

## Framework partnership agreements (FPAs) closing event

[Marriott Hotel](#), Skopje, 10 – 11 November 2016

### Purpose:

Take stock of progress registered so far and promote the achievements of the FPAs towards the general public and other relevant stakeholders.

### Expected results:

During the event the FPAs will also have an opportunity to:

- disseminate the results of their action among various stakeholders and the press
- discuss about issues concerning general development of the civil society in WBT
- generate some concrete self-reflective recommendations for further improvements concerning CSOs and CSO networks, but focusing on needed internal changes - values, strategic approaches, relevance, constituencies and public image, etc.
- peer up with colleagues from other regional networks.

## Draft agenda

### DAY1 November 10

9:30 **Opening by DG NEAR/EUD**

9:45 - 12:30 **Session 1: FPAs Fair** (open and plenary)

**Objective:** for participants to share/collect as many inspiring stories and lessons learnt as possible and to showcase how FPAs contribute to the change/development in the area of their work (*please refer to the instructions in the attachment to the agenda*).

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 - 16:30 **Session 2: Thematic FPAs' introspective** (group work)

**Objective:** FPAs to reflect on their contribution to the specific theme in the WBT and to identify other outstanding issues requiring future action.

Thematic groups:

1. Environment, natural resources, energy and rural development,
2. Governance, anti-corruption, public procurement, media freedom,
3. Social development, human rights, reconciliation and inclusion

(*please refer to the guiding questions in the attachment to the agenda*)

15:00 - 15:20 *coffee*

16:30 - 17:30 Presentation of the group findings and Q&As

20.00 *Social event*

## DAY 2 November 11

9:30 Recap of the previous day

9:40 - 12:45 **Session 3: Civil society affairs**

**Objective:** to enable discussion about current issues concerning or endangering civil society in the region.

Part I Understanding the big picture (plenary) (*coffee to be served after the part I, from 10:00 - 10:15*)

Part II How trends affect what we do (group work)

Part III Presentation and discussions (plenary)

12:45 - 13:00 Closing of the conference

13 - 14:00 *Lunch*

***Departure***

## FPAs Fair

Objective of this session is to showcase and promote achievements of the FPAs.

- Each FPA will have its own table to display its reports, and other visual aids (promo videos, banners, posters, etc.), 1-2 FPA representatives can act as hosts of the FPA promo-desk;
- The other participants are free (LTGs, government representatives, also FPA representatives not acting as FPA hosts) to go from table to table to visit and learn more about the FPAs;
- In addition, this session might be opened for other CSOs from Skopje, in order to encourage networking of other CSOs;
- Media representatives will also be invited.

The fair will provide the space for an interactive game that is meant to stimulate participants (including representatives of the FPAs) to collect from the FPAs and share with the others as many inspiring stories and lessons learnt as possible, as well as to select the FPA that managed to build the most convincing case about the impact it had in its area of work.

At the end of the conference two awards will be handed:

1. for participants who captured the best story/experience from the FPAs
2. for the FPA who was assessed as the one contributing the most to change in the region.

### Guiding questions for the thematic sessions:

- How successful you believe you were in the area of the intervention of your FPA? What is the measurement of your success?
- What are the tangible policy and strategic issues that have changed thanks to you?
- Who benefited the most from your four-year FPA project? how can you tell that?
- How do you as CSOs ensure that your internal values are compatible with your cause and community?
- How relevant your actions are to your societies? what makes you say that? In addition to your member organisations, what other means of confirmation of your actions you have been/ will be using?
- What are some of the ways (relying on your internal short comings or strengths) in which you as CSOs can strengthen your relevance and your public image?
- What is the legacy of your work under the FPAs?
- What do you need to do by yourself to complete the picture in your area of intervention, other than additional EU funding, media (not) being interested for CSOs affairs, and government (not) being always as responsive to your endeavours as you would have liked them to be?