

SELDI CSO Training: Corruption and State Capture Monitoring, Advocacy and Impact in a World of Hybrid Threats

Sarajevo, Hotel Hollywood

About the training

Inspiring grassroots and CSOs

The 3-day training, organised by the SELDI anti-corruption initiative (www.seldi.net), has as key objectives to inspire CSOs and grassroots organisations to engage in anti-corruption initiatives, instruct them how to apply corruption and state capture monitoring methodologies, and encourage them to collaborate among themselves and with the public institutions in order to achieve positive impact over the national and regional policies.

Supporting grassroots and CSOs

[SELDI's small grants programme](#) is designed to provide support to local civil society organisations in pursuing EU and regional anti-corruption agenda. It funds projects aimed at enhancing the CSOs' capacity to analyse, monitor and advocate more effectively anti-corruption and anti-state capture measures and act as recognisable and credible agents of change. The training will help the grantees improve their project preparation, implementation and reporting capabilities by sharing the best EU standards, procedures and manuals. It will also help them understand better the current political environment, the available corruption monitoring instruments and policy-participation mechanisms, and help them establish professional contacts for future collaboration. Ultimately, the event will provide a platform for teambuilding among grantees, and set the foundation of a future SELDI alumni network.

Exchange of experiences and good practices

The presentations and discussions during the training will facilitate the exchange of information and experience on the application of concrete anti-corruption measures, and news on the latest policy developments in the SEE region. Thus, the participants could discover new opportunities for public-private cooperation in tackling joint issues. The event will also support the forthcoming SELDI initiatives: analyzing the state capture phenomenon, elaboration of policy briefs and the [SELDI Regional Anti-corruption Reports](#).

The participants will be encouraged to share their observations and express their opinions on topics, such as: (i) Corruption and state capture levels in SEE; (ii) Anticorruption policies and regulatory environment; (iii) Institutional practices and enforcement of the law; (iv) The judiciary in anticorruption; (v) Corruption and its link to the hidden economy; (vi) The role of the civil society in anticorruption and countering CSOs' capture; (vii) Possibilities for international and regional cooperation and outreach.



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Day 1: Corruption Monitoring and Anti-Corruption Assessment Instruments. Supporting Anti-corruption Initiatives of Grass-Roots

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Day 1 of the training will be dedicated to sharing **SELDI's experience and [research methods](#)** in delivering anti-corruption solutions, advocacy and policy enhancement. SELDI's experts will demonstrate to the CSOs and the grassroots the main SELDI corruption monitoring and anti-corruption assessment instruments, with a specific focus on state capture and corruption risk assessment at institutional level (Monitoring Anticorruption Policy Implementation (MACPI) State Capture, MACPI Micro, [Corruption Monitoring System](#), Hidden Economy Index). The afternoon sessions will be reserved for **training the grantees** on the specifics of project implementation and reporting based on the EU Rules and Standards, while grantees will be asked to share their project ideas, thus possibly finding supporters and collaborators among the audience.

09:00	<i>Registration and Welcome Coffee</i>
09:30	<p><i>Opening / welcoming remarks</i></p> <p>Lejla Deronja Suljic, Project Manager, Centers for Civic Initiatives (CCI), Bosnia and Herzegovina / Aleksandar Krzalovski, Executive Director, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation, SELDI Coordinator</p> <p><i>Keynote speakers: The latest EU strategy implementation</i></p> <p>Dr. Janina Berg, Policy Officer, Center for Thematic Expertise – Rule of Law (Anti-Corruption desk), DG NEAR, European Commission</p> <p>Vladimir Pandurevic, Programme Manager Civil Society/EIDHR/Culture/Youth, Delegation of the European Union to BiH</p>
10:30	<p><i>Introduction to the Training's Objectives and Overview of the SELDI Initiative</i></p> <p>Daniela Mineva, Research Fellow, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, SELDI Knowledge and Outreach</p>
11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15	<p>Session 1: SELDI's Approach to Policy Impact: SELDI Corruption Monitoring Instruments</p> <p><i>SELDI Corruption Monitoring System</i></p> <p><i>MACPI Institutional and MACPI State Capture methodologies</i></p>



