network* * **The strength of community support - Community philanthropy and funding for resilience:**   Contributors from SIGN network including:   * *Biljana Dakić Đorđević, Director, Trag Foundation, Serbia* * *Nathan Koeshall, Director, Catalyst Balkans, Serbia* * *Anica-Maja Boljević, Fund for Active Citizenship (fAKT), Montenegro (virtually)* * *Dajana Berisha, Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ), Kosovo (virtually)* * **Importance of adopting Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) in building resilient communities - How to persist in activism in turbulent circumstances:**   Contributors:   * *Dr. Aurela Bozo, Lawyer/Executive Director, Center for Legal Civic Initiatives (CLCI) and Technical Coordinator of the Monitoring Network Against Gender Based Violence in Albania* * *Aslı Ece Koçak, Communications Officer, Truth Justice Memory Center (Hafiza Merkezi), Turkey* * *Deniz Savaş, Project Coordinator, Association of Journalists; Turkey* |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | **Lunch** |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | **Forum: Reporting from the parallel sessions and wrap up of the Day 2** |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | **Break** |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **Message to Persistent Community Mobilizers - Presentation of key Forum messages, conclusions and recommendations**  **Closing of the Forum** |
|  | **Departure** |

1. \*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)