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2021 CSO Sustainability Index Launching event for Albania

The 2021 CSO Sustainability Index tracks the status and development trends of civil society in 74 countries globally. It analyzes the overall enabling environment for civil society focusing on the legal environment, organizational capacity, financial sustainability, advocacy, service provision, sectoral infrastructure and public image. The index for Albania assesses the enabling environment for the civil society sector by analyzing a series of important developments throughout 2021. Although the overall sustainability of CSOs in Albania did not change in 2021, there were slight deteriorations in the legal environment, advocacy and public image dimensions. The legal environment suffered a decline due to some changes in the legal framework for CSOs. Prolonged restrictions on gatherings, limited transparency, and a lack of opportunities to consult with the government hindered CSO advocacy initiatives, while the public image of the sector deteriorated slightly as a result of ongoing attacks on CSOs and activists. Other dimensions of CSO sustainability remained largely unchanged.

We invite you to join the Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM) and a group of expert panelists to discuss trends, successes, steps forward, and challenges for civil society in Albania. The launching event will be held on **15 December at 10hrs**, at **Hotel Tirana International, Onufri conference room**. The working language of the event is Albanian. To participate in the discussion, please contact mreci@idmalbania.org.

Agenda Panel Discussion

Thursday, 15 December at 10:00, Hotel Tirana International (Onufri conference room)

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | <p>Welcoming remarks</p> <p>Evelina Azizaj, Program Manager, IDM
 Todd Andrews, USAID Albania (tbc)
 Representative, Agency for the Support of Civil Society</p> |
| 10:15 – 10:35 | <p>Main findings of the CSOISI 2021</p> <p>Megi Reçi dhe Daniel Prroni – Researchers, Institute for Democracy and Mediation</p> |
| 10:35 – 11:00 | <p>Comments and recommendations from experts</p> <p>Blerjana Bino, Executive Director, SCiDEV
 Mihallaq Qirjo, Executive Director, Resource Environmental Center Albania (tbc)
 Rezarta Katuçi, Program Officer, Swedish Embassy to Albania</p> |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | <p>Open discussion / Conclusions</p> |