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	<p>Dr. Alexander Gerganov, Senior Analyst, Center for the Study of Democracy, SELDI Knowledge and Outreach and Assistant Professor at the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)</p> <p><i>Q&A session</i></p> <p>Moderator: Daniela Mineva, Research Fellow, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, SELDI Knowledge and Outreach</p>
14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00	<p>Session 1: SELDI's Approach to Policy Impact: SELDI Corruption Monitoring Instruments (continuation)</p> <p><i>Hidden Economy Index</i></p> <p>Dr. Alexander Gerganov, Senior Analyst, Center for the Study of Democracy, SELDI Knowledge and Assistant Professor at the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)</p> <p>Moderator: Daniela Mineva, Research Fellow, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, SELDI Knowledge and Outreach</p>
15:30	<p>Session 2: Supporting Anti-Corruption Initiatives of Grass-Roots through Sub-Granting</p> <p><i>Overview of the SELDI Small Grants Programme. Project Preparation, Implementation and Reporting. Achieving Impact</i></p> <p>Igor Cocic, Grant Manager, Centers for Civic Initiatives (CCI) Jasmina Ristovska, Project Coordinator, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation</p> <p><i>Sharing of Experiences: Presentation of Selected Project Ideas and Past Anti-Corruption Activities by SELDI Sub-Grantees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussant 1: Agon Hysaj, Democracy Plus Kosovo* - Discussant 2: Momir Dejanovic, Centar za humanu politiku, BiH - Discussant 3: Ivana Stosic, Roma Center for Democracy, Serbia - Discussant 4: Marinela Dervishi, CSR Communication, Albania - Discussant 5: Jasmina Mihailovska, Studiorum, North Macedonia - Discussant 6: Miloš Vukanović, CGE/CCO, Montenegro <p><i>Q&A session</i></p> <p>Moderator: Igor Cocic, Centers for Civic Initiatives (CCI)</p>
17:30	<i>Coffee and closing</i>

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



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Day 2: Promoting Civil Society-Media Relations and Achieving Impact through Cooperation between CSOs and the Public Institutions

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Day 2 of the training will focus two key topics. The first one is the establishing of **civil society-media relations** by answering the question: how to use the available open data, IT tools and online platforms for promoting transparency and accountability, while at the same time avoiding and even debunking the disinformation trap? The CSOs and grassroots will be able to learn the best approaches for developing analytical content and effectively communicating advocacy messages, combined with training for stakeholder engagement and communication. The foreseen presentations by prominent media and online investigators will further aim to encourage the grassroots to collaborate with investigative journalists or become ones themselves.

In addition, Day 2 will also be dedicated to the final objective of any anti-corruption effort: improving the current policies, strategies and laws through **efficient public-private partnerships**. The anti-corruption agencies from the SEE region and other public organisations tasked with countering corruption will share their experience in implementing initiatives, jointly with the civil society, journalists or the private sector. Thus, grassroots could gain better understanding on their potential role as partners to the public institutions, and the existing opportunities for policy participation - through official consultation procedures, or through the established direct contacts with the policy-makers. The anti-corruption agencies and other public institutions would be able to learn more about how they can gain from the untapped human potential that the CSOs and grassroots present in terms of developing joint methodologies for corruption monitoring and risk assessment, gathering of public opinions, receiving advice or technical support regarding legislative changes, evaluation of the efficiency of the current policies and strategies and the formulation of new ones.

