



Project:	BAT-Civil Society – Civic Oversight Capacities for Budget Accountability and Transparency
Implementing Organisations:	Institute for Democracy and Mediation, Faktoje Center, CRPM
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The **overall objective** is to improve the governance and oversight of budget planning and implementation by strengthening the capacities of civil society organizations at the local and national levels to effectively participate in budget planning and to monitor and evaluate budget implementation.

Specific objectives:

- Enabling CSOs at the local and national levels to effectively participate in budgetary planning and to monitor and evaluate its implementation.
- Improve current government policies and practices on budget planning, implementation, and reporting through greater public oversight

Activities:

- Training cycle for CSOs, researchers and investigative journalists on budget transparency and accountability, public procurement, gender budgeting, and budget monitoring and evaluation tools;
- BAT-Subgranting scheme which will support up to 35 initiatives of civil society, academia and media. The goal is to empower and support these actors to monitor, evaluate, and promote public participation and to deliver activities that strengthen budget accountability and transparency of state institutions;
- Drafting policy proposals for improving budget accountability based on data and findings generated by initiatives supported through BAT Subgranting;
- Support to the Commissioner for the Right to Information and the Supreme Audit Institution to improve access to information and data on budget accountability/transparency, public participation and public expenditure/procurement;
- Online platform containing alternative knowledge resources and know-how on budget planning, implementation, monitoring, and reporting, gender budgeting and financing of climate change measures;
- Advocacy campaign with local and central government on policy proposals generated from the above activities (*five workshops*);
- Final conference which will serve to present the findings and data generated by the initiative and encourage decision-makers to consider reform proposals for measures related to good governance, integrity and anti-corruption.

Target groups

- CSOs, activists, young researchers;
- Investigative journalists;
- Independent Oversight Institutions (*Commissioner for the Right to Information and the Supreme Audit Institution*)

- State institutions at the central and local level
- Public at large

Beneficiary institutions:

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Standards and Services
- Supreme Audit Institution
- Commissioner for the Right to Information and Protection of Personal Data
- Parliamentary Commission on Economy and Finance
- Parliamentary Commission on European Integration
- Parliamentary Commission on Legal Issues, Public Administration and Human Rights
- Association of Municipalities of Albania
- Association for Local Autonomy