

OPC WESTERN BALKANS PROGRAMME RESULTS FRAMEWORK 2019 -2021

Vision of the programme:
Political and social processes in the Western Balkans are transparent and participatory, reflecting the rights and interests of empowered and organized citizens that hold duty bearers ¹ accountable.
Mission of programme:
To strengthen the capacity and legitimacy of civil society organisations and support activities that ensure the participatory nature of political and social processes and the accountability of duty bearers. Civil society organisations will mobilize citizens and increase popular participation in decision-making, improve transparency and accountability and ensure respect for socio-economic/labour rights.
Programme Partners:
The Palme Center's partners are civil society organizations and trade unions working for democratic change and addressing issues related to the mission of the programme.
THEMATIC FOCUS AREA 1
POPULAR/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
OBJECTIVE:
The programme intends to see citizens and citizen groups be empowered, organised and actively involved in organisations/networks, participating and influencing decision making processes.
Method: Participation and Awareness
Civil society organizations provide education and knowledge to citizens, civil society and informal organised groups about their rights and mechanisms for active participation in decision-making processes.
Method: Monitoring and Advocacy
Civil society organizations support citizens, civil society and informal organised groups to monitor the decision-making processes and take an active role in advocating for their rights and interests, while influencing the policy debate and political agenda.
Method: Networking and Alliances
Civil society organizations build alliances and networks among citizens, civil society and informal organised groups to increase their leverage and strength on the political arena at local, national and regional level.

¹ Duty bearers refer to states and their institutions which have the formal obligation to implement and follow up on human rights. These also include the private sector which are obliged to abide by the laws and mechanisms set up by the state in relation to human rights.

THEMATIC FOCUS AREA 2

TRANSPARENCY AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

OBJECTIVE:

The programme intends to see civil society organizations promote regulations related to transparency and duty-bearers to adopt and implement anti-corruption measures.

Method: Awareness and knowledge

Civil society organizations increase awareness and provide knowledge to citizens and duty bearers on the implementation of legal frameworks regulating transparency and anti-corruption.

Method: Monitoring and Advocacy

Civil Society organizations monitor and advocate for the implementation of legal and institutional frameworks related to transparency and anti-corruption.

Method: Network and alliances

Civil society organizations establish network and alliances to increase their leverage and put effective pressure on issues related to lack of transparency and abuse of power.

THEMATIC FOCUS AREA 3

SOCIO-ECONOMIC/LABOUR RIGHTS

OBJECTIVE:

The programme intends to strengthen the legitimacy and capacity of trade unions and other CSO's working for increased access to decent work and the rights of workers based on core international labour conventions.

Method: Participation and Awareness

Civil society organizations and trade unions increase the awareness and knowledge about socio-economic/labour rights and about existing legal frameworks and mechanism for workers' representation and negotiation.

Method: Networking and Alliances

Civil society organisations build networks and alliances with trade unions to increase their leverage and strength on the social and political arena at local, national and regional level.

Method: Monitoring and Advocacy

Civil society organisations and trade unions monitor the implementation of legal frameworks and take an active role in advocating for the socio-economic/labour rights.