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- **New Directory of Donors**

A new, tenth edition of the Directory of Donors, prepared by the Network for Peacebuilding (Mreža za izgradnju mira), is now available. The Directory contains information about 343 donors and calls for proposals by donors in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the rest of the world, which fund activities in BiH and/or the region. This Directory is a guide on sources of funding for CSOs in BiH and the region, and it enables CSOs to find, in one place, information about the various programs, activities and geographical areas that donors are funding, the deadlines for application, eligibility criteria, application methods, as well as how to make contact with the donors. The Directory is available [here](#).

[Mreza Mira]



- **Making Development Co-operation Fit for the Future**

OECD's Working Paper No. 20 provides insights into what partner country governments anticipate will be their main development challenges within five to ten years, and into how they expect their relationships with DAC development assistance providers to evolve in order to meet these challenges. Based on results from an OECD-commissioned survey of 40 developing country governments, it finds that demand for development co-operation will remain strong given the economic and environmental challenges that lie ahead. However, the countries surveyed expect DAC providers to shift to a more enabling role in the coming years: providing vital finance, but in support of government-led sector programmes; delivering more and better technical and policy support; and leveraging more private finance. The paper is available for download [here](#).

[OECD]



- **Policy Brief: Non-financial Support to CSOs in the Balkans and Turkey**

BCSDN's latest brief highlights the brighter side of CSOs state support, namely best practices of non-financial support (NFS) in order to demonstrate that these are possible and desirable for civil society development (CSDDev) and sustainability in the Balkan countries and Turkey. The evaluation of NFS was guided by the Monitoring Matrix for Enabling Environment for CSDDev (sub-area 2.2., standard 4). The brief maps the state of play of the legal and policy frameworks regulating NFS availability and distribution for civil society in the region. Finally, it focuses on best practices in the region on local and national level, concluding with a set of recommendations. The brief is available for download in English and in Macedonian language. More information is available [here](#).

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- **Monitoring Matrix Country Reports 2014 Presented in Albania, Montenegro and Serbia**

The Monitoring Matrix Reports on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development for 2014 were presented in Albania, Montenegro and Serbia. The reports present the findings of the monitoring of enabling legal and practical environment for the development of civil society, based on the international principles and standards, and the progress – or lack thereof – in the countries in 2014. For Albania, Partners Albania highlighted the necessity for changing laws on volunteerism and social procurement, among other things. In Montenegro

concerns were raised regarding the pressures CSOs activists are exposed to, particularly for expressing critical opinion directed towards the government. Civic Initiatives in Serbia found that in addition to inadequate protection of basic rights and freedoms by public authorities, CSOs are also subject to unfavourable tax system and non-transparent support provided by the state. The reports are available [here](#).

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- **CNVOS: Fiscal Cash-Registers should not Be Mandatory for CSOs with Small Sales Revenues**

CNVOS, supported by a number of CSOs in Slovenia, has proposed to the Ministry of Finance amendments on the draft Law on approval of invoices which includes mandatory introduction of the so-called fiscal cash registers, directly associated with the PARS's proprietary information system, for all legal persons who issue an invoice for the sale of goods and services and receive payment in cash, which also includes civil society organizations. In their proposal, the CSOs demand, firstly, that the use of electronic fiscal cash registers should not be required for CSOs, which had less than 10.000 euros from the sale of goods and services in the past year. Secondly, that the Tax Office develops and publishes a program on-line which CSOs could use to free-of-charge on their computers for confirmation invoices in line with the law. More information is available [here](#).

[CNVOS]



- **Serbian CSOs Demand Appointment of New Director of the Office for Cooperation with Civil Society**

Civic Initiatives, supported by over than 55 civil society organizations, sent an Open Letter to the Government of the Republic of Serbia on the occasion of non-appointment of the Director of the Office for Cooperation with Civil Society since the resigning of Ivana Cirkovic on 5th March, 2015. In the open letter, an appeal is sent to the Government of the Republic of Serbia to appoint a new director of the Office for Cooperation with Civil Society in a transparent process, and, by doing that, secure continuity in the operation of the Office. The open letter is available in English [here](#) and CSOs can express their support to vladica@gradjanske.org.

