

P2P Events and Activities

Beneficiary (Single or Multi), Date, Location	Title
January 2016	
MB 26-28 January 2016 Brussels COMPLETED	FPA Conference This event will focus on sustainability of FPA networks
February 2016	
MB 25-26 February 2016, Belgrade COMPLETED	Conference: Civil Society and Beyond: A Joint Dialogue on the European Path This event seeks to examine processes and models of CSO engagement in the EU accession process with a view to strengthening CSO participation in EU accession in the IPA region. It includes examination of mechanisms such as SECO and EU Convent.
SB 24-26 February 2016, Istanbul COMPLETED	Conference: Combatting Violence Against Women – EU Models and Practices This event has been planned within the scope of a network project and is a national follow up to the recent MB event held by the FPA WAVE: “Coordinated Efforts – toward new European Standards in protection of women from gender-based violence project which resulted in the Podgorica Declaration to combat Violence Against Women.
March 2016	
SB/MK 23-24 March 2016 Skopje	Conference: Open Government Partnership – CSOs input into the action plan 2016-2018 This event seeks to share with CSOs the findings of the self-assessment of the second OGP Action Plan and findings of the report from the Independent monitoring mechanism to discuss challenges and to mobilize CSOs to provide their input for the next NAP. Good practices and lessons learnt from the region will be shared by the participants in the regional OGP summit held in September 2015 in Tirana and debate will be initiated on the key points from the Regional Commitment promoted in Tirana.
MB 29-31 March 2016 Sarajevo	Conference: Transparent Allocation of Public Funds – EU good practices and Models This event seeks to examine good models for ensuring transparency of public funding for civil society, sharing mechanisms for implementation and monitoring

<p>SB/SR March – September 2016, Belgrade</p>	<p>Consultations and resulting Conference- Media, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Speech: achievements and way forward with new media strategy In line with the subjects of the Speak up! 3 conference, the main goal of the follow up action would be to open the debate and gather the recommendations on following subjects:; the roots of political and economic pressures that journalists are exposed to and its influence on professional and ethical standards, fostering effective regulation and self-regulation, protection of the journalists in line with the Action Plan for Chapter 23, the creation of the new strategy relating to media and the way forward. Also, these events will give basic introduction to “The Guidelines for EU support to media freedom and media integrity in enlargement countries 2014-2020” to the local and national stakeholders.</p> <p>Gathered information and recommendations will be further used as inputs for creation of the new media strategy, as well as implementation of the measures within the actions plans within the European integration process.</p>
<p>April 2016</p>	
<p>SB/MK 7 April 2016 Skopje</p>	<p>Conference: Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Speech Improved understanding of the context in the country in regard of the freedom of expression, media and freedom of speech Relevant stakeholders (CSOs, journalists, media, Government) have shared opinions on the challenges in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of speech Raised awareness on the EU efforts to support media reforms in the country.</p>
<p>SMB/SR,TR,MK 21-22 April 2016 Gevgelia</p>	<p>Regional Networking: Cooperation and Communication for Migrants Human Rights TACSO Resource Centre led by MCIC and the Macedonian TACSO office on 20th of November 2015 in the EU Info Centre organised information event on the migration routes and the country response to the inflow of refugees, with participation of the major stakeholders (Government Crisis Management Center, UNHCR, IOM, Macedonian Red Cross). The objective of the seminar was to inform Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) about the current migration flows, the steps taken to overcome the crises, the active key stakeholders, their role and coordination as well as the received support for dealing with the refugee crisis.</p> <p>Western Balkans route is by far the most used gateway into Europe. Considering that, the countries that are part of this route are most affected by the refugee crisis. That is the reason why there is a need of organising regional CSO networking meeting where the local and international CSO, institutions and other relevant stakeholders will meet and discuss about the migration routes and the response to the inflow of refugees.</p> <p>The MK RC is involved in actions related to the refugee crisis and it is evident that improved communication and coordination on a regional level is needed to improve the efficiency of reactions to the refugee crisis.</p>
<p>MB 26-27 April 2016 Skopje</p>	<p>Conference: EU Guidelines Monitoring event – Year II This event will look at the state of play with regard to civil society capacities in the region and progress made with regard to EU Guidelines</p>

