



**Civil Society In Action For
Dialogue And Partnerships**

CIVIL SOCIETY IN ACTION FOR DIALOGUE AND PARTNERSHIPS

CALL FOR THE WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS:

MUNICIPAL CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – FROM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO LOCAL PRACTICE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE WRITTEN PAPERS: 23rd November 2012

The two year project is designed to help strengthen the democratic role of NGO-s in enhancing the citizen participation in local policy/decision making through promoting effective implementation of municipal co-operation agreements and NGO issue based networking initiatives in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Its main objectives are:

- ✚ 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



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Invited to submit the papers are local CSO-s participating in advocacy actions and implementation of municipal co-operation agreements, local research and think - tank groups, NGO practitioners, LG experts and scholars from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The papers should fall into the following categories coinciding with the main thematic Chapters of the publication (Collection of the written Contributions) which will be published within this project and thematic workshops of the closing conference.

Selected papers will be published and presented at the international conference which will be held in the city of **MOSTAR, Bosnia and Herzegovina**, end of April 2013.

Thematic workshops of the conference are:

- 1) Effective and responsive performances/service delivery of local self-governments in co-operation with local civil society: challenges and perspectives of democratic participation at local level in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2) Implementation of municipal co-operation agreements – from memorandum of understanding to local practice (case study approach)
- 3) The role of CSO-s and their issue – based networking in democratic reform process furthering the EU integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Particular attention will be given to implementing municipal agreements in areas of democratic governance and participation in policy/decision making, local community development, the empowerment of youth and women's groups, improvements in environment protection.

The written contributions in Bosnian or English (5-8 pages in length, MS Word - Times Roman 12 fonts size) should be submitted to the following e-mail address before 23rd November 2012:

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The authors of selected papers will be invited to participate in the closing conference in Mostar (end of April 2013) and will be reimbursed as key-note speakers and local experts.

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