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- **Private Development Assistance: Global Trends**
  Private development assistance is finance from private sources given voluntarily through formal channels, including CSOs, and transferred across borders to promote international development and reduce poverty. If the international community is to meet the goal of ending absolute poverty by 2030, all available resources for development - not just official development assistance (ODA) - need to be targeted to where they are needed most. More information is **here**.
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- **CRNVO on Civil Society's Inclusion in Public Policy Making and Implementation**
  A report titled "Civil society in the design and implementation of public policies" contains results of the five-month research conducted by CRNVO in order to monitor the implementation of the Regulation on the procedures for cooperation between the government and civil society and the Regulation on the procedure and manner of conducting public consultations for preparation of laws. The research shows that there is insufficient and inconsistent application of the regulations, i.e. lack of transparency in public administration bodies, partial but not satisfactory cooperation of the state administration with CSOs, and insufficient participation of civil society in the creation and implementation of public policies on national level. A worrying fact is that officials in public administration often do not understand the rules to be implemented, leading to their misapplication and confusion with other procedures. The full report is available **here**.
  [CRNVO]

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- **Civil Society in Montenegro Calls for Regulating Procedures for Granting State-Owned Property for CSO Use**
  With the commencement of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for the construction of Civil Society House in Podgorica by the Prime Minister of Montenegro, the Mayor of Podgorica and the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, and a representative of the Foundation Civil Society House, the Coalition of CSOs "With Cooperation Towards the Goal" called for urgent adoption of Regulation of criteria and procedures for granting state-owned space and property for CSO use to make possible equal access for all CSOs to available state property and contribute to a systematic approach in developing the enabling environment for CSOs in Montenegro. The full text of the CSO Coalition initiative is available for download **here**.
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- **Call for CSOs in Macedonia to Participate in Consultations Organized by the Secretariat for European Affairs**

  The Secretariat for European Affairs of the Government of Macedonia has opened a call for all CSOs in Macedonia to express their interest in participation to discussions and debates organized by the Secretariat. The organizations can register and participate in one or more areas which are part of the National Programmed for adopting the Law of the European Union and the Progress report by the European Commission. The full text of the Call is available for download **here**.

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- **TRIALOG Coming to an End after Fifteen Years**

  TRIALOG, a long-term partner initiative of BCSDN, is a project that was developed in the year 2000 to address the upcoming situation of 10 new European Union member states with new responsibilities in many areas, including development cooperation. The project aimed to support CSOs to work together more effectively, form national platforms where there were none, and integrate into the European system of development policy and practice. Over the last 15 years, TRIALOG has accompanied all 13 new EU member states (EU13) through the creation of national development CSO platforms. TRIALOG has supported the establishment of policy dialogue on development at national level and the engagement of EU13 CSOs at EU level. TRIALOG achieved many of its objectives and established a community of partners who will continue to work together long after the project ends. More information is available **here**.

  [TRIALOG]

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- **Citizen's Donations Low, Need to Build Media Interest, Education of Youth for Volunteerism and Philanthropy in Croatia**

  In the House of Europe in Zagreb, on 23rd September, a panel discussion on philanthropy was organized by the Office for Cooperation with CSOs of the Government of Croatia. The event was held on the occasion of the completion of the process for contracting projects financed by the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) 2012 "Encouraging innovative forms of philanthropy in local communities to support the sustainability of civil society". The purpose of the discussion was to bring closer to the public the goals of CSOs projects that start with implementation in late September 2015. At the discussion also presented were the newest data on individual and corporate philanthropy in Croatia, stating that 1.7% of the total CSO income is from citizens' donations, while the contribution of companies' donations totals 6.8%. More information is available **here**.

