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**Takim i parë i punës mes ekspertëve të Asistencës Teknike
me anëtarët përfaqësues të shoqërisë civile
të Këshillit Kombëtar për Shoqërinë Civile**

Më datë 22 nëntor 2017, ora 13:00, pranë ambjenteve të EU Info Centre – Tiranë, u mbajt takimi i parë i punës, i organizuar nga përfaqësuesit e Asistencës Teknike të BE-së me anëtarët përfaqësues të shoqërisë civile të Këshillit Kombëtar për Shoqërinë Civile.

Procesverbali në vijim është mbajtur në gjuhën angleze nga znj. Christine Leiser – *Udhëheqëse e ekipit të Asistencës Teknike.*

Summarising minutes of the first meeting between the TA and the CSO group of the National Council for Civil Society 22.11.2017

Participants:

For the CSO Group of the Council: Zana Vookopola, Afërdita Seiti, Vladimir Thanó, Emanuela Zaimi,
Luan Ahmetaj, Blendi Dibra, Mirela Koçi, Ali Coka

For the TA team: Max Fras, Capacity-Development Expert, Christine Leiser, Team leader (minutes)

For the European Union's Delegation to Albania: Enkelejda Bregu

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13.00 until 16.30
 EU Info Centre
 `Getting started`

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2. Opening by Enkelejda Bregu

Ms Bregu emphasised the important role and function of the Council, also in its important contribution to the mid tem revision of the Roadmap for CSO enabling environment, which is currently undertaken by the TA team. The Roadmap can be considered as the State Strategy on Civil Society Development. She also emphasised the role of Council in holding the GOV accountable for the implementation of the roadmap action plan.

She presented the TA team with their NGO background and wished the participants a productive meeting, explaining that she would not part take, because it was a meeting about the TA team and the CSO Group of the Council with no external presence, from none of the stakeholders.

3. Project presentation

(see enclosed Presentation) It is important here to mention that the focus of the TA input is on the roadmap for the coming 3 weeks, because of the urgency linked to the Roadmap, however capacity development and other items as defined in the task of the TA team will also be worked on in 2018. This includes e.g. a 2-3 action plan for the CSO part of the Council will also be worked on in 2018.

4. Self- Assessment of the work of the CSO part of the Council

Conduction of a SWOAR analysis for the functionality of the CSO group of the Council (strength, weaknesses, opportunities, aspirations and results) - work in plenary brainstorm

Strength

Personal	Institutional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experienced people all from the CS sector • Experience in public state and private • With donor community • Experience working with local authorities • Good cooperation with environmental NGOs • Awareness and knowledge of the needs of the environmental NGOs • Management of EU funds • Participation with local communities • knowledge of participatory approaches • New ideas in consultations with other actors • Internal communication Secretariat and the Council • Integrity • European networks AGEU • Public visibility • Media relations • Credibility -Cause • Business network • Diplomatic skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of opinions that we reflect through the representativeness of the Group • Three sections so wide coverage • Organisations have expertise in the sectoral • Contribute organisations beforehand • Model of election via online tool is innovative • legitimacy • Unique place within the system • Regulated by law • Attention of the EU • Input into the Roadmap • Communication tools, online platforms, group consultation • Integrity • Capability for dialogue • Big number of NGOs who can be loud and heard • We realise that we work well within our structure (the CSO part of the Council)

Weaknesses

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mandate duration, ➤ 1, 2, 3 years different periods ➤ Mandate: when did it start (law is not clear on this) Either announced voting result Or first official meeting not clear ➤ Lack of leadership ➤ not institutionalized and need to work on this and need external support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No clear legislation about the Mandate ➤ No budget and guidelines on expenses ➤ Active calendar ➤ Functional community ➤ Bylaw ➤ Working calendars ➤ Engaging with the CSO ➤ We do not know anything of the other members ➤ regulations for the Council are not approved ➤ No previous experience as a Council ➤ Lack of working in coalitions ➤ Main problem of political stability for the Ministry 4 times ➤ Not a good data base of active organisation to enlarge engagement with Civil Society ➤ Legal amendments are not very transparency ➤ Annual report for Council as required by the law due for 2017
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Aspirations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal solutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credible partners

Opportunities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU integration • Impact on the budget processes • budget revision 2018 • new budget 2019 • Local elections
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Results

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal frame improvement • Redraft and propose for the emergencies, e.g. social care service • Active dialogue • Laws in place need but they need to be implemented and a budget to them allocated • Assessment of the situation • Which the • Permanent dialogue • Council should become a credible interlocutor • Transparency in government grants • More Financial sustainability for the CSOs
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5. Next meeting

27.11.2017

10-13 hrs, EUIN Tirana Library (See agenda attached)

- Roadmap and input to shadow report
- Consultation models
- December script for four regional Road Map related consultations, (Tirana 04.12., Vlore 06.12., Shkodra 11.12., Korca 13.12.)
- The Council's aspirations and results to be achieved
- Cooperation with AMSHC (within the consultations)
- Co-operation with the Government (within the consultations)

Thank you

Christine Leiser, Tirana, 22.11.2017

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NCCS CSO Council Members Workshop

27.11.2017

10:00-13:00

EU Info Centre Tirana – Library Room

10:00	Opening, welcome and introductions
10:15-11:00	Road Map implementation – NCCS CSO member comments Introduction of the Road Map Action Plan (Max Fras)
11:00-12:00	Designing the December 2017 Road Map consultation round: good practice examples, contents, task, responsibilities
12:00-12:45	NCCS CSO council members – continued S(W)OAR assessment – focusing on Council aspirations and results
12:45-13:00	Evaluation and forward planning

