

Balkan Civil Society Acquis

Strengthening the Advocacy and Monitoring Potential and Capacities of CSOs (2012-2016)

RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Priority 1 MONITORING EU & NATIONAL POLICIES ON CIVIL SOCIETY THROUGH A COMMON/REGIONAL FRAMEWORK ON ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR CSDEV

Civil society has been fortified as one of the key criteria for EU accession. There is an increased focus by the EC on the EE for CSDev in the progress assessments of the Enlargement countries and a use of more systematic and unified monitoring methodologies, incl. further aligned with the Monitoring Matrix

- ▶ Monitoring Matrix findings reflected in EC Progress Reports
- ▶ Improved visualization and standardization of monitoring EE for CSDev: www.monitoringmatrix.net
- ▶ 7 reports on the enabling environment published annually
- ▶ Around 630 CSO representatives consulted each year for the monitoring exercise
- ▶ Contribution to framing national discourses on national instrument and needs in CSDev (esp. Albania and Serbia)
- ▶ MM recognized and presented as unique and innovative monitoring mechanism (eg. CIVICUS ICSW, Black Sea NGO Forum, ICNL)



MONITORING MATRIX

Priority 2 IMPROVED FUNDING POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AT EU & NATIONAL LEVEL



Mapped the challenges on collection and access to basic data on CSOs in the region

- ▶ First ever study on the “Economic Value of the Non-Profit Sector in the Countries of the Western Balkans & Turkey”
- ▶ Policy briefs analyzing the effectiveness of EU’s regional support and the EU funds for supporting CSDev in the Western Balkans for the IPA period 2007-2013 incl. comparison to the level of state support in Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
- ▶ The “scene” for agenda setting in **public funding** has been set and stakeholders are open to cooperation (Novi Sad workshop 2014), followed by intensive work on national level in Kosovo, Macedonia and Montenegro

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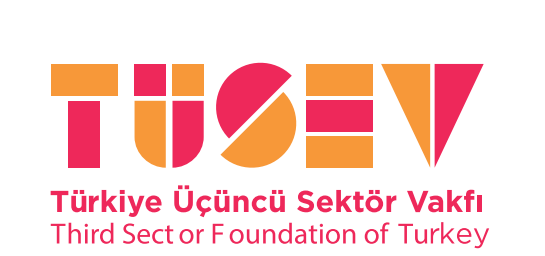


