DRAFT AGENDA

Launch of the Monitoring Matrix Regional Report 2026

Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development in the Western Balkans and Türkiye

27 October 2026 · 11:00–12:30 CET · Online

11:00–11:15 **Opening remarks: The role of independent civil society monitoring in civic space protection and EU accession**

Anja Bosilkova Antovska, Executive Director, BCSDN and Symela Tsakiri, Team Leader, European Comission

11:15–11:45 **Presentation of the BCSDN2026 Regional Monitoring Matrix findings and Country Updates on Recent Civic Space Developments**

Simona Mladenovska, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, BCSDN

Country Interventions by National Researchers

***Petar Knezevic**, CRNVO (Montenegro)*
***Duygu Dogan**, TÜSEV (Türkiye)*
***Alma Mustajbasic**, Civic Initiatives (Serbia)*
***Daniel Stanoeski**, MCIC (North Macedonia)*
***Kostandina Keruti**, Partners Albania (Albania)*
***Hanan Lamia Skopljak**, CPCD (Bosnia and Herzegovina)*
***Rudina Hasimja**, KCSF (Kosovo)*

12:00–12:15 **Reflections on Regional Civic Space Findings and the Broader European Context**

Remarks by external regional and EU keynote listeners

12:15–12:30 **Discussion and Closing Remarks**

Q&A Session, moderated by Marija Vishinova Shemova, Head of Policy and Advocacy, BCSDN