

BCSDN

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BCSDN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

FACILITATING A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AND A RECOGNITION OF ITS ROLE IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION AND ITS ACCESSION INTO THE EU

SO1:

MAIN OUTPUTS

- Revised Monitoring Matrix methodology
- Comprehensive reports on CSO Enabling Environment (6 national + 1 regional)
- Regional multistakeholder workshop and policy paper on AML/CFT
- Advocacy events in Brussels
- 48 updates on civic space in WBT for the CIVICUS Monitor
- Research actions supported with an ad-hoc grant
- A joint reaction towards the CoE on its report on the regional TF risk assessment of the NP sector in WBT

MAIN OUTCOMES

- The Monitoring Matrix is a powerful platform for advocacy on CSO enabling environment used by members
- Several policy changes on a national level attributed to BCSDN's work with the MM.
- Improved understanding of EC on their role in promoting more enabling environment, as reflected in key EC documents
- Improved understanding, cooperation and commitment among key stakeholders on AML/CFT issues.
- Increased understanding and engagement of civil society actors and donors in the region on SLAPPs

MONITORING MATRIX

AML/CFT



SLAPPS

CIVIC SPACE

MONITORING AND PROMOTING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

MAIN OUTPUTS

- Background analysis of EC Enlargement reports
- EU advocacy: Positions, reactions and contributions to relevant policy processes
- Collaboration with EU institutions and organizations
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- Reactions on the Resolution on the implementation of the EU's common foreign and security policy and to EU Directive on Foreign Interference



MAIN OUTCOMES

- BCSDN continues to be recognized as a partner to EU institutions
- BCSDN findings are more significantly reflected in EC Enlargement Strategy and Country reports 2023
- Mechanisms for integration of WB civil society in EU processes introduced following long-time BCSDN's advocacy
- BCSDN advocacy contributed to inclusion of Candidate countries in EU Rule of Law Report and EESC ECM Initiative



PROMOTING CIVIL SOCIETY AS A COMPETENT, DEMOCRATIC ACTOR IN THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS

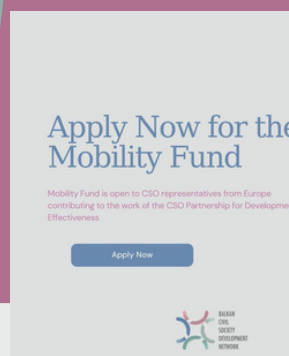
MAIN OUTPUTS

- Monitoring EU funding policies and practices (contribution to IPAIII programming)- Input on the IPA III Multi-Country Action Document 2024
- Research on donor practices in the Western Balkans
- Advocacy on development effectiveness + Mobility Fund



MAIN OUTCOMES

- Proposed improvements in funding policies and procedures
- BCSDN policy recommendations reflected in IPA CSF
- Increased involvement and contribution of WB civil society to global aid effectiveness processes



PROMOTING IMPROVED FUNDING MODELS THAT ENABLE CSOS' WORK

MAIN OUTPUTS

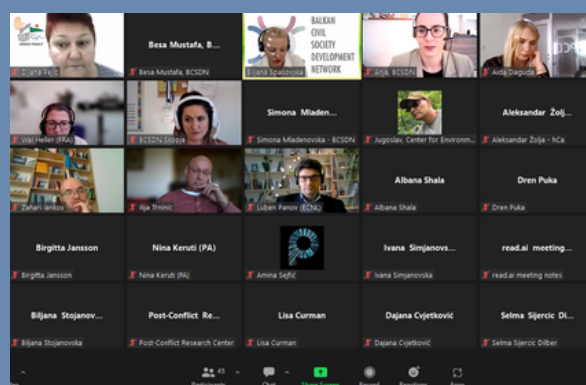
- Accountability campaigns
- Regional Community of Practice Platform
- Research on CSO-private sector partnerships for promoting civic space
- Solidarity actions and statements
- Regional coalitions on civic space issues
- Advocated Republika Srpska to reverse harmful laws:

- Joint statement and advocated internationally
 - Submitted complaint to UN Special Rapporteurs;
 - Requested response from MONEYVAL Chairs
 - Organized online discussion with CPCD
 - Opened a restricted call for financial assistance to CSOs

- Supported case studies for CPDE's Synthesis report, prepared by Civic Initiatives, addressing lithium mining concerns, and the misuse of public safety surveillance software.

