



INVITATION

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the annual conference of agile civil society in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Civilka.

Civilka is gathering relevant stakeholders from different sectors who openly and courageously question the most sensitive and important issues related to the development and values of civil society in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in order to strengthen and promote this sector, which is often considered a pillar of the development of democracy in every country. The civil sector should return to the path of development and strengthening with planned, coordinated, and purposeful support from local authorities and the international community. Our goal is to start open discussions about issues in the civil sector that lead to stagnation and reduction of space for civil society oriented towards results and impact on the improvement of quality of life for the citizens in BiH.

The conference will be held on December 12, 2022, starting at 10 a.m., in the My Face, Vilsonovo šetalište 8, and the topic of the first Civilka is "Results EXIsT", where we plan to talk about the effectiveness of projects in BiH.

Why this particular topic? In the post-war development of BiH, thousands of projects were implemented, with billions of KM of financial support from the international community as well as local authorities at various levels. However, looking at the overall picture, it is clear that positive changes in our country are happening very slowly or not at all and that the development of BiH and democracy is at an unacceptably low level. Why do we have more outputs than results from projects and how to achieve better use of funds that taxpayers of the EU, BiH and other countries allocate for projects implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina? Why is civil society weakening? How much are donor policies, authorities and/or civil society organizations responsible for this situation and how can we contribute more to the development of BiH society?

Together, we will try to find answers to these questions and make concrete proposals to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of projects in BiH. For this topic, CPCD has prepared a policy paper that we will supplement with inputs from Civilka and use in the post-conference period as an advocacy tool towards donors, decision-makers abroad and locally.

The agenda of Civilka No. 1 is attached to this invitation.

We hope that you will make an active contribution by participating in Civilka as well as through advocacy activities that we will jointly discuss on 12th December 2022.

Participation at Civilka is free. This conference is not supported by donor funds, so, unfortunately, we are not able to cover travel expenses and accommodation for participants.

Looking forward to seeing you at Civilka No. 1 - the most exciting and open discussion about civil society!

Respectfully,

Aida Daguda
Director of CPCD



AGENDA

Moderators: **Lana Stanišić and Admir Salihović**

10:00 – 10:15 – Opening of the Conference, surprise guest: Lada Sadiković, profesor of Constitutional Law at FKKSS UNSA

10:15 - 11:45 - SESSION 1 – LOCAL OWNERSHIP

- Who is the owner of development processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina?
- Do the authorities have an uncritical attitude towards donors and implementers of various projects?
- Is local ownership lost due to donor approach?
- How to improve the programming of donor aid and the distribution of grants from the public budget of BiH?

Panelists:

- Elmedin Muratbegović, University of Sarajevo
- Midhat Džemić, Directorate for European Integration
- Ranka Ninković Papić, Foundation for Social Inclusion
- Aida Daguda, Centar za promociju civilnog društva

11:35 – 11:45 Surprise guest: Faruk Hadžić, dean at Faculty for economics of University SSST in Sarajevu

11:45 – 13:15 SESSION 2 – RESPONSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND OPENNESS

- What is the role of CSOs in society?
- To whom are we responsible? Are we transparent?
- How to motivate organizations to speak up and regain their courage?
- How are funds from the public budget for grants spent?
- Who implements projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and what types?
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Panelists:

- Tihomir Dakić, Center for the Environment
- Nedim Krajišnik, Step by Step
- Dajana Cvjetković, CPCD
- Jasmin Jašarević, PRONI



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13:15 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 14:30 Surprise guest: Draško Aćimović, economic expert and a former diplomat in Bosnia and Herzegovina

14:30 – 16:00 SESSION 3 – PARTNERSHIP AND FOCUS ON RESULTS

- Do the authorities and CSOs know and understand each other at all? Are we partners?
- Development partners or donors? What is the correct expression?
- Are the consultations real or just for procedure's sake? What new approach is needed?
- Why do we have many activities and few results? Results EXIST?
- Bh. civil society organizations – partners or subcontractors?

Panelists:

- Karel Lizerot, EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Jasenka Perović, Expert for civil society
- Jadranka Miličević, CURE Foundation
- Tomislav Majić, LINK

16:00 – 16:15 Conclusions of first CIVILKA - what next?