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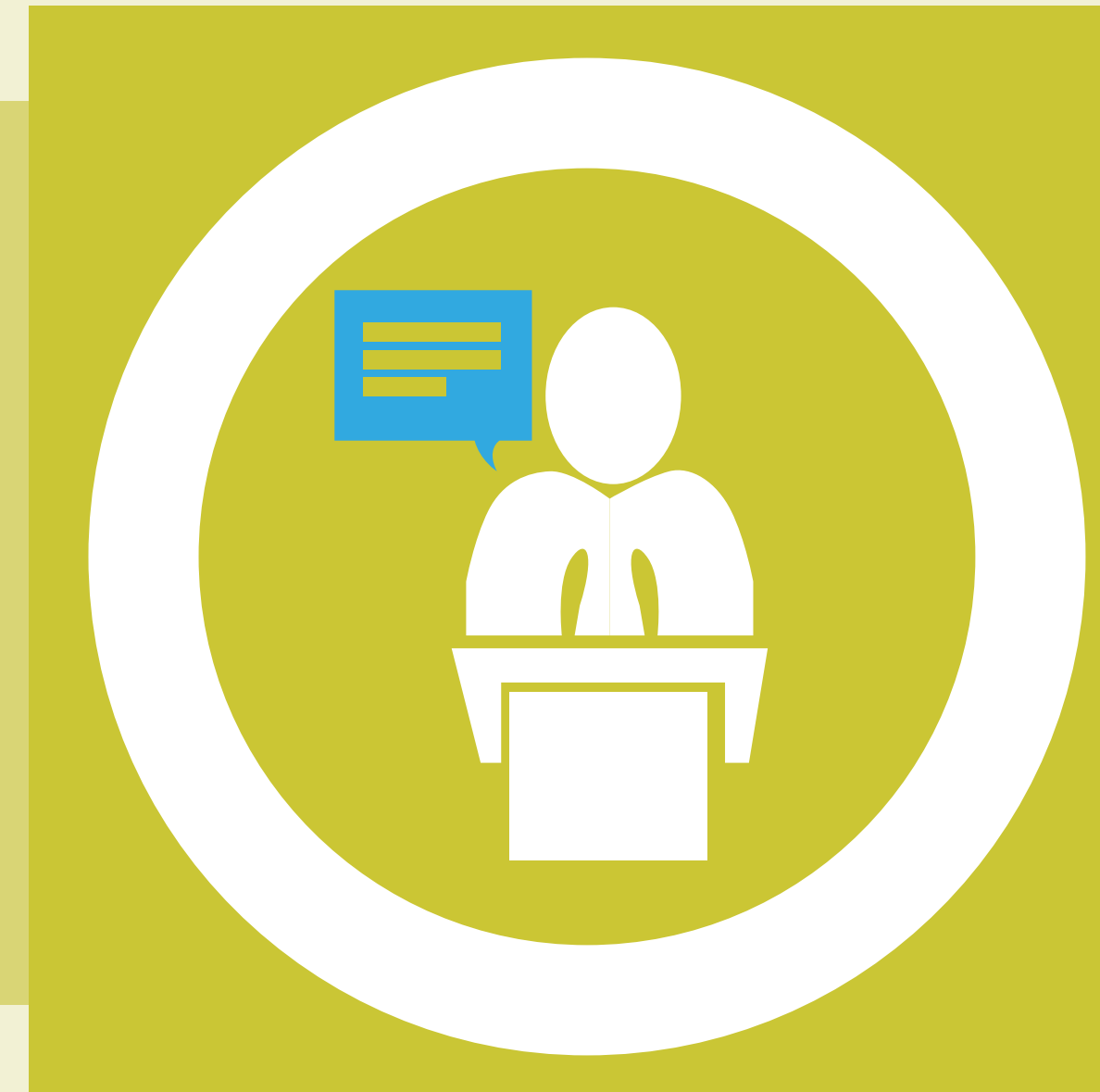


Priority 3 ESTABLISHING STRUCTURED DIALOGUE BETWEEN CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE BALKANS, NATIONAL & EU INSTITUTIONS

Boosted and supported re-engagement of public institutions-civil society relations

- ▶ Public institutions on board to develop **Government Self-assessment Tool on EE for CSDev**
- ▶ Improved knowledge and capacities of CSOs and Government officials on service provision regionally and esp. in Albania and Serbia

Priority 4 PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES & MODELS FOR SUPPORTING CIVIL SOCIETY



Overview of country specific donors' assistance available to civil society in the region

- ▶ "Donor Strategies and Practices for Supporting Civil Society in the Western Balkans" report presents conclusions and recommendations for donors in the region
- ▶ Mapping donors cooperation and coordination with local stakeholders



Priority 5 INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFLUENCING EU & NATIONAL POLICIES & PROGRAMMES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

Strengthened advocacy potential and capacities of CSOs in EU accession and EE

Balkan Public Policy Fund:

- ▶ Tailor-made policy and advocacy support to 21 CSOs in 6 Balkan countries (2013-2014)
- ▶ 12 organization granted and trained on EE related issues, support in their advocacy efforts and coalition building in joint advocacy (2015)

Priority 6 IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND INCREASE INVOLVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE REGION



Improved communication and created new opportunities for collaboration

- ▶ New innovative communication products (i.e. Infograph, documentary, social media, new web-platform and thematic newsletters) have engaged new audiences and made information more enticing
- ▶ More active communication has seen the significant growth of BCSDN's audience

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