[Civic Initiatives]



- **Udruzenja.info – New Platform for Monitoring the EE for CSDev in Serbia**

A new online platform, developed by Civic Initiatives, is now available for monitoring the enabling environment for civil society development in Serbia. The platform represents a space where everyone interested can continuously monitor the activities of the state and the civil society in the areas of 1) basic rights and freedoms, 2) sustainability of CSOs and 3) the Government-CSO relationship, i.e. the environment in which civil society in Serbia operates. In addition to information on the situation in practice, the platform shows the legal framework as well as relevant reports, opinions and analysis. A special segment is the publication of open calls for CSO funding and calls for involvement of civil society in the processes of decision-making and public hearings. The platform is based on the Monitoring Matrix for Enabling Environment for CSDev. Visit the online platform [here](#).

[Civic Initiatives]



- **Fairness for Kosovo – Visa Reform and the EU**

Civil society representatives in Kosovo have joined in sending an open letter on Kosovo visa liberalisation, addressed to the HRVP Federica Mogherini and the Commissioners Johannes Hahn and Dimitris Avramopoulos. As the letter states, Kosovo is the only country in the Western Balkans without visa-free travel, even though the EC launched the visa dialogue with Kosovo in January 2012 and gave Kosovo a visa liberalization roadmap in

June 2012. The letter signatories appeal that the EC uses precise formulations to describe progress or the lack of it for each point included in the visa liberalization roadmap in the next report - it is only when fair, clear, and transparent assessment criteria is used, that civil society is in a position to pressure the government to work more and hold it under proper scrutiny. More information is available [here](#).

[European Stability Initiative]



- **First South-West Serbia CSO Fair**

On 21st and 22nd April Novi Pazar will be the host of the first South-West Serbia CSO Fair, organized by TACSO Resource Center led by Civic Initiatives. The goal of the Fair is to promote the work of CSOs and increase their visibility in their respective local communities, as well as to enable their networking, and establishment of mutual cooperation with the local self-governments and the media. In addition to the open stands on the streets, CSOs will have the opportunity to hold public presentations about their activities. Also, CSOs will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from media and local governments. Interested CSOs can apply for participation in the Fair by filling in the form available [here](#).

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- **CfP: Balkan Public Policy Fund (Deadline 10.05.2015)**

BCSDN and its members announce the third Call for Proposals for organizations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia to develop policy or advocacy proposals this time within the scope of the IPA FPA Balkan Civil Society Acquis - Strengthening the Monitoring and Advocacy Capacities and Potential of CSOs. The specific objective is to contribute to the capacity building of CSOs in IPA countries in monitoring and advocating on civil society-related policies covered by the Monitoring Matrix areas or the Guidelines for EU Support to Civil Society in the Enlargement Countries, 2014-2020. The selected topics per country are available [here](#). The maximum grant amount allocated will be 3000 EUR (100%, no co-financing), 2 grants will be awarded per country, the grants will be administrated by BCSDN members in the respective countries. All interested organizations should send a CV (in English language), **Project proposal** and Budget to fund@balkancsd.net. More information is available [here](#).

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- **CfP: Civil Society Facility Montenegro Programme 2015 (Deadline: 15.07.2015)**

The European Union has announced the IPA CSF 2015 Programme for Montenegro, with the specific objective to build the capacity of CSOs to be professional, effective and accountable independent actors. The overall indicative amount made available under this Call for Proposals is EUR 2.500.000. Any grant requested under this CfP must fall between EUR 75.000 and 175.000, with minimum 50% and maximum 90% of the total eligible costs of the action. The initial planned duration of an action may not be lower than 12 months nor exceed 36 months. The deadline for the submission of Concept Notes is 15th June, 2015. The full application package is available at this [link](#).