09:00	<i>Registration and Welcome Coffee</i>
09:30	<p><i>Welcome and Introduction to the Topic</i></p> <p>Daniela Mineva, Research Fellow, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, SELDI Knowledge and Outreach</p> <p>Vladan Joksimović, Head, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) Secretariat, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p><i>Keynote speakers:</i></p> <p>Petra Balazic, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)</p>



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10:00	<p>Session 3: Monitoring of the Election Process and the Role of Investigative Journalists</p> <p>Dario Jovanovic, Director, Pod Lupom - Coalition for Free and Fair Elections / Centres for Civic Initiatives (CCI), Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Semir Mujkic, Deputy Editor, Balkan Investigative Reporting Network – BIRN, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p><i>Q&A session</i></p> <p>Moderator: Misha Popovikj, IDSCS</p>
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15	<p>Session 4: Use of Open Data, IT tools and Online Platforms for Promoting Accountability</p> <p><i>Use of Online Platforms and Media for Promoting Accountability</i></p> <p>Darko Brkan, President, Zastopite, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Aleksandra Martinovic, Transparency International, BiH</p> <p>Biljana Ljubic, International Republican Institute (IRI)</p> <p><i>Q&A session</i></p> <p>Moderator: Aleksandra Grdinic, CDT, Montenegro</p>
12:30	<p>Session 5: Strengthening cooperation between CSOs and anticorruption authorities</p> <p><i>Sharing of Good Practices by the Anti-corruption Agencies in the SEE Region: Joint Initiatives with the Private (Non-governmental) Sector</i></p> <p>Igor Corluka, Agency for the Prevention of Corruption and Coordination of the Fight against Corruption of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Blerim Kelmendi, Anti-Corruption Agency, Kosovo*</p> <p>Ksenija Mitrovic, Head of Unit for Education, Anti-Corruption Plans and Strategy in the Sector for Prevention and Integrity Strengthening, Serbian Anti-Corruption Agency</p>
14:00	Lunch
15:00	<p>Session 5: Strengthening cooperation between CSOs and anticorruption authorities</p> <p>Evgeni Bashari, High Inspectorate for Declaration and Control of Assets and Conflicts of Interest, Albania</p> <p>Biljana Ivanovska, President of the Macedonian State Commission for Prevention of Corruption</p>



	<p>Discussant: Misha Popovikj, IDSCS Bojan Bajic, Director of Net Consulting</p> <p>Moderator: Emina Nuredinoska, Head of Department, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation, SELDI Coordinator</p> <p><i>Q&A session</i></p>
17:00	<i>Coffee and closing</i>



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Day 3: Stakeholder Engagement and Advocacy through CSO Networking

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Day 3 of the training will be dedicated to the role of the civil society as drivers of the EU transformation processes, and the importance of CSO networking. The CSOs and grassroots will be able to hear best practices from practitioners, experienced in building CSO anticorruption coalitions and achieving policy impact.

SELDI members and other partner CSO organisations will also share their methodologies and good practices, with a focus on the monitoring of public spending and public administration reforms, further inspiring CSOs and grassroots to engage in these areas.

09:00	<i>Registration and Welcome Coffee</i>
09:30	<p><i>Welcome and Introduction to the Topic</i></p> <p>Emina Nuredinoska, Head of Department, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation, SELDI Coordinator</p> <p><i>Keynote speaker:</i></p> <p>Viktorija Nesterovaite, Civil Society Team, UNODC</p> <p><i>Q&A session</i></p>
10:30	<p>Session 6: Stakeholder Engagement and Communication: Advocacy through CSO Networking</p> <p><i>Weber: Western Balkans Enabling Project for Civil Society Monitoring of Public Administration Reform; TEN Think for Europe Network</i></p> <p>Milos Djindjic, Programme Manager, European Policy Centre - CEP, Serbia</p> <p><i>Introduction to the role of CSOs: the civil society as drivers of the EU transformation processes</i></p> <p>Till Bruckner, Trainer, On Think Tanks School (<i>via video recording/connection</i>)</p> <p>Doru Toma, Civil Society Project Coordinator, Konard Adenauer Stiftung (<i>via video recording/connection</i>)</p> <p>Jasna Panjeta, Programme and Outreach Officer, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) – Secretariat</p> <p><i>Q&A session</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ana Djurnic, Institute Alternativa</p>
11:45	<i>Closing</i>
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Working language of the seminar is English and there will be no translation during the event.



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