LAUNCH OF
BCSDN Report on SLAPPs in the Western Balkans

From Silence to Strength: A Regional Response to SLAPPs in the Western Balkans

Tuesday, 2 July 11 AM CET
ZOOM
Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the launch event for the first regional report on Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs) in the Western Balkans, delivered by BCSDN. The event will take place on 2 July at 11 AM via Zoom. For your participation, please register HERE.

Over the past months, our dedicated EO team and members' researchers have conducted in-depth research to uncover the prevalence, impact, and implications of SLAPPs on individuals, organizations, and public discourse in the region.

Our report sheds light on the SLAPPS legal framework and practices in the Western Balkans, providing data-driven insights on plaintiffs’ and defendants’ tactics and highlighting the experiences of those affected.

Join us to discuss our regional findings on SLAPPs, and explore solutions and recommendations to combat these abusive practices.

Register HERE.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

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**AGENDA**

11:00 - 11:10

**Opening: The SLAPPS trend globally and in the Western Balkans**

- Biljana Spasovska, BCSDN

11:10 - 11:30

**Presentation of Key findings of BCSDN Regional research on SLAPPs in the Western Balkans**

- Anja Bosilkova-Antovska, BCSDN
  - Simona Mladenovska, BCSDN

11:30 - 12:00

**Presentation of Key SLAPPS findings on National level by BCSDN member organizations**

- Kostandina Keruti, Partners Albania
- Shqipe Gjocaj, KCSF
- Daniel Stanoeski, MCIC
- Petar Knezevic, CRNVO
- Emina Musija, CPCD
- Uros Jovanovic, Civic Initiatives

12:00 - 12:30

**Open floor discussion and Q&A**