



**TWINNING LIGHT PROJECT
FURTHER INSTITUTIONALIZATION
OF STRUCTURED MECHANISM/S
FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY**

KICK-OFF EVENT, Tuesday, 13th March 2018, EU Info Centre Skopje



AGENDA

12:00 - 12:30

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME WITH COFFEE/TEA

12:30 - 13:00

WELCOMING WORDS:

- *VESNA LENDIĆ KASALO, Authorized Head of Office for Cooperation with NGOs, Republic of Croatia*
- *DRAGI RASKOVSKI, Secretary General of the Government, the Beneficiary Country*
- *NICOLA BERTOLINI, Head of Cooperation Department in Delegation of the European Union to the Beneficiary Country*

13:00 - 13:30

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROJECT AND THE PROJECT TEAM

13:30 - 14:30

NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENTS



ABOUT THE PROJECT

- ❑ **IPA 2013 Twinning Light Project:** Further institutionalisation of structured mechanism/s for cooperation between the Government and civil society
- ❑ **The overall objective and the project purpose:** to create an improved environment for civil society through a functional Council for cooperation between the Government and civil society and preparation of new Action Plan (for the period 2018-2020) for the implementation of the Strategy for cooperation of the Government with civil society
- ❑ **The implementation period:** January – September 2018
- ❑ **The budget:** 250 000 EUR (funded by the European Union – Twinning Light Instrument)



The implementing partners:

- The Beneficiary Country (BC):
 - a. The General Secretariat of the Government of the Beneficiary Country – the main BC institution
 - b. The Central Financing and Contracting Department (CFCD) of the Ministry of Finance - the Contracting Authority

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The implementing partners:

- The Member State (MS) Partner :
 - a. **The Government of the Republic of Croatia - the Office for Cooperation with NGOs** - the MS body responsible for implementation
 - b. **The Central Finance and Contracting Agency (CFCA)** - the MS body responsible for administrative and financial management
 - c. **The Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Croatia** – the MS institution providing its short-term expert

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PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Component 1 - Support the establishment of a functional institutional body (Council) for dialogue and cooperation between the Government and civil society

Revision of the Decision for establishment of the Council for cooperation between the Government and civil society ("Official Gazette of RM" No. 98/2016) and preparation of recommendations/amendments for improvements of the Decision

Preparation of Rules of Procedures of the Council for Cooperation between the Government and civil society

Preparation of training programme and training materials and organization of workshops, trainings, on-the-job trainings for transfer of knowledge



THE EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS

Component 1 - Support the establishment of a functional institutional body (Council) for dialogue and cooperation between the Government and civil society

01

Prepared assessment of the Decision for establishment of the Council for cooperation between the Government and civil society, with recommendations/amendments for improvements

02

Prepared operational methodology for the Council by preparing Rules of Procedures for the Council for cooperation between the Government and civil society

