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WeBER (Western Balkans Enabling Project for Civil Society Monitoring of Public Administration Reform) is a three-year project, worth up to 1,273.411 EUR and funded by the European Union represented by the European Commission.

WeBER is implemented by a consortium of seven think tank civil society organizations (CSOs), gathered through or partnered up with the Think for Europe Network (ten.europeanpolicy.org):

- European Policy Centre - CEP (Serbia)
- Institute for Democracy and Mediation (Albania),
- Foreign Policy Initiative (Bosnia and Herzegovina),
- Group for Legal and Political Studies (Kosovo),
- Institute Alternative (Montenegro),
- European Policy Institute (Macedonia)
- European Policy Centre (Belgium).

Additionally, WeBER will include/cooperate with respective governmental institutions in charge of the public administration reform (PAR), media and other CSOs in order to achieve its goal. The Netherlands Ministry of foreign Affairs is providing co-funding for the WeBER project.

The overall goal of WeBER is to increase the relevance, participation and capacity of civil society organisations (CSOs) and media in the Western Balkans (WB) to advocate for and influence the design and implementation of public administration reform (PAR). In the long run, the WeBER should help prepare and empower the civil society in the WB to continue pushing for EU membership compliant PARs in these countries once they accede the EU and external EU conditionality is no longer the driving force behind these reforms.

WeBER will accomplish its goals through facilitation of civil society monitoring of PAR which will be based on evidence and analysis in the WB and through facilitation of sustainable regional and national level government-CSO consultation platforms, policy dialogue and quality media reporting on PAR. In addition, WeBER will enable local watchdog, grassroot organisations and media to work on local PAR issues and will improve organisational and financial sustainability and transparency of the CSO Think for Europe Network (TEN) and its member organisations.

Among others, the following activities will be implemented through WeBER:

- Development and testing of the monitoring methodology (PAR Monitor) in a participatory process, ensuring that PAR Monitor is based on wide, evidence-based CSO inputs through regional workshops and round tables;
- Training and coaching of CSOs for application of PAR Monitor and design/implementation of web-based solution for the Regional CSOs PAR Scoreboard (country benchmarking mechanism);
- Producing of final monitoring national and regional reports.
- Media involvement, followed by awareness raising activities for all stakeholders and capacity-building activities for CSOs' and media - conference, seminars, workshops, multi-media presentations.
- Creation and functioning of the regional PAR consultation platform and national civil society PAR Working Groups involving media and government officials.
- The project will also provide small grants (€5.000-10.000) and trainings to enable local CSOs, grassroots and media to contribute to PAR Monitor, advocate for PAR locally and establish local PAR WGs for dialogue with local authorities.