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Activities of the Civil Society Resource Centre in May – August 2020



The grantees actively assisted to the most vulnerable

Extraordinary circumstances did not prevent the grantees of the Civil Society Resource Centre from achieving the set goals and making positive changes in their local communities. The organisations provided a solidarity response to the crisis and helped more than 1,000 members of marginalized groups.

[Local advocacy strengthened during the pandemic](#)

[Fast CSOs' response for the most vulnerable](#)

[Solidarity of the LGBTI community during the pandemic](#)

[Read more about the sub-grantees](#)



CSRC continues with capacity building of CSOs

The Civil Society Resource Center provides online training for project planning and writing project application as well as online mentoring support for CSOs. The implementation of the following CSO Capacity Building Program starts in October 2020 with the following topics:

- Fundraising
- Project management
- Good governance of CSOs
- Institutional development and organisational strengthening
- Thematic networking, partnerships and coalitions

[Online training on project planning and writing project proposals](#)

[Online mentoring support](#)



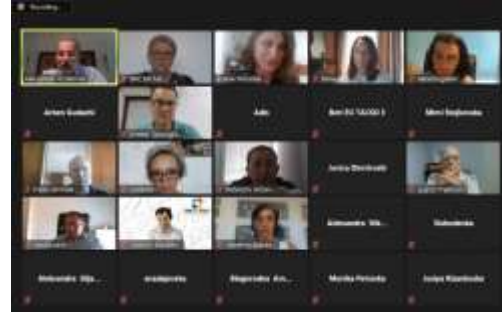
Relatively enabling environment for civil society development

In July, the Civil Society Resource Centre organised a debate on the environment in which CSOs operate. The basis for the discussion was the Report on the Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development for 2019.

One of the most pressing issues raised at the meeting was the work of the Council for Cooperation with and Development of the Civil Society.

[Read more](#)

[Report on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development 2019](#)



Information event on personal data protection organised

The new Law on Personal Data Protection; its harmonisation with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); as well as the impact of these processes on CSOs were the main topics of the online event organised by the Civil Society Resource Centre.

The discussion pointed out the need for educating CSOs on this issue as well as the unification of the privacy policy in the civil society sector.

[Read more](#)

Support provided by the Civil Society Resource Centre in the period 15 February 2018 – 31 August 2020

Responded to 673 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.

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

267 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](#).

Since June, the Civil Society Resource Centre provides space on the ZOOM platform for the organisations, free of charge. 36 events on the ZOOM platform are organised. If you need the ZOOM platform to organise your event, fill in the [respective request](#).

Prepared and shared 31 monthly overviews of funding opportunities for CSOs with 291 open calls in total. Read the [monthly overviews of funding opportunities](#) for CSOs.

Prepared and shared 66 weekly overviews with information about opened law-making processes and draft-laws published on ENER and 22 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

Cooperation of CSOs with the business sector - 29 September 2020, ZOOM Platform

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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