



Regional Civil Society Development Hub WORKSHOP: Exploring a more dynamic approach to accountability

Global Accountability Week 2021

Monday, 22 November 2021; 11:00h

Zoom platform: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86447470079?pwd=bGNxZGxTMldGcCtHZCtXVEpobUN0UT09>

DRAFT AGENDA

- 11.00 - 11.10 **Welcome and Introduction**
Biljana Spasovska, BCSDN Executive Director
- 11.10 - 11.40 **Why and how networks and organisations can improve their accountability**
Getting to know the Global Standard for CSO Accountability and the Dynamic Accountability Concept

Elisa Lopez, Programme Manager and *Bao Han Tran Le*, Programme Officer at the Global Standard for CSO Accountability hosted by Accountable Now
- 11.40 - 12.00 **The Global Standard for CSO Accountability in practice**
Sharing BCSDN experience and lessons learnt;
How we support others: Opportunities within the Regional HUB

Biljana Spasovska, BCSDN Executive Director
- 12.00 - 12.30 **Discussion and Feedback**
Exploring the interest for a Regional *Community of Practice* Platform for sharing good practices and lessons learnt on how organisations implement a dynamic approach to accountability

BACKGROUND

CSOs need to invest more in their accountability, to be more resilient in fighting back the negative trend of shrinking civic space, and to be recognised as influential actors that can achieve a long-term positive change in their communities. By recognising accountability as a lever of change and putting people at the core of decision-making processes, CSOs in the region could gain greater trust and legitimacy among their target groups and improve their visibility.

Various global initiatives seek to increase accountability in civil society. One of them is the [Global Standard for CSO Accountability](#), developed by a community of CSO networks across the globe that came together with the aim to transform how organisations understand and practice accountability.

Being one of the ten Global Standard partners, BCSDN is committed to strengthening CSO capacities to be legitimate and accountable actors in our region; and one of the two objectives of our [Regional Civil Society Development Hub](#) is for CSOs to contribute towards effective, transparent and responsible work that contributes to protecting civic space.

As part of these efforts, we would like to invite you to a regional workshop dedicated to exploring a more dynamic approach to civil society accountability that will take place during Global Accountability Week 2021, happening from 22-24th November. The workshop aims to familiarise the partners in our Regional Hub with the dynamic accountability concept, explore ways for its implementation in practice, and offer tool(s) for self-evaluation and self-improvement. In addition, the workshop will be an opportunity to explore the appetite for developing a mechanism for sharing good practices and lessons learnt on how organisations can implement a more dynamic approach to accountability.

The Global Standard for CSO Accountability

The Global Standard is a voluntary reference standard of [12 Commitments](#) to strengthen alignment across existing or new accountability standards and practices. It strives to create an ongoing dialogue with people and build trust, reflecting the concept of "Dynamic Accountability". The Commitments are clustered in three Clusters: *What we want to achieve; Our approach to change; What we do internally.*

Dynamic Accountability

A systemic approach to CSO accountability, grounded in meaningful engagement with all stakeholders, that is inclusive, participatory and continuously practiced. It is about creating a transformational relationship between a CSO and its stakeholders, implying the need to make a whole organisation's way of working adaptive to all stakeholders' needs. This includes redressing unequal power dynamics, building partnerships with all its stakeholders, and recognising that relationship-building with all stakeholders is necessary to achieve systemic change. Find out more [here](#).