SB/MK April 2016, Skopje	Conference: EU Legal Framework and Policies on Anti-Discrimination and Fundamental Rights (TBC) This event seeks to explore the issues of fundamental rights and anti-discrimination from the perspective of legal frame, institutional frame and practices and harmonization with EU policies and standards
SMB/TK,MK,SR April/May 2016 Pristine	Conference: Volunteering and Youth Empowerment This event seeks to examine the role of volunteering in youth empowerment and social inclusion, sharing models of support to volunteering, developing input for government support to youth volunteering Legal recognition of volunteering – 50% youth in KO, promote youth engagement in different sectors and have that work recognized. In line with govt strategy.
May 2016	
SB/SR 18-19 May 2016, Belgrade	Conference: Fundamental Rights Policies and Practice – EU standards This event seeks to explore the issues of fundamental rights and anti-discrimination from the perspective of legal frame, institutional frame, national and regional practices and harmonization with EU policies.
MB May 2016 Brussels	Thematic Networking/Advocacy study visit: EU Environmental Acquis and Environmental Decision Making This event seeks to look at decision-making models in relation to the environment, as well as EU and international legislation related to the issue. This concept is developed on the basis of the P2P consultation findings, which indicate environmental protection as one of the priority areas for CSOs in the region. As there is an active FPA on this topic, ENV.net, they will be engaged in designing the event, supported by COTE on environment in DG NEAR. The event will enable exploration and promotion of the opportunities EU Accession process brings for CSOs in candidate countries to advocate for participatory environmental decision-making. This will be in support of civil society as a legitimate actor in democratic society. Various regulations concerning nature preservation, protecting bio-diversity, protecting forests prevents the inclusion of CSOs in decision making processes.
SMB/AL,SR May – June 2016 Estonia	Study Visit: Civil Society Inclusion in Decision-Making – the Estonia Model Within the framework of enabling environment component of the Guidelines for Supporting Civil Society in Enlargement Countries for the period 2014-2020, TACSO Albania Office and TACSO Serbia Office will organize a study tour visit for the Board and staff representatives of Government Agency for Supporting Civil Society in Albania (GASCS), public institutions in Serbia responsible for civil society and CSOs working on this issue.. The study tour will be focused on acquaintance of strategies, mechanisms and cooperation models for improving the enabling environment for CSOs in Estonia, civil society-public cooperation as well as public funding for Civil Society.
MB May/June, 2016 Pristine	Conference: Role of Civil Society in Public Administration Reform – EU standards and Practice This event seeks to examine the standards and good practices of CSO participation in public administration reform in the EU, share experiences from the region, share results of research on current state of play in region, develop proposals for improvement.

June 2016	
SB/TR May/June 2016 Belgrade	Study Visit with Key Government and CSO stakeholders to review the participatory programming of EU funds and SECO Mechanism in Serbia TACSO supported with TUSEV and STGM development of a concept on participatory Planning of Civil Society Sub Sector, which can open doors and be a good implementation model for other participatory policy development areas in public administration system. During 4 th LAG meeting, Ministry of EU shared the initial concept with LAG members and it was decided that a visit to Serbia to examine SECO mechanism and its context with different stakeholders will be very beneficial to further develop and implement the concept in Turkey.
SB/BiH June 2016 Sarajevo	Conference: Partnership of Local Stakeholders for Development and Employment This event seeks to examine the role of training, re-training, lifelong learning in promoting youth employment, employment of persons with special needs and persons in categories of hard employability. The focus will be on both the stimulation of employment/entrepreneurship through different approaches as well as the promotion of social inclusion through employment. Priority themes access to education, persons with disabilities and rural development will be addressed.
SB/TR June 2016 Ankara	Networking Event: Building Connections - EU Networks and Local CSOs "Enhancing Freedom of Association and Civil Society Cooperation on the way to EU" The event is designed to be merged with the biennial Civil Voices Festival of STGM which has a very large visibility and coverage with around 200 participants from Turkey and it corresponds to EU-TR Civil Society Dialogue Program call for proposals in upcoming period. Turkey participants from Networks/ platforms and CSO coalitions will meet EU and IPA counterparts, understand the legal environment and financial environment that supports their successful/ sustainable cooperation and their challenges for participating policy dialogue both in the context of their organizational cooperation capacity as a joint effort and the political environment that enables their joint entity to be recognized as legitimate stakeholders for their sectors/ subject matter.
July 2016	
MB July 2016 Paris	CSO Parallel Forum: Western Balkans Summit (tbc) Socio-economic and political reforms remain key for the successful European integration of the Western Balkans. This process can only be successful with the broad and comprehensive inclusion of civil society. The Civil Society Forum of the Western Balkans Summit Vienna 2015 constitutes one venue for civil society to articulate recommendations, and make suggestion and be a critical and competent voice at the series of Western Balkans summits that began in Berlin in 2014 and in Vienna in 2015 and continues in Paris in 2016.
August 2016	
September 2016	
October 2016	

