1. Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development

Goal: CSOs contribute to a conducive environment for civil society development that enables them to be influential actors in society

(1) Fund outcomes	(2) Contribution of the FUND	(3) Regional Civil Society HUB Outcomes
Outcome statement: *Increased understanding and involvement of key actors in the improvement of the environment for civil society development in the WBT* **Indicator 1: CSOs contribute towards enabling legal and policy environment, for the exercise of the rights of freedom, expression, assembly and association.** *Baseline: State of Area I of Monitoring Matrix reports 2019* *Target: 2 grants/ CSOs networks contribute towards improvement in basic freedoms* **Indicator 2: CSOs contribute towards enabling financial environment which supports the sustainability of CSOs.** *Baseline: State of Area II of Monitoring Matrix reports 2019* *Target: 2 grants/ CSOs networks contribute towards improvement in Area II* **Indicator 3: Civil society contribute towards work in partnership through dialogue and cooperation,**	The Fund outcomes contribute to the HUB outcomes, the overall project and BCSDN strategic objectives as follows: By facilitating and supporting the regional cooperation of civil society organizations in engaging in promoting open civic space by collaboration on priorities such as enabling environment. This leads to greater cooperation and resilience of the civil society in the region, which ultimately contributes to open civic space and greater political participation and representation of the citizens in the region. *Assumptions:* • *There is political stability in the region including stabilization of the health crisis* • *Governments are open to legislative changes and adoption of policies supportive to civil society* • *There is a willingness of relevant governmental bodies to co-operate with the Project and with CSOs and to consider CSO involvement in policy-making*	**Outcome statement 1:** *CSOs contributed to a conducive environment for civil society development that enables them to be influential actors in the region* **Indicator 1: There is an enabling legal and policy environment, for the exercise of the rights of freedom, expression, assembly and association.** *Target: Improvements in the area of basic freedoms in MM regional report 2020* *Source: TACSO Needs Assessment report 2019/ USAID Sustainability Index/ EU country reports* **Indicator 2: There is an enabling financial environment which supports the sustainability of CSOs.** *Target: Improvements noted in the area of basic freedoms in MM regional report 2020* *Source: TACSO Needs Assessment report 2020/ USAID Sustainability Index/ EU country reports*

based on willingness, trust and mutual acknowledgement around common interests with state institutions *Baseline: State of Area III of Monitoring Matrix reports 2019* *Target: 3 grants/ CSOs networks contribute towards improvement in Area III*	*Risks* • *Further shrinking of civic space that threatens/limit the effective work of BCSDN members/ Grantees* • *There is a risk that the political environment and institutions will remain volatile and subject to change, preventing further progress in the development of a civil society friendly environment. There is also a risk that those exercising political power will have no interest in involving CSOs in any policy dialogue*	**Indicator 3:** **Civil society and public institutions work in partnership through dialogue and cooperation, based on willingness, trust and mutual acknowledgement around common interests** *Target: Improvements in the area of basic freedoms in MM regional report 2020* *Source: TACSO Needs Assessment report 2019/ USAID Sustainability Index/ EU country reports*

(4) Lines of intervention

- 7 grants awarded on regional initiatives
- 5 expert exchanges
- 5 regional workshops/events
- 4 actions of innovative uptakes

(5) Resources, partnerships

Budget: In total EUR 1.030.000,00 are available for both strategic objectives, out of which EUR 690.000,00 are allocated for Regional Action Grants and EUR 340.000,00 for Ad-Hoc grants. These allocations are initial and indicative and may be modified during the preparation of the respective calls for proposals for regional and ad-hoc grants. Also, the distribution of funds among priorities such as enabling environment and accountability will be defined with the particular calls.

- BCSDN Members through Task Force and Research
- Steering Group
- Regional Experts
- Collaboration with CSOs networks from the region

2. CSO Accountability

Goal: CSOs contributed towards effective, transparent and accountable work that contributes to protecting civic space

(1) Fund outcomes	(2) Contribution of the FUND	(3) Regional Civil Society HUB Outcomes
Outcome statement: CSOs are effective, transparent and accountable actors in protecting civic space **Indicator 1: Increased use and promotion of accountability practices of CSOs in the region** *Baseline: CSOs Capacities in TACSO Needs Assessment report 2019:* Awareness on the importance of constituency building is high, but progress severely hindered by project funding (difficult to plan and implement long-term organizational development) and unstable environment; low capacities (although high awareness) in regards to transparency and accountability, communications, advocacy, strategic approach towards operation, monitoring and evaluations and internal governance structure *Target: Results from funded projects determinate an optimum Standards for CSOs accountability (a research methodology)*	The Fund outcomes related to the second stream of action: CSOs Accountability, contribute to the HUB outcomes, the overall project and BCSDN strategic objectives as follows: By facilitating and supporting the regional cooperation of civil society organizations in supporting their actions to regain trust while promoting civic space by collaboration and exchange for improved accountability by exploring better cooperation with CSO's constituencies. This leads to greater cooperation and resilience of the civil society in the region, which ultimately contributes to open civic space and greater political participation and representation of the citizens in the region. *Assumptions:* • *CSOs are interested in improving their accountability practices,* • *CSOs see values of regional exchange and accept a close engagement with experts from the region* *Risks:* *Lack of interests by networks and platforms for improving their accountability practices*	**Outcome statement 1: There is a trust from and participation of constituencies in protecting civic space** *Indicator:* **Civil society organizations are improving their capacities, transparency and accountability** *Target: BCSDN Research on CSOs accountability demonstrates improvement in CSOs capacities* *Source: TACSO Needs Assessment report 2020/ USAID Sustainability Index/ EU country reports*

(4) Lines of intervention
5 grants awarded on regional initiatives   14 expert exchanges   6 regional workshops/events
(5) Resources, partnerships
Budget: In total EUR 1.030.000,00 are available for both strategic objectives, out of which EUR 690.000,00 are allocated for Regional Action Grants and EUR 340.000,00 for Ad-Hoc grants. These allocations are initial and indicative and may be modified during the preparation of the respective calls for proposals for regional and ad-hoc grants. Also, the distribution of funds among priorities such as enabling environment and accountability will be defined with the particular calls.   - BCSDN Members through Task Force and Research   - Steering Group   - Regional Experts   - Collaboration with CSOs networks from the region