

AGENDA

TITLE:

ETF Webinar “The Role of Civil Society Organisations in Human Capital Development and its Impact on Local Sustainable Development: Exploring challenges and opportunities”

DATE AND TIME: 23 JUNE 2026, 15.00-17.00 CET

ONLINE IN MS TEAMS

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this webinar is to explore and better understand how civil society organisations contribute to human capital and local development. It aims to create space for sharing practical experiences, approaches and challenges in engaging with policy processes. Through these exchanges, the webinar seeks to identify emerging practices and lessons learned.

The webinar also seeks to contribute to the development of new knowledge in an area where global evidence remains limited, particularly regarding what works, under which conditions, and how civil society organisations effectively contribute to human capital and local development. The insights generated will help inform future policy dialogue and support more effective CSO engagement in human capital and local development.

To guide the discussion, we will explore together with Prof Carolina Budurina-Goreacii, Dr İnan İzci, Shota Zurabishvili:

- In what ways do civil society organisations contribute to human capital development at the local level?
- What types of impact can be measured, and what remains less visible?
- How can collaboration at the local level between civil society, government, and other stakeholders be strengthened?
- What types of funding for CSOs are possible at the national, regional and local levels?

The webinar will be in English.

Moderator: Margareta Nikolovska, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, CSOs in HCD, ETF

Rapporteur: Richard Allen, Expert on CSOs

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Time	Agenda Item
15:00 – 15:10	<p>Welcome and introduction by Margareta Nikolovska, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, CSOs in HCD, ETF</p>
15:10 - 15:40	<p>Civil Society Organisations’ contribution to Local Development: key factors and good practice Insights by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof Carolina Budurina-Goreacii, Moldova State University, - Dr İnan İzci, Argüden Governance Academy, Türkiye, - Shota Zurabishvili, Education Specialist, Georgia
15.40 – 16.00	<p>CSOs Driving Human Capital and Local Development</p> <p><i>This session invites participants to share their experiences and practical examples of how civil society organisations contribute to human capital and local development at the local level</i></p>
16:00 - 16:30	<p>Interactive discussion on opportunities and challenges</p> <p>Priorities and engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do CSOs identify their main local priorities, decide when to engage in policy processes, and link these to human capital development? <p>Capacities and resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do CSOs build the skills, knowledge and resources needed to engage in human capital development policies? <p>Approaches and practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What approaches do CSOs use to engage in policies for human capital and local development? <p>Effectiveness and impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes CSOs’ engagement in human capital and local development policies effective?
16:30 – 16.45	<p>Key takeaways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shota Zurabishvili, Education Specialist, Georgia - Prof Carolina Budurina-Goreacii, Moldova State University, - Dr İnan İzci, Argüden Governance Academy, Türkiye,
16:50 - 17:00	<p>Wrap up and closing remarks</p> <p>Rapporteur: Richard Allen, Expert on CSOs</p> <p>Margareta Nikolovska, European Training Foundation</p>