**Western Balkans and Türkiye Civil Society Forum 2023**
**Launch of the baseline assessment**
**DG NEAR Guidelines for EU Support to Civil Society in the Enlargement Region 2021 - 2027**

**31 May – 1 June 2023, Podgorica, Montenegro**
Hotel Crna Gora, 2 Bulevar Svetog Petra Cetinjskog
## AGENDA

| 30 May, Tuesday | |
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| | **Arrival of participants** |
| **31 May, Wednesday** | |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | **Registration of participants and networking coffee** |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Opening remarks and welcoming speeches**<br><br>• **Ms. Lidija Ljumović**, Director General of Directorate for Innovation, Openness of Public Administration and Cooperation with NGOs, Ministry of Public Administration, Montenegro<br>• **Mr. Riccardo Serri**, Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro<br>• **Ms. Zorana Marković**, Executive Director of CRNVO – Resource Centre for Civil Society Organizations<br><br>**Moderator:** Mr. Richard Allen, EU TACSO 3 Team Leader<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84492414038?pwd=SkZxWE1Va0s4YTZuV1AyYmx1Z2FBUT09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 844 9241 4038<br>- Passcode: 506919 |
| 09:30 – 10:15 | **Launch of the baseline assessment**<br><br>The Baseline Assessment against the Revised DG NEAR Guidelines for EU Support to Civil Society in the Enlargement Region 2021 - 2027 has been completed. The findings refer to the baseline year 2021. This session will provide some background on the research methodology and the structure and highlights from the key findings.<br><br>• **Assessment rationale and objectives** – Mr. Richard Allen, EU TACSO 3 Team Leader<br>• **Assessment methodology and key findings** – Ms. Snježana Bokulić, EU TACSO 3 Expert<br>• Q&A<br><br>**Moderator:** Ms Liselotte Isaksson, Deputy Head of Cooperation, EUD Montenegro<br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84492414038?pwd=SkZxWE1Va0s4YTZuV1AyYmx1Z2FBUT09 |

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| 10:15 - 10:45 | **Break** |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | **Plenary session: Enabling environment – a civil society under pressure**<br><br>• **Short baseline presentation of the 2021 situation** – Ms. Snježana Bokulić, EU TACSO 3 Expert<br>• **What has happened since then? What will happen in the coming years? What are the main advances and reverses in the region we need to look out for?** – Anja Bosilkova-Antovska, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN); Ms Milena Vasić, Attorney at Law, YUCOM;<br>• **Freedom of expression and civil society** – Mr Damjan Ožegović, Transparency International Bosnia and Herzegovina; Mr. Yusuf Kanlı, Association of Journalists, Türkiye (online)<br><br>**Moderator:** Ms. Aleksandra Gligorović, EU TACSO 3 Country Coordinator for Montenegro<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84492414038?pwd=SkZxWE1Va0s4YTZuV1AyYmx1Z2FBUT09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 844 9241 4038<br>- Passcode: 506919 |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Breakout groups – Enabling Environment**<br><br>- **Group 1: Digital tools for protecting the enabling environment and promoting the Rule of Law.** What to do with monitoring data? How to use it for advocacy and campaigning on the enabling environment? The role of the digital agenda in this process.<br>Contributors: Ms Snežana Kamilovska Trpovska, SELDI.net; Mr German Filkov, Balkan Tender Watch;<br>Moderator: Ms. Marija Armenski, EU TACSO 3 Country Coordinator for North Macedonia<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83834448550?pwd=WG1OenhQMWg1NE9pZU0yb1p5aDl2Zz09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 838 3444 8550<br>- Passcode: 847814<br><br>- **Group 2: Safety and security** – Fighting back against SLAPPs and inappropriate use of legislation; Money laundering/terrorist financing (Moneyval)<br>- Contributors: Mr. Dragan Golubović, Legal Expert on Non-Profit Law; Ms. Albulena Sadiku, Deputy Director at BIRN Kosovo (online)<br>- Moderator: Ms. Jelena Pajović Van Reenen, EU TACSO 3 Country Coordinator for Serbia<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86789879308?pwd=czZZQ3lBVmFKaFlnMk9iWFdhZFdidz09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 867 8987 9308<br>- Passcode: 941263 |

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| | - **Group 3: Enabling environment and CSO financial sustainability**<br>- Contributor: Ms. Nikica Kusinikova, Executive Director, Konekt;<br>- Moderator: Ms. Ana Mariguesa Lorentzen, Programme Manager, EUD Montenegro<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88669343524?pwd=clhsWjZtRUoxanRaS21SVXZhNVd2QT09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 886 6934 3524<br>- Passcode: 278272 |
| **13:00 – 14:15** | **Lunch** |
| 14:15 – 15:30 | <u>**Plenary session**</u>**: Government – civil society cooperation – a win-win if we can make it happen**<br><br>• **Short baseline presentation of the 2021 situation** – Ms. Snježana Bokulić, EU TACSO 3 Expert<br>• **A view from a government** – "Why do Governments Need CSOs in the EU Integration process?" Mr. Srđan Majstorović, European Policy Centre, Serbia;<br>• **A view from CSOs/networks** – Bojana Selaković, National Convention on EU Integration (online); Mr. Stefan Tanevski, Associate in Data Analytics, Finance Think<br>• **The local perspective** – Mr. Samir Omerefendić, Regional Programme Manager, ReLOaD project<br><br>**Moderator**: Mr. Daniele Aloisi, Task Manager – Civil Society, DG NEAR<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84492414038?pwd=SkZxWE1Va0s4YTZuV1AyYmx1Z2FBUT09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 844 9241 4038<br>- Passcode: 506919 |
| **15:30 – 16:00** | **Break** |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | <u>**Breakout groups – Government – Civil Society Cooperation**</u><br><br>- **Group 1: Use of digital tools to increase public engagement**<br>- Contributor: Ms. Mila Josifovska Danilovska, CSO Metamorphosis (online)<br>- Moderator: Ms. Marija Armenski, EU TACSO 3 Country Coordinator for North Macedonia<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83834448550?pwd=WG1OenhQMWg1NE9pZU0yb1p5aDl2Zz09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 838 3444 8550<br>- Passcode: 847814 |

