



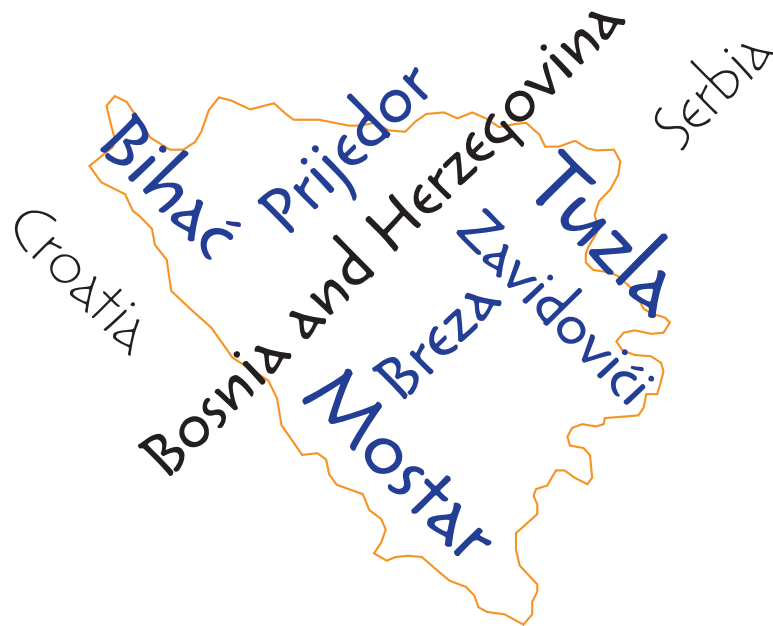
Project is designed

to help strengthen the democratic role of NGO-s in enhancing the citizen participation in local policy/decision making through promoting co-operation agreements and NGO issue based networking measures within the two years of project implementation:

- ▶ To help improve organizational and management capacities of NGO-s engaged in promoting democratic governance at local level;
- ▶ To help develop local awareness raising actions promoting democratic potential of CSO-s and their role in good local governance;
- ▶ To support the networking actions of issue based NGO-s at local and regional level in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ▶ To help improve the awareness of policy and decision makers on European standards of good local governance and citizen participation;
- ▶ To help foster issue based cooperation of CSO-s and local authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina with their counterparts in other IPA countries and EU member states

Issue based networking

and partnership building aimed to help strengthen the role of civil society in consolidating participatory democracy at local level are the core of this action. Activities inherent to civil society include capacity building, information and advocacy campaigns, developing of communication tools as well as an exchange of good local practice approach – both among the municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and through the interaction with neighbouring IPA countries and EU member states.



Main project activities

are grouped in following components:

- ▶ **Awareness raising actions:** comprises the opening thematic conference in Tuzla; organization of local awareness raising campaigns is support to effective implementation of municipal co-operation agreements in Tuzla, Mostar, Bihać, Breza, Zavidovići and Prijedor; series of internet and media campaigns; local public debates, printing project promotion materials, electronic newsletters, Project Handbook on good practices; printing six NGO address books, closing conference and NGO Fair in Mostar.
- ▶ **Capacity building component** includes four 2-day training seminars for local NGO-s and local authorities on strategic planning, project cycle management, advocacy skills, communication and public relations;
- ▶ **Exchange of good local practice** comprises the production of four film documentaries: Good local governance zone on implementing local co-operation agreements and promoting NGO-s advocating local democracy development; one study visit by EU counterparts and round tables with local stakeholders in Bosnia and Herzegovina on good governance and citizen participation in policy and decision making; regional networking and partnership building connecting CSO-s and public authorities.



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