

Fostering sustainable civil society cooperation for better governance in South East Europe: What is next?

Brainstorming webinar

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Agenda

15:00 CET *Opening*

Aleksandar Kržalovski, Coordinator, SELDI, Director, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation

15:05 CET *The role of civil society in good governance in SEE: What is next after the Summit for Democracy*

Christopher Walker, Vice President for Studies and Analysis, International Forum for Democratic Studies, National Endowment for Democracy

Vojtěch Hons, Project Task Manager, Western Balkans, Security/Rule of Law and Reconciliation, DG NEAR, European Commission

Daniela Mineva, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for Study of Democracy / SELDI Knowledge and Outreach coordinator, Bulgaria

15:30 CET *Fostering sustainable civil society cooperation: towards a holistic research and advocacy approach*

Discussion on the key topics of the non-paper

- How CSOs and CSO networks from the region could cooperate more efficiently?
- Which are the common topics and areas of interest for the next 2-3 years?
- Are there opportunities for joint development of new research / risk assessment methodologies or transfer of existing methodologies to other CSOs/ countries?
- Which is the most efficient CSO-state cooperation mechanism in SEE?

Interventions from SEE regional and CSO networks:

- SELDI
- WeBER
- Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)
- Balkan Tender Watch
- SEE Coalition on Whistleblower Protection
- Think for Europe Network
- ACTION SEE
- Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative
- Regional Cooperation Council

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16:30 CET *Closing*