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You Impact! From Citizen Involvement to EU Policy Impact

## Social Enterprises development in Albania - Between definition, approaches and developments

February 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 Tirana, Albania

Tirana International Hotel

- 9:30 - 10:00 Registration of Participants
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Arjola Agolli** – Partners Albania for Changes and Development,  
Director of Programs  
Welcoming speech – introduction of the project and the structure of the debate
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Discussions’ panel 1** – Recent developments and trends of practices and legal initiatives affecting Social Enterprises’ Development
- Merita Xhafaj** – General Director of Social Policies Directorate,  
Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth
- “What is the MSWY’s approach and prospective toward SEs developments in Albania? What are the latest developments on the legal framework of SE’s development in the country? At what extend SE’s and civil society actors are informed and involved in the decision making process of drafting regulations and procedures on SE’s development?”
- Arben Shamia** – Executive Director, YAPS – Social
- “How are SE’s developing and coping in Albania within the existing regulatory framework? What’s the understanding on social entrepreneurship among stakeholders and practitioners? Do we need to replicate international SE’s model or build upon local practices? SE’s challenges ahead?”
- 11:00 – 11:15 Q&A and open discussions
- 11:15 – 11:45 **Coffee break**



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11: 45 – 12: 30      **Discussions’ Panel 2** – Social enterprises’ trend of development in Europe.  
**Estonian Open Foundation** - Estonia  
**ProInfo** – Bulgaria  
**IREX Europe** – France

“What is the local understanding and institutions’ approach toward SEs? Is there a dedicated legal framework that regulates SE activities in respective countries? Are SE’s perceived as forms of enterprises offering employment opportunities only to disadvantaged and minority citizens’ groups or are they perceived as baseline practices of the social economy developing?)

12: 30 – 12: 45      Q&A and open discussions

12: 45 – 13: 45      **Networking Lunch**

13: 45 – 15: 00      **Discussions’ Panel 3** – Presentation from SEs’ representatives operating in the country.

What are some of the achievements and challenges of newly established social enterprises in Albania? At what extend they are exposed to national, regional and European networks or platforms of SEs?

- Youth Center “Borderless”
- Gjirokastra Foundation
- Albanian Disability Rights Foundation

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