

### *Taulant Hoxha – Short Bio*

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Taulant Hoxha (1983) – Executive Director at Kosovar Civil Society Foundation since 2018, he has been a civil society activist for more than two decades now. He is mostly engaged in the fields of civil society development, including legal framework for civil society, civil society participation in policy-making, civil society-government dialogue and public funding for civil society. During the last thirteen years, on behalf of KCSF he has actively participated and led most of Kosovar civil society initiatives dealing with legal reform and internal regulation of the sector, as well as main advocacy initiatives protecting civic space. Since 2012 he is serving as the Chair of Board of CiviKos Platform, the largest network of CSOs in Kosovo composed of more than 250 member organizations.

He has delivered numerous presentations and trainings on civic participation, civil society-government cooperation, public consultations, public policy making and policy cycle management, volunteerism, youth activism, accountability of CSOs, etc. In addition, he has been part of different experts' groups in Kosovo and abroad on drafting legislation, strategies and standards related to civil society, including experts' consultation for Venice Commission Guidelines on Freedom of Association. He has coordinated civil society related research projects and authored tens of studies, policy papers, commentaries and articles on this field.

He has been active within the BCSDN for more than a decade now. He has been part of the initial regional experts group on developing the Monitoring Matrix for Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development, he has been one of the three members of the BCSDN Task Force to develop Monitoring Matrix Scoring system as well as part of numerous workshops and discussions on BCSDN advocacy. In addition, he has been one of the BCSDN representatives in drafting of the EC Guidelines for civil society support in Enlargement Countries, 2014-2020, as well as led numerous annual monitoring exercises of these Guidelines.

Graduated in Political Sciences, his native is Albanian, he is fluent in English and Serbian and Croatian, and speaks some Italian and German.