

## Towards Open and Accountable Institutions in Serbia

### ActionSEE 2016-2019

The Action SEE initiative aims to raise public awareness on corruption, transparency, the rule of law and good governance by facilitating and establishing strategic cooperation between civil society organizations in the region.

This initiative provides a platform for dialogue between relevant decision-making stakeholders as well as a tool for assessing the degree to which state institutions respect the principles and standards of open government (openness index).

CRTA has contributed to a 4-year joint effort towards greater institutional openness in the Western Balkans by analysing and advocating transparent and accountable institutions in Serbia.



Analysed **159 institutions** and processed **8.888 data units** each year.



Developed **8 papers** on **annual institutional openness** of parliaments and governments of Serbia and the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, judiciary power and local self-governments.



Developed more than **100 recommendations** for institutional openness in areas of transparency, accessibility, integrity and efficiency, with concrete action steps on how institutions could endorse these principles.



Organised consultative **meetings and briefings** with representatives from the Serbian Parliament, Government and other relevant domestic and international stakeholders.



CRTA's findings contributed to the European Parliament's Resolution 2018, European Commission's 2018 and 2019 Reports on Serbia, Freedom House's Freedom in the World 2019 and Nations in Transit 2018 reports.



Endorsed **4 recommendations** on the openness of the Serbian Parliament by decision-makers in 2019.



Analysed **the role of the media** in supporting local and national civic initiatives for open and accountable governance.



Supported **6 civil society grassroots** in cities of Zaječar, Kruševac, Leskovac, Vranje and Belgrade to work on issues of corruption, accountability of local officials, workers' rights, fiscal responsibility, consumer protection and environmental protection.



Increased capacities of civil society initiatives to advocate, strategically plan, develop projects and project reports, communicate online and with the media.

Action SEE is funded by the European Commission and implemented by the Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA) in cooperation with partnering civil society organizations in six countries (Metamorphosis Foundation from Macedonia, Why Not in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Center for Democratic Transition (CDT) from Montenegro, Open Data from Kosovo, Mjaft from Albania and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy from Great Britain).