



Transparent and Accountable Financing of CSOs by the Government

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Major concerns addressed by the intervention

- ◆ Inconsistent state financing of CSOs (no clear and transparent criteria and procedures)
- ◆ Unfavorable legal, especially fiscal framework for CSOs
- ◆ No structured cooperation between the Government and civil society and public participation in decision making

Project objective

- ◆ Improved transparency and accountability of the Government concerning the issue of distribution of state funds for CSOs on national and local level

Activities and instruments

- ◆ Review and analysis of the financing of CSOs by the National Government and Local Self-Government Units
- ◆ Comparative analysis of the public financing of NGOs in Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia
- ◆ Media coverage, publicity and raising awareness concerning the Government accountability and cooperation of the Government with CSOs

Results

- ◆ Raised awareness and systematic approach of the central and local government towards the issue
- ◆ Increased transparency of the available funds for CSOs
- ◆ Dialog between the CSOs and the Government
- ◆ Public participation is ensured in the following steps

Achievements during 2006

- ◆ Established government structures responsible for cooperation with civil society (Unit for cooperation, liaison officers in the Ministries)
- ◆ Implemented participatory process for design of Government Strategy for cooperation with civil society sector and its development (Strategy is adopted by the Government in January 2007)
- ◆ Promotion of the need for further revision of the procedure and criteria for distribution of public funds in more transparent and accountable manner

Key success factors

- ◆ Pressure from the CSOs, the public and international actors
- ◆ Increased support for the issue by the CSO community (network of 29 leading CSOs)
- ◆ Regional and broader trends concerning the issue (comparative analysis)