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| | - **Group 2: Green Agenda and regional cooperation**: How can governments and civil society strengthen cooperation across the region, and what are the benefits<br><br>- Contributor: Ms Ivana Pajic, Coalition 27,<br><br>- Moderator: Ms Aleksandra Gligorovic, EU TACSO 3 Country Coordinator for Montenegro<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86789879308?pwd=czZZQ3lBVmFKaFlnMk9iWFdhZFdidz09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 867 8987 9308<br>- Passcode: 941263<br><br><br>- **Group 3: Local cooperation in the provision of services for local communities' development** – innovations and benefits, cooperation, local service provision, and local development<br><br>- Contributors: Ms. Itır Akdoğan, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV), Mr. Hasan Oğuzhan Aytaç, Go-For Youth Organisations Forum<br><br>- Moderator: Ms. Özge Konuralp, EU TACSO 3 Country Coordinator for Türkiye<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88669343524?pwd=clhsWjZtRUoxanRaS21SVXZhNVd2QT09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 886 6934 3524<br>- Passcode: 278272 |
| 19:30 – 21:00 | **Dinner/Reception** |

The Baseline Assessment Report can be found here:



Or go to:

https://tacso.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/DG-NEAR-Guidelines-Baseline-Assessement-Report-2.pdf

| 1 June, Thursday | |
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| 08:30 – 09:00 | **Registration of participants and networking coffee** |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | **Plenary session: CSO capacity and accountability – no time for complacency**<br><br>This session will include a detailed presentation on the key findings from the baseline assessment in the area of CSO capacity and accountability. Also, will include additional views/perspectives linked to the main topic.<br><br>- **Short baseline presentation of the 2021 situation –** Ms. Snježana Bokulić, EU TACSO 3 Expert<br>- **Skills for non-profit management/Year of Skills** – Mr. Zoran Ilieski, SEGA, Mr. Jan Kulenovic, Social Innovation Incubator Munja<br>- **Global Standard and national standards – successes and challenges** - Ms. Annabel Cruz, Institute for Communication and Development (online)<br>- **Donor perspectives on CSO accountability** – Ms. Dajana Cvjetković; SMART Balkans; Ms. Dafina Beqiri, Western Balkans Fund<br><br>**Moderator**: Richard Allen, Team Leader, EU TACSO 3<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84492414038?pwd=SkZxWE1Va0s4YTZuV1AyYmx1Z2FBUT09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 844 9241 4038<br>- Passcode: 506919 |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | **Break** |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | **Breakout groups – CSO capacity and accountability**<br><br>- **Group 1: Mainstreaming diversity –** how CSOs can ensure involvement, inclusion, and representation of minorities and marginalised people<br>- Contributors: Mr. Murat Köylü, Kaos GL; Mr Önder Uçar, Deep Poverty Network, Ms Evelina Azizaj, Albanian Network for Rural Development,<br>- Moderator: Ms. Valérie Covic, Programme Manager, EUD Albania<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83834448550?pwd=WG1OenhQMWg1NE9pZU0yb1p5aDl2Zz09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 838 3444 8550<br>- Passcode: 847814<br><br>- **Group 2: Skills for non-profits**; partnerships and developing professional standards<br>- Contributors: Ms. Aleksandra Vidanović, Connect International, Ms. Siria Taurelli, European Training Foundation ETF (online),<br>- Moderator: Ms. Kanita Kulić, EU TACSO 3 Country Coordinator for Bosnia and Herzegovina<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86789879308?pwd=czZZQ3lBVmFKaFlnMk9iWFdhZFdidz09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 867 8987 9308<br>- Passcode: 941263 |

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| | - **Group 3: Governance and accountability**, ensuring good governance practice and effective boards, policies, diversity, and equality in CSOs.<br>- Contributors: Mr. Tezcan Eralp Abay, Association of Civil Society Development Centre (STGM), Turkiye, Ms. Arjola Agolli, Partners Albania<br>- Moderator: Ms. Afërdita Pustina, EU TACSO 3 Country Coordinator for Kosovo<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88669343524?pwd=clhsWjZtRUoxanRaS21SVXZhNVd2QT09<br><br>- Meeting ID: 886 6934 3524<br>- Passcode: 278272 |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | • **Reporting from breakout sessions** – key messages by rapporteurs<br><br>• **Closing of the event**<br>   o Ms. Lidija Ljumović, Director General of Directorate for Innovation, Openness of Public Administration and Cooperation with NGOs, Ministry of Public Administration, Montenegro<br>   o Ms. Hillen Francke, DG NEAR, Head of Sector Civil society, social inclusion and human capital development  (online)<br>   o Mr. Richard Allen, EU TACSO 3 Team Leader<br><br>**Moderator:**  Ms Andreja Tonč, EU TACSO 3 Capacity Building Expert<br><br>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84492414038?pwd=SkZxWE1Va0s4YTZuV1AyYmx1Z2FBUT09<br><br>• Meeting ID: 844 9241 4038<br>• Passcode: 506919 |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Lunch and departure of participants** |