  [Program JAKO]

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- **Civil Society Pressing for Transparency and Inclusion in Implementation of Urgent Reform Priorities during Visit by Commissioner Hahn in Skopje**

  The fifth meeting of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) between Macedonia and the European Commission took place in Skopje on 18 September 2015. The meeting reviewed progress as regards the implementation of the political agreement as well as the Urgent Reform Priorities. In his **address**, Hahn stressed that the path to the EU is not a matter for government alone and supported the political agreement that the HLAD will also involve civil society, recalling "the importance, for a vibrant democracy, of allowing civil society to play its role freely, without pressure, and without criticism when they meet visitors such as myself." During the visit to Skopje, Johannes Hahn met with CSOs that work on Chapter 23 & 24 issues and have shared with him

**concrete recommendations**, such as the Government to make the draft Action Plan publicly available and the CSOs to be allowed to monitor the work of the Assembly.
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- **CfP: Civica Mobilitas Small Action Grants - Macedonia (Deadline: 30.06.2017)**
  Civica mobilitas small action grants are intended to support CSOs that want to promote their goals at the local or national level. The duration of activities under this call should be a maximum of 12 months. The maximum size of the requested grant should be MKD 400,000 (approx. EUR 6,500). Total funds available for the call amount to MKD 20,000,000 (approx. EUR 325,000) and will be allocated to approximately 48 grants in the period 2015 to 2018. This call for proposals will be open until 30th June, 2017. Concepts can be submitted at any time up to this date. A commission for selection of small grants will make decisions on a quarterly basis. More information is available **here**.
  [MCMS]

- **CfP: Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria-Serbia Programme (Deadline: 18.01.2016)**
  The first Call for project proposals under the Interreg-IPA Cross-border Cooperation Bulgaria-Serbia Programme has been recently announced, with aim to improve the cross-border cooperation between Bulgaria and Serbia. The Programme is co-financed from the IPA II of the European Union. The overall objective of the Programme is to stimulate the balanced and sustainable development of the Bulgaria-Serbia border region integrated in the European space – achieved through smart economic growth, environmental change adaptation and learning culture enhancement. The total amount allocated to the First Call for proposals is EUR 12,687,304.24. Project proposals would have to target one of the following Priority Axes: Sustainable Tourism, Youth or Environment. More information is available **here**.
  [IPA CBC BG-RS]

- **CfP: BACID Funds to Strengthen the Capacities of Authorities in Non-EU Countries of the Western Balkans and Moldova (Deadline: 21.10.2015)**
  Austrian Development Agency (ADA) together with the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT) and KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research is accepting proposals for BACID funds (Building Administrative Capacities in the Danube Region and the Western Balkans) to support know-how transfer action to the target countries. The objective of BACID is to strengthen capacities of the authorities in the non-EU countries of the Western Balkans and Moldova in order to introduce and implement EU acquits relevant to local and regional governments. This will be achieved by building structures and cooperation for promotion of the process of democratization and regional development. More information is available **here**.
  [FundsForNGOs]

- **CfA: NVO EXPO – CSO Fair in Montenegro (Deadline: 01.10.2015)**
  The TASCO office in Montenegro in cooperation with CRNVO is organizing the NGO EXPO – Fair for CSOs in Croatia. The fair will be held in Podgorica on 16th October, 2015. The aim of the fair, as well as of the next one which will be held in the northern and southern region of Montenegro, is to promote and increase the visibility of the activities of CSOs and their role in the democratic process. Also, the fair is intended to help improve the

public image and credibility of civil society in Montenegro. All interested CSOs in Montenegro, which meet the criteria listed at the link below, are invited to complete the application form and thereby to secure a place at the biggest event of this kind in Montenegro. More information is available **here**.
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- ### CfA: Training on Organizational Development with a Focus on Accountable and Transparent Management (Deadline: various dates)

  TACSO Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in cooperation with Association VESTA, is organizing a training on organizational development with a focus on accountable and transparent management. It is a one-day training program as part of the package of technical support to CSOs specifically designed to respond to the challenges CSOs face when it comes to transparency and accountability to various stakeholders: employees, engaged staff, volunteers, beneficiaries, target groups, donors, or the community in which the organization operates. The training will be implemented in five cities during October and November, 2015, for a total of 50 CSOs (or 100 trainees so that two representatives from one organization would ensure a significant impact on growth and development within the organization). More information is available **here**.
  [Udruzenje VESTA]