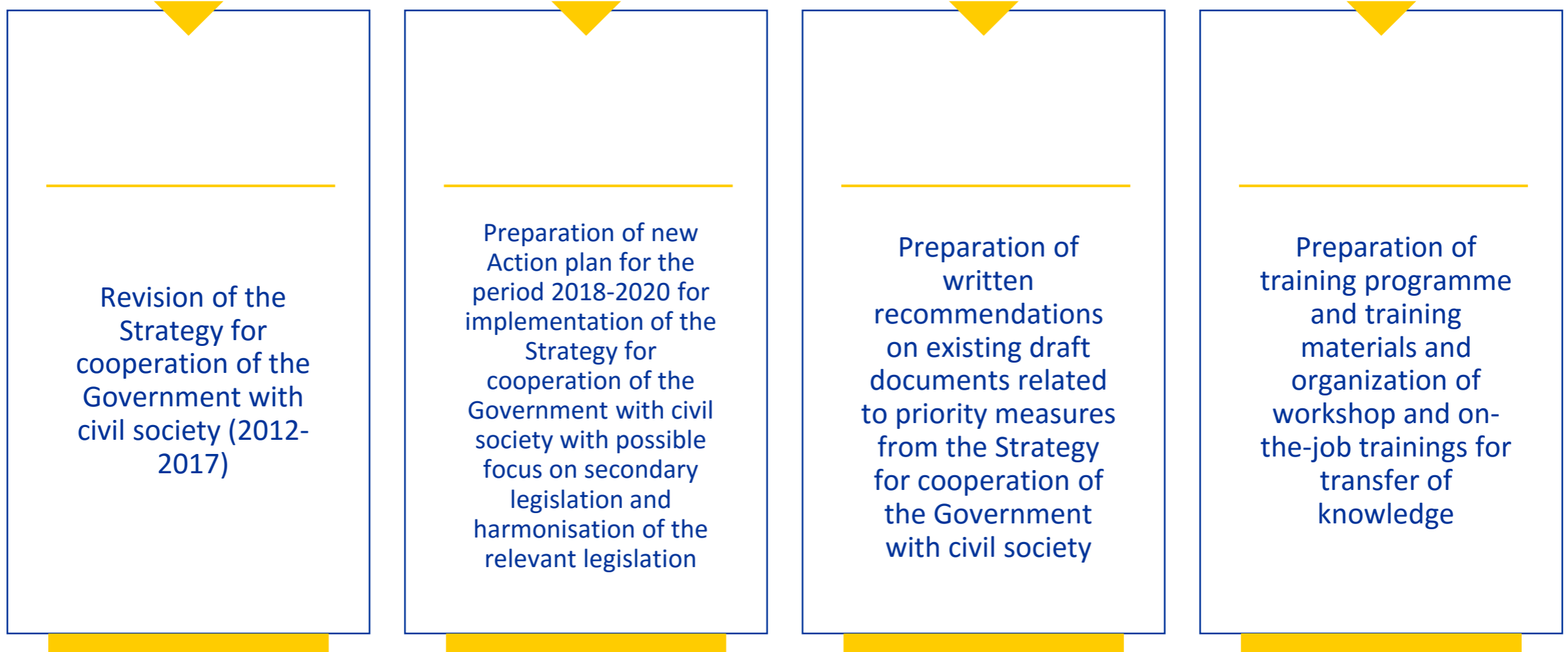
03

Capacity building of all selected members (civil society and public administration) of the Council for cooperation between the Government and civil society for performing their roles and responsibilities



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Component 2 – Enhanced cooperation between the Government and civil society



THE EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS

Component 2 - Enhanced cooperation between the Government and civil society

01

Revised Strategy for cooperation of the Government with civil society and preparation of new Action Plan (for the period 2018 – 2020) for the implementation of the Strategy, with possible focus on secondary legislation and harmonisation of the relevant legislation

02

Provided written recommendations on existing draft documents related to priority measures from the Strategy for cooperation of the Government with civil society

03

Enhanced capacity of the network of civil servants for cooperation with civil society, for monitoring of the implementation of the Action plan (2018 – 2020) for the Strategy for cooperation between the Government and civil society, including clear procedures, requirements and deadlines for the monitoring process



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Component 3 – Promotion of the work of the Council and the Action plan (2018 – 2020) for the Strategy for cooperation of the Government with civil society in public

Support in organizing at least one awareness raising event to promote of the work of the Council and the Action plan (2018-2020) for the Strategy for cooperation of the Government with civil society

Support and assist the Beneficiary in organization of approximately 3 meetings with already established thematic/sector CSOs networks (IPA mechanism, Network 23+, and other networks especially those established through Civil Society Facility grants), to communicate and disseminate views and needs of the sector CSOs and their constituencies, including feedback on the outcome/accomplished results in the Council for cooperation between the Government and civil society

Support and assist the Beneficiary in organization of approximately 3 meetings with local self-government units, public administration on central level and CSOs for presentation of the new Action plan for the period 2018-2020 for implementation of the Strategy for cooperation of the Government with civil society and sharing mutual experience in cooperation with civil society



THE EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS

Component 3 – Promotion of the work of the Council and the Action plan (2018 – 2020) for the Strategy for cooperation of the Government with civil society in public

01

Promoted and awareness raised of the work of the Council and the Action plan (2018 – 2020) for the Strategy for cooperation of the Government with civil society

02

Views and needs of the sector CSOs and their constituencies, including feedback on the outcome/accomplished results in the Council for cooperation between the Government and civil society communicated and disseminated

03

Strengthened cooperation between local self-government units and CSOs



PROJECT TEAM



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