



SUMMARY

NETWORK 23

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Project coordinator: European Policy Institute - Skopje

Project partners: Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Center for Change Management - Skopje

Associates: European Institute Foundation – Sofia, Institute Alternative – Podgorica, European Policy Center – Belgrade

Objective: To contribute towards the implementation of the acquis in Chapter 23 in the accession process of through a structured input of a network of CSOs.

Specific objectives: To establish structured coordination between CSOs regarding the implementation of the acquis in Chapter 23;
- To increase the capacity of CSOs in the network to monitor and evaluate implementation of policies in Chapter 23 on national and local level;
- To influence the policy making process through coordinated input on the network
- To raise awareness on the implications of Chapter 23 on the overall progress of the accession process

Target group: National and local civil society organizations under the re-granting scheme of the project – all CSO's active in the network 23.

Final beneficiaries: National stakeholders important in the accession process, including government's institutions, the Assembly (Committee for European Affairs and the National Council for Euro-integration), professional associations, Delegation of the European Union.

Estimated results: R1: Established and fully functional network for monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the acquis in Ch.23

R2: Increased specific capacities of CSOs relevant to acquis under Chapter 23

R3: Prepared policy options

R.4: Improved understanding of Chapter 23

Main activities:

1. Memorandum for Understanding of the co-applicants and signature of a statement and code of conduct of the network;
Developing an info sharing mechanism - web application MERC – Chapter 23 and preliminary needs assessment of CSOs active in the area;

2. Implementation of re-granting scheme for selected CSOs;

Training needs assessment and development of training curricula -general and tailor made including workshop on monitoring, evaluation and advocacy and on the acquis in Chapter 23 and tailor-made mentoring - development of specific skills and know-how;

3. Developing methodology for CSOs (network) for monitoring and evaluation on Chapter 23 and incorporating the input from grantees in the Analysis (Shadow Report) of the implementation of the acquis in Chapter 23; preparation and publication of the analysis and policy options;

National Conference of project's results;

4. Code of Conduct and Strategy 2015-2020 of Network 23

5. Dissemination activities

Project duration: 15 months April 30, 2014 – July 30, 2015

МК - EU Resource Centre - MERC

Regarding the significance of Chapter 23 - Judiciary and Fundamental Rights and the EU accession process, RM – EU Resource Centre (MERC) was enabled. Once established, MERC 23 will present a unique monitoring and policy advocacy platform on the EU integration process in this policy area, used by the project network, but also by other users. In addition, it will serve as policy bridging initiative encompassing policy products of Network's members after the finalization of the project, thus ensuring sustainability and presence.

MERC (merc.org.mk) is web-based application and database enabling categorization, cross referencing and elaboration of data related to EU accession of the country in relation to the areas of chapter 23 (judiciary, anti-corruption policy and fundamental rights). All of these areas contain subareas of which will be tackled. Each area, covering a criterion/sub-criterion of chapter 23 will be presented on a separate web page consisting of three parts: documentation, policy/analysis and visualization. The web page will be available in three languages: Macedonian, Albanian and English. The documents will be presented in the languages in which they are already available at this stage.

MERC 23 will be continuously updated within the regular activities of implementing partners. Regarding structure, MERC consists of 1) comprehensive relevant data on the EU accession process structured according to the areas of Chapter 23: Judiciary and Fundamental rights; 2) Policy briefs and updates on each of the areas of the Chapter and 3) Update on the latest developments in the accession process through the chapter dossiers.

The key outputs refer to availability and easy access to data most relevant for EU accession; proposed options for policy measures related to each area/chapter of EU accession made available to policy creators and the public; accurate update on all news related to the EU-accession process.

The official presentation of MERC we will be on 9th of July on the final Conference of Network 23



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