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- ### CfA: Amnesty International Free Online Course on Human Rights (Deadline: 17.11.2015)

  Responsive governments and empowered citizens are important conditions for inclusive development. But what can governments and civil society do to make sure that all voices are heard? In the training course Citizen Participation and Inclusive Governance participats will have the opportunity to discuss how governments can inform and involve their citizens, including minorities and marginalised groups. Furthermore, participants will also learn how civil society can be strengthened in such a way that citizens can hold their governments accountable and bring their concerns on the table. More information is available **here**.
  [Amnesty International]

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- ### CfA: IREX Community Solutions Program 2016: 4-Month Fellowship in USA (Deadline: 30.10.2015)

  The International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) is inviting applicants from participating country to implement Community Solutions Program 2016. The Community Solutions Program is a professional development program for the best and brightest global community leaders working in Transparency & Accountability, Tolerance & Conflict Resolution, Environmental Issues, and Women & Gender Issues. Selected candidates will participate in: four month U.S. fellowship with a local nonprofit organization or government agency; structured virtual learning and networking via the Online Community Leadership Institute; and design and implementation of follow-on projects in their home countries. More information on eligibility and program details are available **here**.
  [FundsForNGOs]

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- ### NGOpartnership.org - Quick and Easy Way for Finding CSO Partners around Europe

  In cooperation with European Network of National Civil Society Organizations (ENNA), a network of NGO umbrella bodies from 19 EU countries, CNVOS created an e-database of CSOs across Europe who are interested in international cooperation. On this portal NGOs can create their own profiles with their contact information, references and areas of interest and thereby inform a wide circle of potential partners about their

work. Interested project partners can then easily and quickly find the CSO which suits their needs and requirements, without the need to be familiar with the CSO sector in the countries where a partner is sought. The use of the website is free. In order to join the database and search for new partners, visit the following **link**.

[CNVOS]

- ## Human Freedom Index

  The Human Freedom Index presents the state of human freedom in the world based on a broad measure that encompasses personal, civil, and economic freedom. Human freedom is a social concept that recognizes the dignity of individuals and is defined here as negative liberty or the absence of coercive constraint. Because freedom is inherently valuable and plays a role in human progress, it is worth measuring carefully. The Human Freedom Index is a resource that can help to more objectively observe relationships between freedom and other social and economic phenomena, as well as the ways in which the various dimensions of freedom interact with one another. The report, co-published by the Cato Institute, the Fraser Institute, and the Liberales Institut at the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, is available for download **here**.

  [CATO Institute]

- ## Human Rights Education Indicator Framework

  HRE 2020 announced the release of its first publication entitled Human Rights Education Indicator Framework: Key indicators to monitor and assess the implementation of human rights education and training. This resource provides a framework of indicators for civil society organizations, national human rights institutions and government bodies as well as United Nations mechanisms to examine the presence and quality of human rights education policies and practices. The framework aims to support a review of the status of human rights education within national planning, the formal education sector, and the training of professional groups. It is a means of understanding the scale and quality of such practices and identifying gaps and areas for improvement. Human Rights Education Indicator Framework is available for download **here**.

  [HRE]

- ## Quality of Public Administration in the EU - Toolbox for Practitioners

  The quality of its institutions, both governmental and judicial, is a key determining factor for a country's economic and societal well-being. Administrative capacity is increasingly recognised as a pre-requisite for delivering the EU's treaty obligations and objectives, such as creating sustainable growth and jobs. The EU supports Member States' administrations through the European Semester process and the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). The Toolbox aims to support, guide and encourage those who want to build public administrations that will create prosperous, fair and resilient societies. It is intended as a reference and resource, not a prescription or a panacea, by signposting readers to existing EU policies and international practices, illustrated by almost 170 inspirational case studies. The Toolbox is available for download **here**.

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