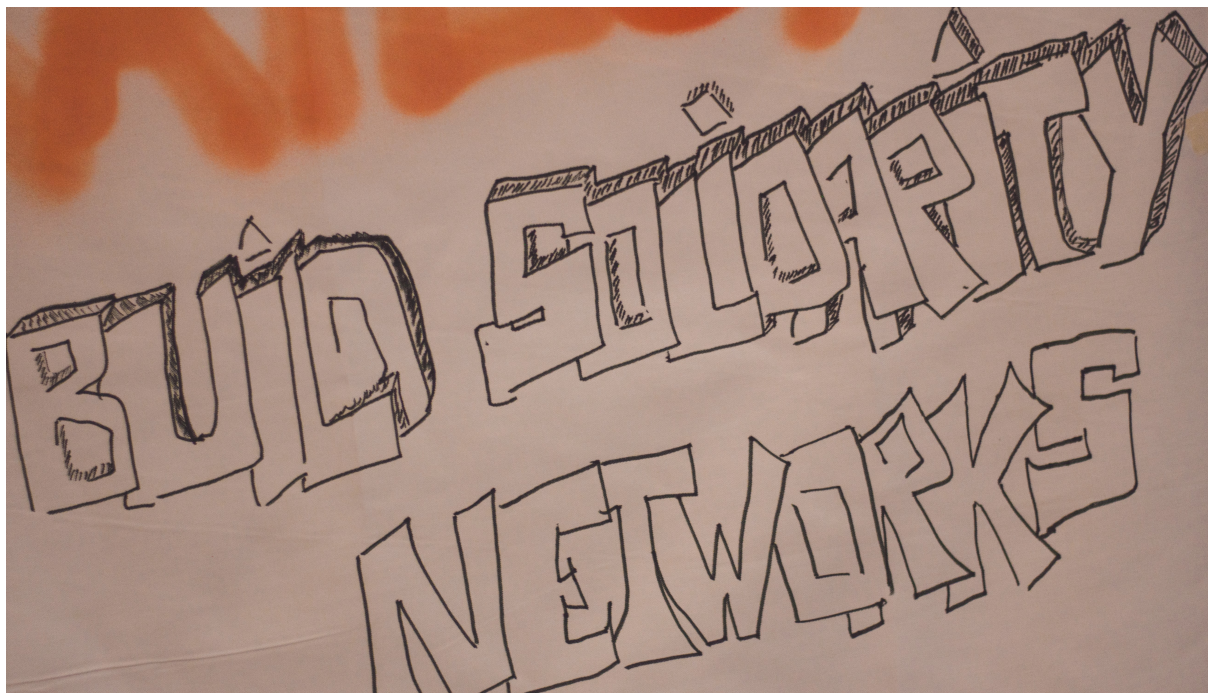




BCSDN Newsletter

Solidarity in Times of Corona Crisis



Dear colleagues and fellow CSOs,

In the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the BCSDN Executive Office continues to undertake preventive mechanisms against the COVID-19 outbreak to protect its employees and our surroundings.

During this period, we invite you to embrace the success stories of joint national and regional actions. At this moment, we hope to continue our work based on empathy, regional partnership and solidarity, by putting forward new proposals and solutions to problems that

and an opportunity to remind our communities that when we are challenged as a region, in a situation with global implications, we stand united and together. Through permanent and strong communication, based on learning and sharing expertise on the daily work and ongoing activities and projects we can tackle the upcoming challenges, adding to our mutual credibility and performance. In a reality where digital technology enables strong and sustainable networking far beyond travel, we can make our work to become more visible

develop arguments on how we can handle the period of crisis. Undoubtedly, this new situation will affect the civil society sector as such, and our organizations will be faced with the need to adapt to new ways of working, changing plans, goals, deliverables and possibly finances.

For this purpose, we invite you to share with us the role civil society, and specifically your organization, is taking as a response to the ongoing crisis to serve our constituencies, so that we can all support one another by promoting that work, but most of all so that we can learn from each other and support our efforts if needed.

This is also a moment in which we can testify about our transparent and accountable work in front of our stakeholders, donors, and beneficiaries,

While our actions and interdependence during this crisis only build a foundation of trust between our organizations and the communities we serve, it is also a crucial moment to reflect on the role that our donors have in the process. Being directly concerned in this situation, donors should direct their attention, support, understanding and flexibility towards civil society organizations. Moreover, we call donors to safeguard democracy in this unprecedented times, taking into account the fragility of the situation. Together, we need to establish a strong relationship and coordinate the expectations, plans, and actions for the upcoming period.

