

TACSO BiH

The third LAG meeting of TACSO Bosnia and Herzegovina

Date: Tuesday 13 April 2010

Place: Hotel Bosnia, Sarajevo

Present members:

Snježana Ivandić (ADI),
Entoni Šeperić (Ministry of Justice FBiH),
Džemal Hodžić (DEU to BiH),
Zuhra Talović (Directorate for European Integration),
Mirjana Valjevac (USAID BiH),

TACSO Team:

Slavica Drašković, Resident Advisor
Jelena Kuzmanović, Project Officer

Absent members:

Nada Pejnović (Ministry for Local Governance and Self-governance RS),
Aida Daguda (CPCD)
Amra Selesković (Vesta)

Guests:

Sadeta Škaljić (Ministry of Justice BiH)

Agenda and Discussion

- Agenda introducing, Report on workshops and promotional events held in previous period
- Introduction of the Partnership event proposal
- Presentation of the Information Event preparatory activities
- Break
- Nominations and selection of LAG members for presence at Zadar Workshop
- TACSO BiH monitoring activities within IPA projects
- TACSO BiH current activities
- Working Lunch

Participants were provided with: Agenda, summary of thematic workshops realized, applications for partnership event, overview of regional trainings held and planned as well as which BiH participants attended these trainings, Newsletter No 1.

- **Agenda introducing, Report on workshops and promotional events previously held**

Slavica Drašković, Resident Advisor, presented the Agenda and thanked Snježana Ivandić, Amra Selesković, Aida Daguda and Nada Pejinović for their participation at the promotional and thematic workshops.

Participants were informed about TACSO BiH Office activities in previous period. As LAG members have been informed about workshops' concept and presentation at previous meeting, S. Drašković shortly presented a summary overview of these events titled: "The Role of CSOs within the process of European integration" held in Sarajevo, Tuzla, Mostar and Banja Luka.

- **Introduction of Partnership event proposal**

Partnership event proposal was introduced to the LAG, the number of the organisations applied, and selection criteria for evaluation of applications. Partnership event invitation, consisted of Invitation Letter and Application Form, was forwarded to CSOs via a mailing list of NGO Council, and TACSO Web page. Until the deadline (April 9), four applications were received. TACSO BiH Office examined all applications, and ranked the applications which were presented to LAG.

Two applications received positive marks:

- Association BH Women, in partnership with Safety Network
- Centre for the Culture of Dialogue

Negative marks went to applications submitted by:

- Youth Center Vermont
- Pro Educa

LAG members confirmed this choice and pointed out the need for a certain period of time in analyzing applications. It is decided that TACSO BiH will re-send Partnership Event applications to all LAG members by e-mail, in order to be able to have an insight into them. LAG members will send their comments on applications till Friday, **April 16, 2010**.

- **Information Event preparatory activities presenting**

There are ongoing preparations for the Information Event "Civil Society Organisations – The Strength of BiH citizens in the European integration process" that will be held on 27th of April 2010 in Sarajevo. It will be a room for CSOs presenting their achievements and results realized in the previous year. Media Plan Institute is engaged as an outsourcing organisation. An Open Call for presenting changes, achievements and results made by CSOs and networks was distributed through mailing lists of NGO Council and CSPC, and posted on the TACSO Web page.

Current activities are collecting applications, designing the concept, inviting participants, and event preparation as a whole. Expected number of participants is more than 200 representatives of CSOs, government administration, academic community, and donors. As a follow-up to this event, A Collection of Achievements presented at event, will be printed out. Around 25 organisations and networks have applied so far.

- **Nominations and selection of LAG members for presence at Zadar Workshop**

After being informed on the Invitation Letter and Workshop that will be held in Zadar in the period 11-13 May, organised for TACSO LAG members, it is proposed that Zuhra Talović, as an administration representative, and Snježana Ivandić as Chairman, attend this workshop as TACSO BiH representatives. These two candidates will confirm their participation after checking their personal agendas. Džemal Hodžić and Mirjana Valjevac are invited to be present at this meeting as the representatives of the donor community. The Resident Advisor will forward the information on this workshop to LAG members upon obtaining it.

- **TACSO BiH monitoring activities within IPA projects**

There is an Agreement attained between TACSO BiH, UNDP and DEU regarding monitoring of 10+1 projects within IPA 2008. Monitoring/guidelines, according to the latest UNDP Minutes, will be provided for 50 projects supported through LOD 1, and TA will offer its support to the organisations who did not the tender for LOD1. Final decision will be made at the Zadar Conference.

- **TACSO BiH current activities**

PADOR Workshop for CSOs was presented at the meeting. This is technical assistance to organisations, based on the needs and recommendations. This Workshop consists of two parts.

The first part is informative, where organisations get an idea of the PADOR system, its purpose, which data is being entered, defining documents needed for PADOR registration. Ten days after the first part is finished, the second PADOR Workshop enables participants to enter data in PADOR system, supported by TACSO staff. Invitation for PADOR Workshop was sent to the Union for Sustainable Return and Integrations, Association of Blind Persons of Sarajevo Canton, and Trade Unions, as well.

The first workshop was held in Jajce, in cooperation with the Union for Sustainable Return and Integrations. Twenty-two individuals from 17 organisations from Ključ, Ribnik and Jajce, were present at the Workshop. The evaluation was positive. CSOs from smaller communities are especially interested in education that could be held in their place of residence. The LAG proposed the creation of a PADOR Manual.

Info Day IPA – Socio-economic partnership program: In cooperation with Brčko District government, an informative Workshop will be organised on 16th of April where the application by the European Commission from Brussels will be presented referred to IPA Socio-economic partnership program. There will be presented frequently asked questions and answers, and the plan for data base establishment for those who are interested in partnership.