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National Council for Civil Society Introductory Meeting

Tirana, Albania
November 22, 2017



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Meeting schedule

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Structure of the presentation

- Project introduction
- What? Technical Assistance key objectives
- Who? Main stakeholders
- How? Specific NCCS support measures
- How? Road Map
- (After lunch)
- Strengths – Opportunities – Aspirations – Results (SOAR Analysis)
- Timeline
- Next steps

What? Technical assistance main objectives

- Objective 1: To **enhance capacities** of CSO members of the **NCCS** to engage in a **systematic and continuous dialogue** with relevant governmental institutions and as well as other platforms, **advising and influencing issues of strategic priority** in Albania.

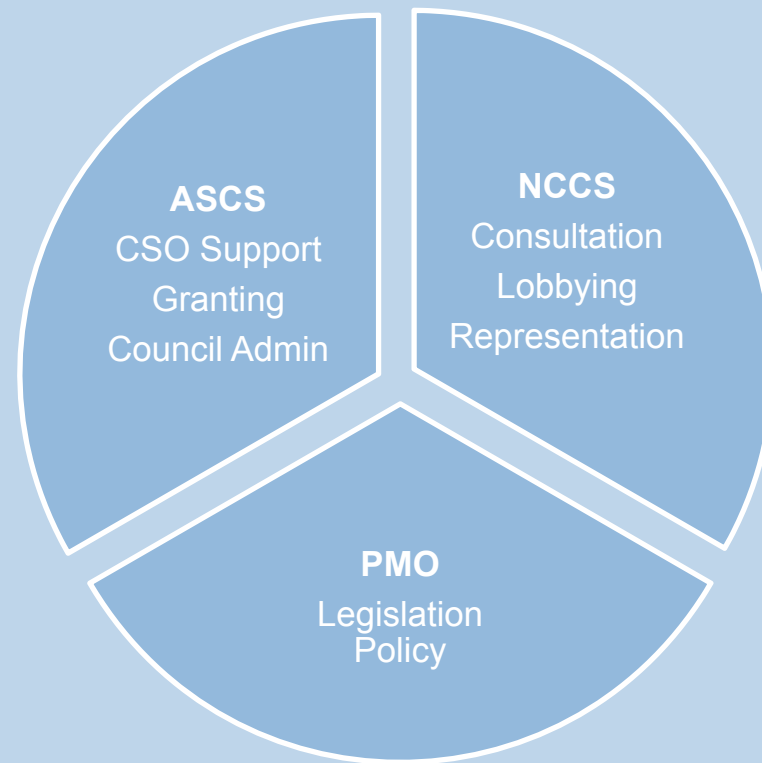
What? Technical assistance main objectives

- **Objective 2:** To conduct a **mid-term review of the implementation of the Roadmap** on Enabling Environment for Civil Society in Albania, through a wide **consultation process** with civil society and relevant responsible institutions.

What? Technical assistance main objectives

- **Objective 3:** To provide technical support to Government efforts in improving the **legal, financial and fiscal regulatory framework** related to CSOs as a key layer in ensuring appropriate **fiscal and legal environment** for operation of civil society.

Who? Key stakeholders



How? NCCS Specific Support Measures

- **A capacity building plan for the NCCS** and key relevant state actors on enhancing cross-sectoral collaboration, efficient functioning of the NCCS, establishing a regular dialogue on issues of priorities, and engaging in a meaningful dialogue with civil society in Albania and key government institutions.
- **A strategic workshop/round table** specifically focused on preparation of civil society in Albania for the process of opening negotiations, learning by counterparts from the region.
- **A midterm plan of action (max. 2-3 years) for the NCCS**, outlining key objectives and activities in the forthcoming period.
- **A guideline and training module developed** on public consultations with civil society.

How? Road Map

Road Map for Albanian government policy towards more enabling environment for civil society development

- **Mid-term review report of the Roadmap** on Enabling Environment for Civil Society, identification of progress, challenges and areas for improvement
- **Reviewed Roadmap** on Enabling environment for Civil Society accompanied by a **detailed plan of activities for each strategic direction, budgeted, clear indicators and a solid framework of monitoring and evaluation**, clear roles and responsibility and sources of financial support that would ensure systematic and successful implementation of the roadmap in practice.

S(W)OAR Analysis

- **Strengths:** what is unique about you? What can you do well? What resources have you got?
- **Weaknesses:** what is not going well? What is stopping you from efficient action?
- **Opportunities:** what links and resources are untapped but could be used?
- **Aspirations:** what would you like to become?
- **Results:** what concrete actions and outcomes will this have?

S(W)OAR Analysis



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Road Map Consultations

- **First round of consultation events:**

Tirana
December
4

Shkodra
December
11

Vlora
December
6

Korca December
13

Road Map NCCS Inputs

Preparation

- Shape and contents of consultations
- Networks
- Online tools

Implementation

- Capacity-building measure
- Strengthening NCCS profile
- Greater NCCS visibility

Presentation

- Ownership
- Representation
- Lobbying

Timeline



Cooperation principles

- **Openness:** communicating all intentions and interests
- **Transparency:** regular updates
- **Availability:** e-mail, personal meeting, individual/group, WhatsApp
- **Contribution:** the calendar has been set: EUD consultation by end of March, PMO by end of June (TBC)

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