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Behind us is a year marked by cooperation, engagement, and joint action, during which civil society organizations were at the center of the Civil Society Resource Centre's activities, with regular information sharing, capacity strengthening, and support for processes relevant to the development of civil society.

Over the past year, the Civic Resource Centre delivered meaningful results through numerous activities developed for and with citizens and civil society organizations:



We encouraged civic activism and participation through **13** informative events, consultative meetings, and debates on a range of topics relevant to civil society development, engaging a total of **384** participants. These activities provided space for dialogue, exchange of views, and consultations among civil society organizations, state institutions, and other stakeholders. We supported the consultative process for the Government's new Strategy for Cooperation with and Development of Civil Society 2025–2028 and contributed to improved awareness among organizations regarding the selection of members of the Council for Cooperation between the Government and Civil Society.

We continued to support local organizations through **six** one-day visits of the Mobile Resource Center carried out in Krushevo, Valandovo, Demir Kapija, Bitola, Jegunovce, and Kochani, involving 82 representatives of local organizations, activists, and other stakeholders. These visits enabled direct, on-the-spot support, information sharing, and exchange with local civil society actors, contributing to strengthened capacities and improved access to resources at the local level.





We strengthened the capacities of civil society organizations through six workshops addressing key organizational and thematic areas, including volunteering, digital transformation, administrative operations, data collection using the KoboToolbox tool, digital social innovation, and monitoring, evaluation, and learning at organizational level with a total of 165 participants. In addition, 64 mentoring sessions were delivered on topics such as digitalization, Erasmus+, volunteering, organizational development, good governance, transparency, and accountability, ensuring targeted and tailored support in line with the specific needs of the organizations.

We awarded 11 grants to support the 2025 local elections, aimed at strengthening organizations' active participation and engagement in promoting inclusive, transparent, and accountable local elections. In 2025, 28 local organizations implemented action grants for local initiatives addressing the diverse local challenges faced by their target groups.



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We prepared two analyses, Government Mirror: Public Participation in Law Preparation Processes and Implementation of the Government Strategy for Cooperation with and Development of Civil Society –along with 12 monthly overviews of ENER monitoring, 35 weekly notifications on draft laws published on ENER, and 12 monthly overviews of funding opportunities for civil society organizations. These activities ensured timely access to information and supported organizations in their evidence-based participation in policy-making processes.

In 2025, the Civic Resource Centre continued to develop and promote digital self-assessment tools for civil society organizations. A new online self-assessment tool for transparency, accountability, and good governance – the "Mirror of Civil Society Organizations" – was developed, while, the existing online self-assessment tool for organizational capacities has so far been completed by a total of 318 organizations, providing valuable insights into their organizational development needs.





We provided regular advisory support through the help-desk to more than 350 civil society organizations and citizens in 2025. This support was further complemented by a platform for supporting local organizations through resource centres in the Skopje, Polog, and Eastern regions, as well as through regional civil society experts for the Pelagonia and Southwest planning regions, ensuring accessible and tailored support at the local level.

We regularly informed civil society organizations through a mailing list to 9,536 email addresses, through which more than 250 relevant pieces of information were shared in 2025. The distributed information covered funding opportunities, events, and other content relevant to the work and development of civil society organizations.





We provided space in Skopje, Gostivar, and Shtip for the implementation of activities by civil society organizations. During the year, a total of 167 events were organized by other organizations at the Civil Society Resource Centre in Skopje, and more than 200 events were held at the resource centres in Gostivar and Shtip. By making these spaces available, the Civil Society Resource Centre supported organizations in the timely and effective implementation of their activities and initiatives. In addition, the ZOOM platform was used by organizations for more than 50 online events..

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In 2025, the **Civic Resource Centre further expanded its digital support tools** to support civil society organizations. Within the Online Academy for civil society organizations, one new topic was recorded and published, focusing on monitoring, evaluation, and learning at organizational level. In addition, the online tool for tracking and promoting advocacy initiatives by civil society organizations was updated with six advocacy initiatives.



In 2025, the Civic Resource Centre strengthened its online presence through the website, email communication, and social media. The website recorded **79,395** views across **49,432** visits by over **25,000** users, with overviews of funding opportunities and calls for grants remaining the most visited content. Communication through the mailing list and Facebook further contributed to increased visibility and engagement of civil society organizations. During 2025, **43 news** items were published on the website, while **190 posts** were shared on the Facebook profile, through which the Civil Society Resource Centre engaged with **4,013 followers**.



43 WEBSITE POSTS
24,1% GROWTH IN VIEWS
49,432 WEBSITE VISITS



190 FACEBOOK POSTS
4,013 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS
844,505 FACEBOOK POST VIEWS

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to strengthening civil society.

In 2026, we will continue to support you with resources, knowledge, and tools that contribute to a sustainable, resilient, and influential civil society.

We wish you a successful and inspiring 2026!

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