

P2P Events and Activities - 2016

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 focused on models and approaches for combatting Violence Against Women at the national level.
March 2016	
SB/MK 23-24 March 2016 Skopje COMPLETED	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 COMPLETED	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</p> <p>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 COMPLETED</p>	<p>Conference: Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Speech</p> <p>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 COMPLETED</p>	<p>Regional Networking: Cooperation and Communication for Migrants Human Rights</p> <p>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 COMPLETED</p>	<p>Conference: EU Guidelines Monitoring event – Year II</p> <p>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>
<p>May 2016</p>	

June 2016	
MB 6-8 June, 2016 Pristine COMPLETED	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.
SB/SR 16-17 June 2016, Belgrade COMPLETED	Study Visit and Conference: Fundamental Rights Policies and Practice – EU standards These events seek 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.
SMB/AL,SR 28-30 June 2016 Estonia COMPLETED	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.
July 2016	
SB/BiH 12-13 July 2016 Mostar COMPLETED	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.
August 2016	
September 2016	
MB 28-29 September 2016 Brussels COMPLETED	Workshop: Post-Paris Climate change: Issues Solutions and Next Steps 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.

October 2016	
MB 9-11 October 2016 Bratislava COMPLETED	High Level Event on Roma Youth Empowerment This event is organized by DG Justice and the Slovak EU Presidency to bring high level attention to the need for empowerment of Roma youth.
SMB/BH, MNE, SR, MK, 10-14 October 2016 Zadar COMPLETED	The Role of Policy Analysts and Investigative Journalists in Safeguarding Democracy This event is being led by GONG – a policy oriented CSO in Croatia. The objective of this Regional School of Policy Analysis is to develop and expand relationships between policy analysts and investigative journalists, so that they can assist each other in ensuring that relevant, accurate and timely information is placed in the public sphere. The latter is becoming more relevant for citizens, given the failing systems of institutional checks and balances in the region, as well as at the level of the EU.
SB/TR October 2016 Belgrade 25-27 October, 2016 COMPLETED	Study Visit with Key Government and CSO stakeholders to review the participatory programming of EU funds and SECO Mechanism in Serbia This study visit to Serbia will examine the following mechanisms for civil society participation: SECO mechanism as a method for CS participation in programming and the CS-Government Cooperation office
November 2016	
MB 10-11 November 2016 Skopje COMPLETED	FPA Closing Event This event seeks to enable FPAs to share experiences, lessons learnt, challenges and tactics for success. The event will also provide space for self-reflection and ideas for improvement of FPA work. Finally, the event will look at trends impacting civil society in the region with a view to reflecting on what is being done and what can be done in the future.
MB 10-11 November 2016 Tirana COMPLETED	Event: CSO Communication Fusion This event seeks to introduce CSOs to different forms of communication, including story telling and alternative approaches to social media use.

<p>SB/SR 17-18 November 2016, Belgrade</p>	<p>Conference- Media, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Speech: achievements and way forward with new media strategy</p> <p>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>December 2016 – Beginning of New P2P Contract Period</p>	