



Activities of the Civil Society Resource Centre in September 2019



Implemented workshop for CSRC's grantees

The grantees under the Civil Society Resource Centre participated in a two-day workshop where they shared their expectations from the mentoring process, but they also jointly worked on finalising the plans for the mentoring interventions. The workshop was held on 24-25 September 2019 in MCIC, whereas participants were the organisations that implement the partnership grants for organisational development.

[Read more about the workshop](#)

[Read more about the grantees](#)



Organised information sessions for the open call for grants

The Civil Society Resource Centre visited Tetovo, Veles and Prilep on 17-19 September to organise information sessions about the new open call for small action grants for advocacy.

Ten grants will be awarded at this open call, each in the amount between 2.000 EUR and 3.000 EUR.

The call for grants was open on 10th September and the deadline for application is 10th October.

[Read more](#)



Organised visits of the Mobile Resource Centre

In September the Civil Society Resource Centre organised a visit of the Mobile Resource Center in Kavadarci.

The meeting was mainly focused on the open call for small action grants for advocacy. Additionally, the participants were interested in the new capacity building programme for CSOs, that should start in October 2019, as well as the premises of the CSRC that can be used by CSOs free of charge for organising their events.

Read more about MRC in [Kavadarci](#).



IGI – well-known association among young ecologists in Gostivar

The strengthening of the association Initiative for Civic Initiatives – IGI from Gostivar is another success story of the Civil Society Resource Centre. „The joint meetings organised in the premises of RC Gostivar allowed us to get to know other organisations and to implement several joint eco-actions. Thus, the premises of the CSRC become recognizable place among local organisations for networking and planning actions for improvement life in Gostivar” stated the association.

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Support provided by the Civil Society Resource Centre in the period 15 February 2018 – 30 September 2019

Responded to 477 help-desk requests. Interested organisations may pose their questions using the [request for support](#) or to contact directly the offices of the resource centres in Skopje, Shtip and Gostivar.

359 E-mails with relevant information sent to the CSOs. If you want to receive information, joint the [mailing list](#).

192 events organised in the premises of the Civil Society Resource Centre by other CSOs or other stakeholders. If you need to use the premises, fill in the [respective request](#).

Prepared and shared 20 monthly overviews of funding opportunities for CSOs with 205 open calls in total. Read the [monthly overviews of funding opportunities](#) for CSOs.

Prepared and shared 54 weekly overviews with information about opened law-making processes and draft-laws published on ENER and 15 monthly overviews from the monitoring of the openness of the law-making processes. Read the [weekly and monthly overviews](#).

Up-coming Events of the Civil Society Resource Centre

[Calendar of activities](#)

- **Training on citizens' participation in decision making process on local level**, 28-29 October 2019, Skopje
- **Mobile Resource Centre in Ohrid**, 25 October 2019, Ohrid
- **Mobile Resource Centre in Negotino**, 30 October 2019, Negotino
- **Training on writing project proposal – from project idea to successful project application**, 12-13 November 2019, Shtip

Key information for civil society and enabling environment for CSOs

This section of the Newsletter is dedicated to important information for the civil society in the country undertaken by other stakeholders

On 24th September, the Council for cooperation with and development of the civil society sector held its 15th session.

At this session, among other issues, it was discussed about the work of the Commission for distribution of funds from the Budget for 2019 for financing program activities of associations and foundations.

[Draft Minutes from the 15th Council session](#) (in Macedonian)

On 14.09.2019, the Civica Mobilitas Festival "Civil Society Day" was held in Skopje. The program consisted of more than 80 parallel events, and the visitors were informed about the work of CSOs, their achievements as well as the possibilities to be involved in those activities.

[Read more about the event](#) (in Macedonian)

On 26th September 2019, the Center for Civil Communications announced the [Database for Municipal Public Procurements in 2018](#), worth € 97 million which is € 17 million, or 21%, more than in 2017. The database contains data on all 3898 public procurement contracts signed by 1331 firms with local authorities.

[Read more](#) (in Macedonian)

On 23rd September 2019, the Civil Society Platform for Fighting Corruption held a conference to launch the project "Monitoring the Performance of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption" supported by FOSM.

[Read more about the event](#) (in Macedonian)

On 25th September 2019, CIVIL organized the Electoral Reform Conference: Perspectives on Macedonian Elections.

[Read more about the event](#) (in Macedonian)

Balkan Civil Society Development Network published its Opinion on the EU support for civil society in the enlargement countries: *10 Years IPA CSF: How to Further Strengthen and Empower Civil Society in Enlargement Countries*.

[Read more](#)

The project “National Resource Centre for Civil Society Organisations” or shortly Civil Society Resource Centre is funded by the European Union and implemented by Macedonian Centre for International Cooperation and the project partners Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI) from Gostivar and Media Plus from Stip. The project duration is 15.02.2018-14.02.2021 and the total budget for the project is 507.820 EUR.

The project overall objective is empowered civil society that actively takes part in decision making and contributes to strengthened participatory democracy in the country, whereas the specific objective is to provide services for building the capacities of CSOs to be effective and accountable independent actors and to contribute to environment that is conducive to civil society. The primary target group of the project are civil society organisations in the country, however, the project will also target relevant state institutions and other civil society actors.

Three resource centres are opened in Skopje, Gostivar and Shtip.

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