

## Shaping regional CSOs into champions of policy dialogue and public sector monitoring

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### Project description:

The project contributes to the development of the regional CSOs (Civil Society Organization) so that they act as agents of change for sustainable growth, accountability, transparency and civic engagement. The project has created web-based distant learning platform and developed studying modules in Policy Analysis, Research Methodology, Advocacy and Lobbying and Public Finances. It offers equal opportunities for all who must combine training with work and families who are located in remote areas and represent minorities. The project offers small grants and internships. These activities increase capacity and engagement of regional CSOs so that they work with public authorities during decision-making process. The project also improves their knowledge and skills in Public policy, Research Methodology, Public Relations and other related fields. It lifts their significance in promoting accountability and advocating rights of the local community.

### Expected results:

The project expects to achieve the following results:

- The capacity and expertise of regional CSOs and their networks are increased to develop critical responses and sound recommendations to policy formulation and engage with public authorities in decision making is increased.
- Local CSOs and networks have improved knowledge and skills in Public Policy, Research Methodology, Advocacy & Lobbying, Public Finances, Economics, Monitoring of State Activities, Monitoring of Policies and Laws, Mechanisms of Public Participation, PM&E, and Public Relations
- Young professionals and students who participate in e-learning, work as interns in local CSOs.
- Local CSOs access financial support and mentoring to conduct research or public sector monitoring.
- Local CSOs and networks cooperate and share knowledge, experience and best practice through forum and resulting connections.