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Policy workshop

“What is the environment in which CSOs work and what can the EC and Governments do to improve it?”

27th May 2014, Brussels, Residence Palace – GMF Offices

Draft agenda

09:30-10:00 **Registration**

10:00-10:45 **Opening remarks**

Gordana Delic, Director, Balkan Trust for Democracy, Belgrade
Venera Hajrullahu, Chair of the BCSDN Board/Executive Director, KCSF, Kosovo

Presentation of Regional Findings: The Monitoring Matrix for Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development

Katerina Hadzi-Miceva Evans, Director, ECNL
Tanja Hafner Ademi, Executive Director, BCSDN

10:45 -12:30

Why We Need the Civil Society Acquis? Reflection on Monitoring Results and Implications for the EC Enlargement Strategy 2014-2015

Andris Kesteris, Principle Advisor for Civil Society and Media, DG Enlargement (TBC)

Marina Škrabalo, EESC Member/Senior Adviser, GONG, Croatia
Gjergji Vurmo, BCSDN Board member/ IDM & Member of the Albanian CSO Task Force, Albania

Oliver Henman, Chair of European Network of National Associations/ NVCO, UK

Moderator: Tanja Hafner Ademi, Executive Director, BCSDN

Discussion

Issues for debate (draft):

- *Why does it make sense to pressure Enlargement governments on civil society and how it helps the reform process?*
- *How can the EU help local civil society strengthen, be credible and hold governments accountable?*
- *How can the EC Guidelines be translated and how should the EU use it as both policy and programming tool?*
- *What is the significance of the role the EU can have on democratization, good governance and CSDev in Enlargement countries?*

12:30-13:00

Concluding remarks and recommendations

13:00

Buffet lunch



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