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## Activities of the Civil Society Resource Centre in October 2019



### Implemented training on citizens' participation in decision making on local level

Twenty-one organisations actively participated at the training on the principles and the concepts of citizens' participation on decision making on local level held on 28-29 October.

This training the first of the seven trainings foreseen within the Civil Society Resource Centre for the period October 2019 – February 2020.

[Read more about the training](#)

[Read more about the Capacity Building Programme](#)

### Обука за генерирање на фондови

20-21 ноември 2019, Скопје

### Обука за истражување и методи за истражување

5-6 декември 2019, Шпиќ

Пријавување до 15.11.2019

### New possibilities for capacity building

The Civil Society Resource Centre published an open call for the following two trainings:

- Training on fundraising, 20-21 November, 2019
- Training on research and research methods 5-6 December 2019

All interested CSOs' representatives should fill in the relevant application for and send it to [info@rcgo.mk](mailto:info@rcgo.mk) at the latest by 16:00 o'clock on 15.11.2019.

[Read more](#) (in Macedonian)



## Organised visits of the Mobile Resource Centre

In October, the Civil Society Resource Centre organised visits of the Mobile Resource Center in Ohrid and Negotino.

During these visits, the CSRC team informed the participants about the key activities of the project and shared information relevant for the civil society development related to strategic planning and fundraising.

Read more about the Mobile Resource Centre in [Ohrid](#).



## Through partnership grants to strengthened capacities

The implementation of the activities under the partnership grants for organisational development awarded under the Civil Society Resource Centre continued. In October, Veles Biking with the mentoring organisation Centre for Economic Analysis held [the second workshop on strategic planning](#), the members of Prizma-Centre for Social Research and Development were trained on [project cycle management and fundraising](#) with the assistance of Forum – Centre for Strategic Research and Documentation.

## Support provided by the Civil Society Resource Centre in the period 15 February 2018 – 31 October 2019

**Responded to 501 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.

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

**211 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 21 monthly overviews of funding opportunities for CSOs with 213 open calls in total.** Read the [monthly overviews of funding opportunities](#) for CSOs.

Prepared and shared 58 weekly overviews with information about opened law-making processes and draft-laws published on ENER and 16 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 writing project proposal – from project idea to successful project application**, 12-13 November 2019, Shtip
- **Training on fundraising**, 20-21 November, Skopje
- **Mobile Resource Centre in Kratovo**, 28 November 2019, Kratovo
- **Debate on volunteering**, 4 December 2019, Shtip
- **Training on research and research methods**, 5-6 December 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 28<sup>th</sup> October, the Council for cooperation with and development of the civil society sector held its 16<sup>th</sup> session.

At this session, among other issues, it was discussed about the identifying of the priority areas for financing programme activities for associations and foundations from the state budget for 2020.

[Draft Minutes from the 16<sup>th</sup> Council session](#) (in Macedonian)

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On 30<sup>th</sup> October, Macedonian Centre for International Cooperation held the workshop “How to improve the transparency and the accountability of CSOs in Macedonia”

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

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On 29<sup>th</sup> October, in the premises of the Council of Municipality of Chair, the European Movement of the Republic of Macedonia held panel discussion on “Decentralisation as a key to the regional development”.

[Read more about the discussion and the conclusions](#) (in Macedonian)

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On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, in hotel Arka, Skopje, the LGBTI Support Centre, in cooperation with Coalition Margins organised the conference “Promotion of the legal framework for protection of the human rights of the transgender people in the Republic of North Macedonia”

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

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On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019, before the European Day against Human Trafficking, the Macedonian Association of Young Lawyers launched the Report on Human Trafficking and Migrants Smuggling in North Macedonia”.

[Read more about the event and the report](#)

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On October 8, 2019, YOUTH HUB - Office of the President of the Republic of North Macedonia was opened. YOUTH HUB is a project of the National Youth Council of Macedonia that aims to develop and enhance the digital skills of young people aged 15-29 in exchange of community service work.

[YOUTH HUB](#)

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After 1990, US and European foundations and government agencies invested in a series of partnerships and funds to support civil society in Central and Eastern Europe, the Baltic, the Balkans, and the Black Sea. Three long-time employees in the US Foundation looked at the legacy and impact of this funding and developed a series of lessons for practitioners who want to understand the best ways for civil society survival in the long run. Based on their analysis, a report on civil society in Eastern Europe and the Balkans was prepared in October.

[Sustaining Civil Society – Lessons from Five Pooled Funds in Eastern Europe](#)

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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