

## About EJA Kosovo

Engagement for Joint Action (EJA Kosovo) is a KCSF program that supports civil society initiatives through grants and capacity building with the overall aim to contribute to a democratic and inclusive society in Kosovo, on its path towards integration into the European Union. Designed as a pooled funding mechanism, EJA Kosovo is currently co-financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Swedish Agency for International Development and Cooperation (Sida).

Centering citizen engagement and participation throughout the work of civil society, EJA Kosovo aims to contribute towards two main objectives where: (a) civil society uses and claims spaces for participation in shaping public affairs and (b) civil society organizations have strengthened ties to their constituents and improved accountability and transparency towards the wider public and their constituents.

EJA Kosovo is based on the premise that through tailor-made systems of inclusiveness, transparency and accountability on the one hand, and better access and communication with the community, on the other hand, CSOs will embed the practice of involving citizens in their work, develop an emotional linkage thus directly contribute to strengthening of their constituency. Combined with improved internal governance and increased transparency and accountability, it is expected to increase trust in CSOs as an adequate platform to voice citizens' concerns.

EJA Kosovo will support initiatives that will focus on addressing the rights and needs of marginalized groups, namely women, people with disabilities, Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian, and Serb minorities, LGBTI, elderly and youth. Watchdog activities, monitoring of implementation of policies and legislation, contribution to controversial topics, improvement of representation of marginalized groups, creation and utilization of public spaces, awareness raising and education in combating gender stereotypes and representation of underrepresented groups would be an illustration of some of the initiatives that will be supported and fit within the larger theory of change of the intervention.

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## Factsheet

<b>Overall Goal</b>	Support the development of a democratic and inclusive society in Kosovo on its path towards EU integration.
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Civil society uses and claims spaces for participation in shaping public affairs.</li> <li>2. Civil society organizations have strengthened ties to their constituents and improved accountability and transparency towards the wider public and their constituents.</li> </ol>
<b>Area of intervention</b>	<p>The program aims to contribute to increased civic engagement in influencing the priorities, planning, decision making and implementation of public policies at the local and central government, with a particular focus on the following priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher participation of women and other marginalized groups in budgetary planning</li> <li>• Improving socio – economic and cultural rights of marginalized groups</li> <li>• Strengthening advocacy and watchdog role of civil society with a special emphasis on the rights and needs of marginalized groups</li> <li>• Empowering youth to participate in policy making and implementation</li> <li>• Civic education for human rights</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	3.1 million EUR (2020-2024)
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	Registered civil society organizations, unregistered citizen initiatives and individual activists
<b>Geographical coverage</b>	Kosovo, both at local and national level
<b>Instruments</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Institutional Grants</li> <li>2. Organizational Development Grants</li> <li>3. Project Grants</li> <li>4. Urgent Grants</li> <li>5. Democracy Award</li> </ol>
<b>Expected number of grants</b>	90+ grants to be awarded
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