

12 project proposals in total were selected for funding under the BPPF Call for Proposals 2015:

ALBANIA

Albanian Institute for Public Affairs Albanian CSOs Involvement at EU Accession Negotiations: Best Practices from Previous Accessions

This research will address the challenges for Albanian CSOs of the engagement in the EU accession negotiations and ways to overcome them. It will analyze thoroughly the Albanian context, compare it with the experience of previous candidate countries and propose viable recommendations from their best practices to tackle the challenges and enable meaningful involvement of Albanian CSOs in preparations for EU accession negotiations.

Partnerë për Fëmijët State Funding of CSOs to Improve the Rights and Lives of Children and Youth in Albania

This research aims to understand the perceptions of the central and local government, local CSOs and young people on how civil society should be funded; the reality of public and private cooperation; the need for better legislation and policies to ensure equality of access, and sustainability of CSOs offering social services to children and young people in Albania. It will present an outline of the perspectives for local CSOs to work with children and young people, and will provide recommendations for the central and local government on improving the openness and credibility of funding and sustainability for CSOs providing social services.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Association for Analysis of Public Policies Effective Cooperation of CSOs with Institutions of Power as a Precondition for the Development of the Society

The project will focus on analyzing the current state of affairs with the cooperation between CSOs and government institutions, advocating for effective CSO engagement and proper (institutional) establishment of this cooperation. Establishing Gov-CSO cooperation is an important aspect of the reform of public administration, and is aimed at supporting the development of civil society in BiH. The research will provide a thorough analysis of the entire situation (legislation and current practices) in terms of cooperation between civil society and government, identifying the problems preventing this cooperation

and proposing solutions and recommendations based on best practices in other countries.

Association for Democratic Initiatives Advocating for Proper Implementation of the 'Cooperation Agreement between the BiH Council of Ministers and the NGO Sector in BiH' – Support to the Group of NGOs "Civil Dialogue"

The project activities will be focused on advocating for revitalization of the 'Cooperation Agreement between the BiH Council of Ministers and the NGO Sector in BiH'. The agreement was established in 2007 and foresaw several mechanisms for cooperation, but most of them have still not been established. The project initially will assess the already taken steps by the government and the current situation with the mechanisms, following which will propose five main recommendations that will serve as starting points for development of the advocacy strategy and advocacy plan of the Group for ensuring implementation of the Agreement.

KOSOVO

Civil Rights Programme Kosovo Assessing the Opportunities for CSOs to Obtain State Contracts in Kosovo

CRP-K aims to further identify, improve and overcome the legal barriers and to promote opportunities for CSOs to obtain state contracts and undertake their implementation. CRP-K will identify matters of entrenched legal barriers to be tackled in the years to come; thus opening the way forward to equal access of CSOs to the competition process for state contracts. CSOs in Kosovo should be able to develop or provide new services even if such services are not defined by law. A creative and supportive environment is needed for CSOs inclusion in all stages of developing and providing services, as well as higher commitment by the state and clearly defined procedures for contracting services.

Kosovar Center for Security Studies CSO Treatment within Labor Legislation and Employment Programs in Kosovo

KCSS aims to review the legal and practical challenges and obligations of the Kosovo Government to regulate the status of civil society representatives in Kosovo, in particular within the Labor Law in Kosovo. As Kosovar civil society has been mainly developed and promoted by international donors, this sector has also been mainly regulated by donors' rules instead of the legal framework in Kosovo. The control posed by the donors improved the regulation of working contracts

and payments, but it did not regulate internal issues such as maternity leave, treatment of employees, and other important issues related to this sector.

MACEDONIA

Association Konekt Skopje

Policy Analysis of the Environment for Employment in CSOs

The project purpose is to contribute towards policy change in the field of the environment for employment in the civil society sector in Macedonia. Specific objectives of the project are: to provide firm policy analysis that will provide input to the Monitoring Matrix for Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development in Macedonia and can be further used as advocacy tool; to foster the policy discussion among relevant stakeholders; and to raise awareness within the CSO sector for the needs of effective policy change. This project directly addresses the need of policy analysis in the field of state policies and the legal environment for employment in CSOs.

Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” Skopje (IDSCS)

CSOs as Service Providers: Advancing the Practice and Broadening the Possibilities This research and advocacy project targets the problems related to CSOs engagement as service providers in the Republic of Macedonia. The main project goals are to identify the possibilities for more effective involvement of CSOs in the area of service provision; and to deliver and advocate a set of policy recommendations that would improve the enabling environment in this particular aspect of CSO work. The project will result in a comprehensive assessment of the possibilities for CSOs engagement in service provisions and with policy options for improvement of current practices. The project aims to redefine the national policy agenda regarding the possibilities for CSOs to function as service providers, with particular emphasis on less developed areas and possibilities for transfer of good practices from more developed ones.

MONTENEGRO

Centre for Civic Education

For Better Public Financing for NGOs!

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the reform process of the public funding for NGOs in Montenegro and financial viability and sustainability of NGOs. The research conducted through this project will provide a comparative overview of

practices in financing NGO projects and financing of political parties in Montenegro. Activities of the project focus on the production of a policy paper that will encompass the legislative and institutional framework, as well as the funding practices of NGOs and political parties, with comparative overview that includes region and EU member states and accompanying recommendations.

Democratic Centre of Bijelo Polje

Regulating Municipal Funding of NGO Projects

This project aims to contribute to the better regulation of the NGO funding from local self-governments' budgets. Since Municipality of Bijelo Polje does not have a well regulated system of funding of NGO projects, one of the aims of this project will be to develop The Model of the Decision for funding of NGOs. This Model will not only be of use to the Municipality of Bijelo Polje and NGOs registered in that municipality, but also to other Montenegrin local self-governments that could use this model as an example for their future work in the regulation of financing of NGO projects.

SERBIA

Center for Democratic Development “Europolis” Line 481 - To Improve the Processes of Monitoring and Evaluation

The project will include research that will analyze monitoring process of users of budget line 481 in 5 cities (Pančevo, Sombor, Indjija, Šabac and Knjaževac), which are implementing projects financed from this budget line. Conclusions of the research and round tables will be processed into recommendations for future improvements of the processes of monitoring of projects financed by local budget line 481. Improvement of the processes of monitoring projects and programs will enable greater transparency, control of purposeful spending of money and the level of achievement of planned objectives of projects and programs.

Centre for Development of the Non-Profit Sector & Public Policy Research Centre

Towards efficient budget policies on local level - budget line 481 donation to NGOs

A pilot project in three cities Pirot, Kraljevo and Sombor will be implemented in order to initiate dialogue between the stakeholders in the appropriation process from line 481. The situation on the ground will be analyzed, problems faced by potential users of the line 481 will be identified and recommendations for improvement of these processes will be given.