

▶ THE MEANINGFUL ACTIVISM, KNOWLEDGEABLE ENGAGEMENT AND RESPONSIBLE SOLUTIONS MAKERS

The overall objective of the Project is to improve social cohesion among different groups in partner local governments, by improving public participation in decision-making processes, supporting community activism and training young people for leadership in their communities.

ABOUT MAKERS PROJECT IN PARTNER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

Project focuses on empowering citizens to actively participate in decision-making processes and to generally strengthen wider civic activism and recognize youth leaders willing to work together to define priorities and implement identified initiatives.



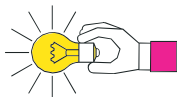
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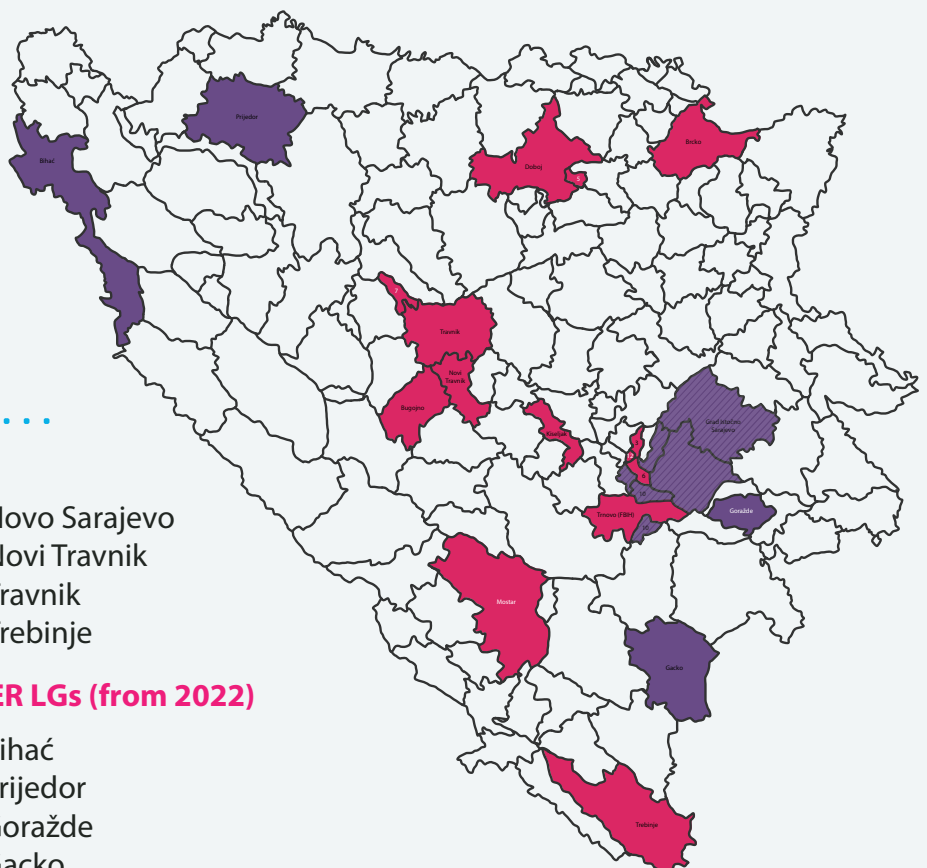


Beginning of the
Project:
March 2020

Completion of the
Project:
March 2023



Target groups are:
20 partner local
governments (LGs) and
civil society
organizations (CSOs)



PARTNER LGs (from start)

1. Brčko District BiH
2. Bugojno
3. Centar Sarajevo
4. Doboj
5. Doboj Istok
6. Istočno Novo Sarajevo
7. Jezero
8. Kiseljak
9. Trnovo FBiH
10. Trnovo RS
11. Mostar

12. Novo Sarajevo
13. Novi Travnik
14. Travnik
15. Trebinje

PARTNER LGs (from 2022)

16. Bihać
17. Prijedor
18. Goražde
19. Gacko
20. Grad Istočno Sarajevo

In particular, the MAKERS Project works to strengthen and institutionalize dialogue and establish local dialogue platforms as a functional and sustainable consultative mechanism for citizens. This will be done through mentoring of the local population and empowering young activists to participate together with municipal/city staff in decision-making processes and to recognize the benefits of inclusive and participatory decision-making. The Project will financially support at least eight (8) initiatives identified through local dialogue platforms, to be implemented by local CSOs. The Project will look at common trends among the priorities identified through the local dialogue platforms and encourage the establishment of inter-municipal dialogue and cooperation to strengthen inter-institutional cooperation in the community. Experience to date shows that local communities face the same challenges: lack of proactive youth, low levels of civic activism, insufficient quality of education, lack of contact among students from different ethnic groups, discrimination against vulnerable groups, and environmental challenges that cross administrative boundaries. In places where common and similar challenges/priorities are identified, the Project will work with partner local governments to establish inter-municipal dialogue platforms in order to connect, establish cooperation, and jointly address identified challenges and priorities.

The Project will focus on youth as part of its approach to reviving volunteerism and more active participation in the community. The target group are young people who are already members of local dialogue platforms, civil society organizations, but also informal associations.

FOCUS OF THE MAKERS PROJECT IN PARTNER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

- Improving practices of local governments for inclusive dialogue in the community,
- Strengthening social activism - especially among young people,
- Promoting joint action on common priorities among communities and citizens.

EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE MAKERS PROJECT:

Within the planned activities, the Project will focus to achieve the end results:

- Established local dialogue platforms as a space for dialogue and recognition of priorities for community action,
- Municipal/city staff have improved the capacity to lead and manage local dialogue platforms,
- Local governments independently organize meetings of the local dialogue platform,
- Young people have improved their skills in terms of critical thinking, leadership and advocacy, crowdfunding and digital solutions to combat hate speech on social networks ,
- Established youth peer-learning networks on mediation and dialogue,
- Financial support to local CSOs to implement projects co- financed by local governments,
- Established common platforms for inter-municipal dialogue.



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