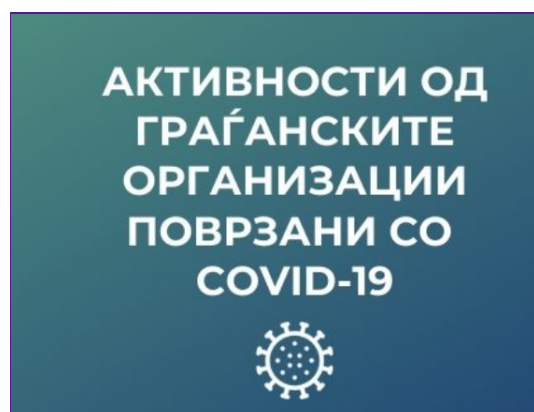
Together, let's make sure we all come out of this crisis stronger and more resilient.

#StayHome and stay safe!

The BCSDN Team

Collection of Regional and International CSOs Responses on the Corona crisis

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Civic Initiatives assessed [activities and crisis needs of CSOs in Serbia](#) in order to provide coordination and synergy among civil society

CNVOS created a [special webpage "NGOs in Time of Corona"](#) where NGOs in Slovenia can find relevant legal information in time of Corona

CPCD published a statement [condemning the publishing of personal data of people infected with COVID-19](#) in Bosnia and Herzegovina

CRNVO published a video [inviting citizens in Montenegro to use their free of charge services](#) during COVID-19

FDSC published an open letter on [needed support measures for civil society to contribute to solving the social problems generated by the Coronavirus](#)

EHQ, as part of Eurodiaconia, published a [New Policy Briefing on COVID-19: "Protecting the Vulnerable - Supporting Our People"](#)

KCSF developed the [Covid-19 Staff Safety Guidelines](#) and disseminated a [Survey to identify the impact of COVID 19 on the work of the CSOs](#)

MCIC, through the Civica Mobilitas Programme, is mapping [Activities by CSOs in Times of Corona Crises](#) in North Macedonia

Partners Albania published the article [Physical Distancing and Social Solidarity](#)

TUSEV shared an article about the [state of CSOs in Turkey amid the precautions against COVID-19](#)

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MARCH 25, 2020

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Sign the European Philanthropy
Statement on Covid-19!

Albania: [Media and Human Rights Organisations Condemn PM's Attacks on Media during Coronavirus Outbreak](#)

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Serbia: [The State Should Fight Against the Coronavirus, not the Freedom of Media](#)

Montenegro: [Remove the crnagoracorona.com Web App and Prosecute its Creators](#)

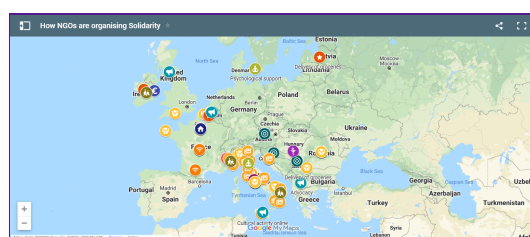
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[EU TACSO3 Digital Tools for Online Work and Remote Collaboration](#)[Transbalkan Solidarity Group: COVID-19: No One Is Safe Until All Are Protected](#)[European Philanthropy Statement on COVID-19](#)[EU Response to the COVID-19 in the Western Balkans](#)

International Resources

European Civic Forum: [Mapping](#)[Solidarity for Civil Society Actions](#)[During COVID-19](#)ICSC: [COVID 19 Resources for Civil](#)[Society](#)ICNL: [Coronavirus and Civic Space-](#)[Preserving Human Rights During a](#)ICNL: [COVID-19 Civic Freedom](#)

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Open Government Partnership:

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Information for Donors

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LevizAlbalnia: [Call for “Fast Reaction” How to Respond to The Situation Created by COVID 19 \(Deadline: Ongoing\)](#)Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation: [COVID-19 Fast Response Fund \(Deadline: N/A\)](#)CEI: [COVID-19 Extraordinary Call for Proposals \(Deadline: 9 April 2020\)](#)

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