MB Q4 2016 Pristine/ Brussels (TBD)	Thematic Networking: Building national and regional CSO networks for advocacy and action This event seeks to share information and experience on the work of regional/EU/International networks effective in the thematic areas, providing opportunity for developing communication and collaboration within and between networks, strengthening CSO capacities to engage in and manage networks. This is a follow up event to an event held on Regional Networks in TACSO1 with the aim of bringing in new regional networks and expanding the connections.
MB Q3, TBD 2016	Humanizing Borders: mainstreaming human rights for migrants and refugees This event will present activities and progress in relation to a regional programme on migration.
SB/TR October 2016, Ankara/Istanbul (tbd)	By Civil Society for Civil Society I: Ethical Code of Conduct for CSOs This event seeks to look at the accountability and transparency of CSOs, and their standards of ethics, in a participatory manner.
November 2016	
SMB/TBD November 2016 Skopje	Conference: CSOs role in the cross-border and regional cooperation This event seeks to raise awareness on the role of the regional approach and regional programmes in the EU integration and to discuss and propose measures for better involvement and integration of CSOs in the cross-border and regional programmes.
MB Q4	Event: CSO Communications (tentative title) The objectives of this event will be based on the results of the needs assessment being carried out by TACSO – to be concluded in April 2016.
December 2016	
MB December 2016 Serbia	Conference: Climate change and CSOs in action This event seeks to raise awareness about global situation and mobilize national actors, primarily CSOs to act on more focused and efficient manner on mitigation measures.
January 2017	
SB/KO Q1, Q2 2017 Pristine	Conference: Sports as a tool for Inclusion and Reconciliation (TBC) This event seeks to share how sports can be an effective tool for building dialogue, social cohesion and reconciliation in post-conflict communities, sharing different examples for the use of sport in reconciliation and social inclusion, providing opportunities for experiential learning through practical demonstrations
February 2017	
MB Q1 2017, Tbd	Conference: Access to education for Roma: Good practices and models from the EU and the Western Balkans and Turkey This event seeks to share good practices and models for the use of arts/culture in promoting social inclusion of marginalized groups such as Roma in the field of education

March 2017	
MB Q1 2017 TBD	By Civil Society for Civil Society II: EU Models in CSO Self Regulation for Accountability, Transparency and Good Governance This event seeks to share various EU models on quality assurance for CSOs with a view to developing local models for self regulation and accountability
April 2017	
MB Q2 2017 TBD	Conference: New Narratives in History, Literature and Media (tentative title) -TBC To bring together civil society organisations and academia to discuss how to reframe narratives in order to overcome stereotypes and nationalisms.
May 2017	
MB May 2017 Tbd	Conference: Human Rights, Conflict and Reconciliation – New Tactics This event will be a practical forum for sharing of experiences amongst human rights practitioners working in zones of conflict or post-conflict and reconciliation. It will be an opportunity for human rights activists to share tactics they have used and to learn from one another. Participants will share the context in which they operate, the tactic they have implemented, the challenges they have faced and how they have overcome them.
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