MAIN OUTCOMES

- Increased accountability and development effectiveness practices
- Global Standard recognized and used by BCSDN and other CSOs and networks
- Increase in regional cooperation for promoting civic space



MAIN OUTPUTS

- Various communication channels and products
- New Hub website – regional CS resource platform
- Joint actions/proposals developed with international organizations for advancing BCSDN advocacy objectives (EU CSO Umbrellas with Civicus, FFPA for EU support to peaceful assembly and association with Eurmed Rights)
- Participation and contribution at relevant regional, EU, and global
- Launching Communications 2.0 plan
- Rapid response to threats to civic space

MAIN OUTCOMES

- Increased outreach of network activities to civil society actors and wider public
- Increased No stakeholders receiving and interacting with the information shared by BCSDN
- Increase of BCSDN social media outreach and e-mail alerts subscribers
- BCSDN participations at key regional and international events in a substantial manner.
- BCSDN recognized by key stakeholders as a source of expertise on EE and CSO accountability in WB.



MAIN OUTPUTS

- Comprehensive strategic planning process, resulting in a revised BCSDN StrategyRegular check-in with members
- Internal newsletter featuring members' news launched and regularly disseminated
- External evaluation
- New 4-year phase of the Sida Regional Hub
- Rewarding working environment for the employees

MAIN OUTCOMES

- Strengthened, sustainable and accountable network
- A shared understanding of the context and BCSDN's role in it
- A common understanding from most members on their relationship with other MO and BCSDN EO
- Funding secured
- Improved accountability framework and practices
- Improved internal policies.
- Professional growth enabled and dedication of staff assessed



CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- Facilitating inclusive and effective strategic review process
- Balancing between keeping members informed/inundating with information / staying informed
- Making MM research fit the advocacy timeline
- Communicating the MM and EE
- Tracking achievements
- Websites development

FINANCIAL REPORT

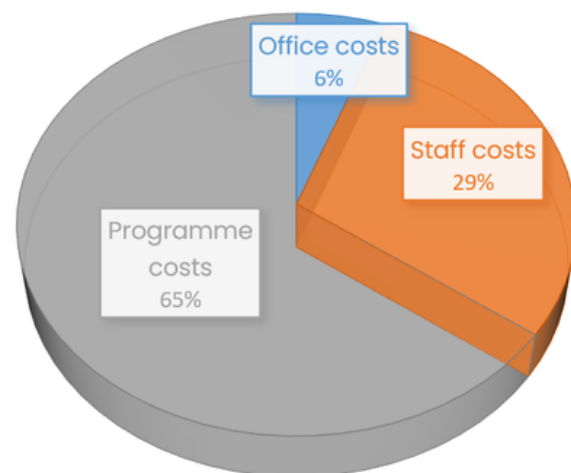
REVENUES

MEMBERSHIP FEE	3,730 €
RBF CORE FUNDING	36,757 €
CIVICUS CSM	15,836 €
PEACE NEXUS	12,277 €
ECNL	19,320 €
CPDE	997 €
SIDA PHASE 1	339,546 €
SIDA PHASE 2	517,638 €
OTHER	441 €

TOTAL 946,541 €

* 287,894 € CARRIED OVER FOR 2024 ACTIVITIES

COSTS



TOTAL COSTS 658,647 €

THE YEAR IN A GLANCE



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EVENT REPRESENTATIONS



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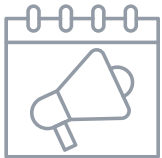
REACTIONS/ ANALYSIS/ BRIEFS

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MONITORING MATRIX REPORTS

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IN PERSON MM WORKSHOPS



5 ONLINE EVENTS ORGANIZED

3 IN-PERSON EVENTS

MANY ONLINE AND 2 IN PERSON
COUNCIL MEETINGS

4 BOARD MEETINGS

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AD-HOC RESEARCH ACTIONS
SUPPORTED



COMMUNICATIONS
FACTS

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WEBSITES



24 EMA EDITIONS

1560 SUBSCRIBERS



9K SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS



1 EXTERNAL NEWSLETTER

5

INTERNAL DIGESTS



2 PODCASTS



MEMBERS



ROMANIA

SLOVENIA

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

SERBIA



MONTENEGRO

BULGARIA



KOSOVO

NORTH MACEDONIA

ALBANIA



TURKEY



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DONORS AND PARTNERS



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