[EuropeAid]



- **CfP: Grants for CSO Projects for Protection, Respect and Promotion of Human Rights in Croatia (Deadline: 04.05.2015)**

The Office for Human Rights and National Minorities of the Croatian Government announced the 2015 call for grants for CSOs for implementation of projects in the field of the protection, respect and promotion of human rights for 2015. The total amount of funds available to CSOs for implementing projects through this call is HRK 300.000 (approx. EUR 39.500), while the lowest amount that can be requested per individual project is HRK

20.000 (approx. EUR 2.600), and the highest HRK 40.000 (approx. EUR 39.500). Project activities should be carried out exclusively in the Republic of Croatia and the duration of the project should be at least 6 months and at most 12 months. The full application package is available at this [link](#).

[Program JAKO]



- **CfA: Global Forum 2015: Shaping Civic Space – 10-12 May, Stockholm (Deadline: n/a)**

ICNL's Global Forum 2015 is the premier global event focusing on the legal space for civil society. This invitation-only event brings together over 200 of the world's leading minds in civil society, government, multilateral institutions, and the donor community – all there to help shape the future of civic space. This year's Forum is marked by a sense of urgency unlike any other in recent times. In too many places, governments are becoming increasingly creative in their efforts to shrink civic space. In other countries, critical windows of opportunities exist for meaningful reform. More information is available [here](#).

[ICNL]



- **CfA: CIVICUS Global Day of Citizens' Action – 16 May**

On 16 May 2015, CIVICUS will be coordinating the second Global Day of Citizen Action (GDCA) - an event that takes place around the world, in which ordinary citizens tell the world whether they feel free to speak out organise and take action. The GDCA is part of a global campaign to raise awareness about threats to freedom of expression, association and assembly. CIVICUS is looking for organizers around the world that will organize an event to help others understand what is happening in their countries and will help create awareness about the importance of civic space. CIVICUS is giving away grants of up to USD 1.000 to approximately 50 paid-up CIVICUS Voting Member Organisations to support their events. More information is available [here](#).

[CIVICUS]



- **CfA: 2015 Civil Society Exchange Program (Deadline: 25.04.2015)**

The Civil Society Exchange Program (CSEP) provides civil society practitioners an opportunity to work with an organization of their choosing to engage in joint projects, skill and knowledge sharing, relationship building, and/or other activities designed by the applicant. Applicants for the CSEP must clearly demonstrate how their proposed exchange relates to The Nexus Fund's mission of ending mass atrocities. Past participants have worked on issues such as peacebuilding, human rights, early warning systems, and more related to atrocity prevention. Exchanges can last between two weeks and two months, and candidates can apply as either host or participant. More information is available [here](#).

[CIVICUS]



- **CfA: Netherlands Fellowship for CDI Short Courses (Deadline: 20.10.2015)**

Wageningen UR Center for Development Innovation in the Netherlands yearly offers more than 35 short courses in the field of food & nutrition security, sustainable markets, ecosystem governance, adaptive agriculture, conflict, disaster and reconstruction; and innovation and change. Intended for the working professionals; these short courses support in the capacity building and enhancement of knowledge for their growth and development. The participants are supported by Netherlands Fellowships, MENA Scholarships and others, which benefits the applicants from developing regions. More information is available [here](#).

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- **Completing the EU Enlargement to the Balkans: Dancing the European Kolo. A Step to the Side or a Step Forward?**

So far, 2014 has been a year of mixed signals for the European integration of the Western Balkans. Enlargement fatigue was expressed explicitly by incoming EC President Jean-Claude Juncker when he stated the obvious that there will be no enlargement during his mandate and downgraded the enlargement portfolio in the new Commission. Yet, a high-profile summit of Western Balkan leaders in Berlin in August and the recent German-British initiative for BiH signal the renewed engagement of Germany and a number of other key EU member states with the Balkans. So where does enlargement stand at this point, and what are its prospects of pushing the reform agenda in the region forward? Read more in the Policy Brief, prepared by the Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG), available for download [here](#).

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